

GCDP NEWSLETTER

**NEW
PROJECTS**

INTRAPARTY TRAINING

GCPD Board will be looking into coordinating trainings for members interested in getting more involved in the party. Via In person, zoom, or online webinars.

**LEARN HOW TO
TAKE ACTION**

MEET THE LEADERS



MELISSA WAGNER
GCDP Chair



ROSHAUN MCCLENDON
GCDP 1st Vice Chair



SARAH KOPROWSKI
GCPD 2nd Vice Chair



NATALEE NIEVES
GCDP 3rd Vice Chair



WILLIAM YOUNG
GCDP Secretary



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GCDP Treasurer



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**BIG
EVENT**

2021 MUNICIPAL FILINGS

July 2- July 16 Candidate filing begins for municipal offices on the 2021 ballot in Belmont, Cramerton, Dallas, High Shoals, Lowell, McAdenville, Mount Holly and Ranlo

July 26 - August 13 Candidate filing begins for municipal offices on the 2021 ballot in Bessemer City, Cherryville, Gastonia, Kings Mountain, and Stanley



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PERSPECTIVE POLITICS

CALLED TO ACTION

RO'SHAUN MCCLENDON

As someone who has just recently found my purpose in the field of community service and civil rights; it means so much in the way of hope. "Black Lives Matter." has been a rallying cry for me, as a Freedom Fighter, desiring to see conditions change for marginalized groups in my county. Beforehand, I felt I lacked an outlet for my voice to be heard through. During the 2020 George Floyd protests, I felt my passion and frustration being signal boosted whenever joined in a chant. This remarkable feeling of unity overtook me. The first time I marched with those I found this innate, fellowship with. B.L.M. has reassured me, in times of heavy push back. Times have arisen where I've almost questioned myself and the impact I'm having in my corner of the world. Seeing B.L.M. transcend the media coverage of a single act of police brutality; while prevailing against those seeking to delete the movement with bad faith arguments, gave me resolve to keep pushing. Today, I feel visible to my city and county representatives. The communities I grew up around seem to have organically spawned wonderful leaders that I am proud to say that I work in concert with to make our home a better place. This progress I attribute, in part, to the call to action B.L.M. has become for some many ordinary people, like myself. "Black lives matter." will continue to be short, but so very potent.



**BLACK LIVES
MATTER**

GASTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS FOR EQUALITY



Cavendish will be having a day and night long pride party on July 31st, last Saturday of the month. The Gaston County Dems for Equality will be playing a role as much as the members want, but I'm hoping the whole party will show up and help us change what it means to be gay in the south, that's it's normal and straight people are allies and it's not just 'ok' but awesome and fun!

Thank you Timothy Caudill and Crystal Farmer!!



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EBONYFEST

3RD ANNUAL

JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT
KIDS ACTIVITIES
VENDORS
FOOD TRUCKS
GIVEAWAYS
AND MORE!





LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

A HELPING HAND



The Hope Youth Network (HYN) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Social Service organization serving underserved youth and families in our communities.

In regard to community relations, large populations of people are disadvantaged because of ability to pay, ability to access care, ability to access comprehensive healthcare, ability to access education, or other disparities for reasons of race, religion, language group or social status. Many of these underserved include children. More than 60% of those who are at or below poverty level are children.

Our customers are children, parents, and grandparents that fall at or below the poverty level and have an identified need, but no identified source to assist with meeting the need.

We are GAP Fillers. We are here to help. We are Hope Youth Network.



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Tasha
White

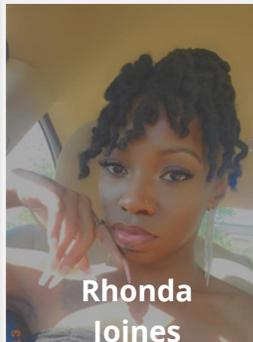
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SEEKING TRUTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY

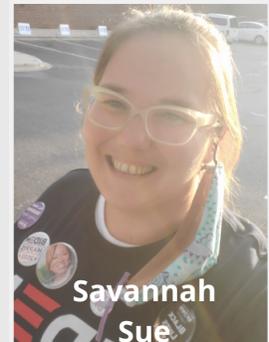


Gaston County Citizens for Change is an organization of strong, dedicated, informed and determined women. We are seeking equity, justice, reform, communication and transparency from our local government officials.

We use community involvement and activism to create equity and inclusion for all residents of Gaston County.



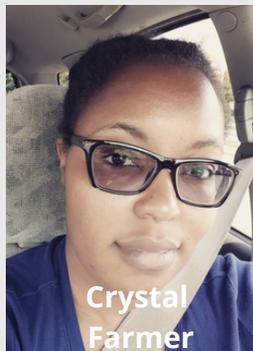
Rhonda
Joines



Savannah
Sue



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Crystal
Farmer



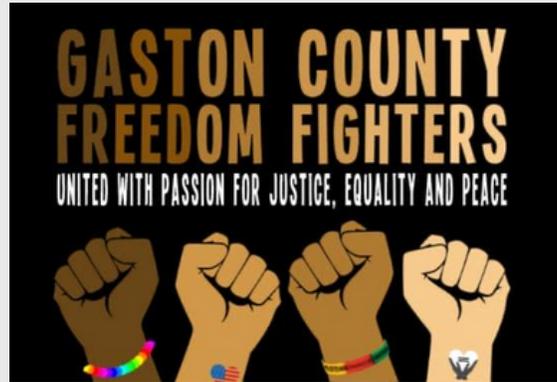
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LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

EQUITY AND JUSTICE



Gaston County Freedom Fighters is an Organization that aims to foster community involvement and levy the passions of its grassroots movement to fight against systemic inequalities and injustices.

We will continue to fight peacefully for police reform, for the relocation of the statue to white supremacy, voter registration, education, and community service that will lead to much needed, positive, peaceful change in our county.



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Jamal
Gillespie



Ro'Shaun
McClendon



Ashely
Rives



Kimberly
Hallas

CANDIDATE TOWNHALL



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An educator, a minister, a State Senator and a mother of four, Erica Smith has spent her life fighting for working people across North Carolina. Having grown up on a family farm and represented rural North Carolina in the state senate, Erica's passionate about uniting a diverse coalition of working North Carolinians behind a bold platform for progress. She wants a government that works for all of us instead of just the wealthy and well-connected. Erica's fighting to build a North Carolina where it doesn't matter if you're white, black or brown, whether you were born in the rural west, the rural east or any of the towns and cities in between.

Erica Smith will be coming to Gaston County on Sunday, 7/11 at 1PM at Erwin Center.

CANDIDATE TOWNHALL



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As a state legislator, veteran, former assistant district attorney, and current member of the Army National Guard, Jeff has dedicated his life to public service. He's running to bring that record of service and transparency to the U.S. Senate.

Jeff is running for the U.S. Senate to raise your expectations for federal leadership. We have political leaders who refuse to stand up for us and who have turned a blind eye to several clear challenges we face. The results have been devastating, especially for working people and working families. That ends now. We're organizing across our state to hear directly from you as we build a North Carolina agenda.

Jeff Jackson will be coming to Gaston County on Thursday, 7/8 at 5:30 PM at Rankin Lake Park.