



VOTE PROTECTORS NEEDED FOR 2022 ELECTIONS

From our friends at Democracy North Carolina comes an invitation to join in the work of protecting free and fair elections in our state:

"Ever-changing election law and the continuing pandemic pose unique challenges to voters. Democracy North Carolina's nonpartisan Voter Protection program works to ensure that every voter can successfully cast their ballot. Our volunteer Vote Protectors are the "eyes and ears on the ground" at voting sites across NC. They help voters who encounter problems at the polls and ensure that every polling place is running as it should - sounding the alarm when something isn't right. In short, Vote Protectors save votes.

For the 2022 spring primary, Vote Protectors will be deployed on the last day of Early Voting (Saturday, May 14th) and on Election Day (Tuesday, May 17th).

Don't worry, we'll teach you everything you need to know at this training, and connect you to our live voter hotline to help you answer voter questions. You can sign up for any training that works for your schedule, regardless if you live in that region.

Your presence as a Vote Protector can make a real difference. Our Vote Protectors serve to calm the atmosphere for voters. The heated partisan environment around voting can be intimidating and even inhibitory, and your ability to show up as a nonpartisan helper will go a long way."

For more on Vote Protectors, go [HERE](#). To learn more about the Western North Carolina Vote Protector training session, go [HERE](#).

FEBRUARY NAACP BRANCH MEETING CANCELLED

Due to scheduling conflicts, our Branch will hold no General Membership and Executive Committee meeting this month. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. To join the meeting, click [HERE](#). All are welcome!

REDISTRICTING ACTION MOVES BACK TO COURTS

Now that the Republican-dominated legislature has adopted new maps for state and Congressional districts, the maps will go for review, first to a 3 judge panel created by the state Supreme Court; the judges may uphold the new maps, uphold instead maps submitted by the original case's plaintiffs, or ask a small panel to create maps in place of both. The outcome will affect Transylvania County and much of the surrounding area of Western North Carolina. A good summary of the situation by the News & Observer can be read [HERE](#).

WESTERN NC SCORE OFFERS FEBRUARY 22 WEBINAR FOR BLACK OWNED BUSINESS STARTUPS

Western NC SCORE, "a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship" and funded in part by the US Small Business Administration, is offering **Keys to a Successful Black Owned Business Startup** as part of its live webinar series for small business owners. The webinar airs this Tuesday, February 22nd, at 1:00pm. Learn more and sign up for the webinar [HERE](#). Thanks to our friends at the Brevard/Transylvania Chamber of Commerce for the notice.



MARY C. JENKINS COMMUNITY CENTER POETRY CONTEST 2022

The Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce the second annual poetry contest to celebrate Black History Month and Brevard's progress to re-establish the community center in the historic Rosenwald area.

Who is eligible?

Transylvania County residents of all ages! Poems will be divided into 4 age groups: 0-elementary school, middle school, high school, and adults.

Requirements:

- Poems must relate to the experiences of African Americans.
- Each individual may enter one poem. Poems must be original work by the individual.
- Poems may be of any length or style.
- Winners must agree to be interviewed and photographed and their poem posted on Mary C. Jenkins Community Center social media, as well as printed in The Transylvania Times newspaper.

Cash prizes to winners! \$100.00 cash to the winning poet in each age category.

Announcement of winners: Winning poems will be announced in March.

Judges: Mary C. Jenkins Community Center Board members

Poem submission:

- Entries must include a poem along with the name, age, school (if applicable), and phone number and address. If a poet is under 18 years old, contact information for the legally responsible adult must accompany the entry.
- Poems will be accepted Tuesday, February 1st through Monday, February 28th .
- Poem entries can be submitted either on paper or electronically:

Drop off or mail to: Brevard City Hall, Mayor's Office, [95 W. Main Street, Brevard, NC 28712](#)

Text: 828-421-8615 (Nicola Karesh, MCJCC Board)

Email: nicolakaresh@gmail.com (Nicola Karesh, MCJCC Board)

JOIN US FOR MORAL MONDAYS!

HATE HAS NO HOME HERE



**Join us each Monday at the
courthouse from 4 to 5 p.m. rain or
shine.**

**This is our time to bring our community
together, to stand and speak and sing
with one voice our commitment to
community with an emphasis on unity,
to equity and justice for all and to love
over hate.**

**Join us, help spread the word and keep
in touch via our [Facebook page](#),**

our [website](#) and consider [joining](#) the
Transylvania NAACP.

Join Us for Our Next TRANSYLVANIA NAACP Meeting

This month, the General Membership and Executive Committee will meet on Monday, March 14th, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. To join the meeting, click [HERE](#). All are welcome!

Transylvania NAACP Seeks Volunteers

If you're looking for a way to help our branch, here are a couple of needs we currently have. Interested? Email us at transnaACP@gmail.com!

Photographer on Moral Mondays: No need for a pro! Just help us document the people and feeling of Moral Mondays.

Fund raisers: As we move into our 2022 season, we'll be ramping up our fundraising efforts. Please join in!

Newsletter: We could use another newsletter editor/writer!

NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP YOUR TRANSYLVANIA NAACP

What better time than now to contribute your energies to your Transylvania NAACP?

First of all, join us for our monthly meetings. All are welcome!

As we enter a new era for our city, county, state and nation, we need your help! Now is the time when we can truly create change. [Click here](#) to join a committee.

All committees would appreciate new members and new energy. There are lots of plans afoot and lots of space for your ideas.

Here's a listing a committees and a very basic idea of what they're up to right now. All committees are meeting on Zoom for the time being.

Education: Addresses racial disparities in education, supports students and teachers of color, assist in education on racial issues. Chair is Sheila Mooney. Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. Contact: Roberta Miller, rmillerisme@gmail.com for the link.

Political Action: Coordinates local political actions, advocates with local, state and national lawmakers, partners with similar organizations in advocacy work. Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Contact chair, Kathleen Barnes, kathleen@kathleenbarnes.com for meeting link.

Religious Affairs: Brings a religious and spiritual tone to our work. Plans for this year include Time to Talk and Time to Listen series on some of the most contentious issues facing our community today and finding ways disparate communities can learn to communicate and find common ground. Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. Chair is Rev. Carter Heyward. Contact: iscarhey@gmail.com for the meeting link.

Youth: Is still being organized. If you'd like to join, please contact us at transnaacp@gmail.com.

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Sen. Richard Burr (R): 217 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; 202-224-3154; [151 Patton Ave., Suite 204, Asheville, NC 28801](#); 828-350-2437. Email via Website: <https://www.burr.senate.gov/>; E-mail through website

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NC Senate:

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