



WATERFORD, NY DEMOCRATS

News & Views

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Despite Everything ... Happy New Year Waterford Democrats!!!

Things didn't go the way we wanted in November, and most of us are feeling somewhere between uneasy and plain scared. And that makes it more important than ever that we come together to defend our values and protect our community and country. The challenges of the Trump/MAGA/Musk era have made it clear that we must be proactive in shaping our future. **That's why we're urging YOU to get involved with our local Democratic Committee, where *just showing up* can make a huge difference.**

In the near future the Waterford Democratic Committee will host a General Meeting on Zoom to discuss strategies and explore possibilities for moving forward in the face of these changing times. Look for the emailed link to arrive via another email blast sometime soon.

This will be an opportunity to join and engage with existing committee members to help build a base of support and a plan of action to resist the chaos Trump and his cronies have promised, and to build and empower our community.

Your Voice Matters! And your involvement can make a real difference *just by showing up!* It's not a huge obligation to be part of our group. So please join us and unite with other Waterford Democrats to ensure that our town and village are a place of hope, justice, and fairness.

A technical note from the editor/Chair about this Newsletter:

I am using the Constant Contact email service to distribute this newsletter. I'm barely proficient with this cloud software, and have not yet figured out how to, or if I can, create hyperlinks to navigate around the email format. So, if you are reading the email version, the only way to find the Waterford election results is to scroll down.

Alternatively, however, by later today the entire newsletter along with a larger format version of the tables should be downloadable or viewable as a PDF with working links on the Waterford Committee Website (votewaterford.org or waterfordnydemocrats.com).

Each year John T McDonald III, our Assemblyman for the 108th District, [sends out a survey](#) to his constituents asking them for basic demographic information, with a questionnaire asking them to share their priorities with him. John takes these surveys seriously, and frequently cites them in casual chats to explain his position on issues facing the NY legislature.

You may well have received one of the surveys through the U.S. Mail. Or if you did not, or if you wish to free John's office from the work of inputting the form, you can [CLICK HERE](#) to find the online version. In any event, we urge you to share your view and preferences with John, who does an amazing job representing his district, which includes all of Waterford, in the State Assembly. We are truly lucky to have him.

It only takes a few minutes, and this may well be the easiest and most meaningful action you can take to have your voice heard at any level of government.

Governor Hochul signed several new laws into effect recently, at least two of which merit special mention.

1) As of today, January 1 2025, **all employers must provide at least 20 hours of paid time off for pregnant employees** to attend related medical appointments such as sonograms. New York is apparently the first state to mandate this benefit. **Hooray for New York!**

2) Also effective today, **Health Insurance Companies are no longer allowed to charge co-pays for insulin**. According to the NY Times, about 1.8 million New Yorkers have diabetes. And while about half of all states regulate the cost of insulin, New York is the first to eliminate co-pays. So again, **Hooray for New York!**

Saratoga County and Waterford Voting Summaries

A copy of the certified 2024 voting results is available at the Saratoga County Board of Elections. [Click Here](#) to view or download the various documents reporting election results for the General Election (and past elections). The entire download includes a map of Waterford voting districts, early voting records, a certified PDF of the County election results, and a spreadsheet of the totals for the entire County.

Waterford Summary Report for Presidential Election

4,046 ballots were cast

- Kamala and Tim lost in Waterford by almost 10 points, with 1,712 Democratic votes and 111 votes from Working Families voters, for **a total of 1823 votes**
- Trump & Vance got 1,996 Republican votes and 227 Conservative Party votes, for **a total of 2,223 votes**

The BOE spreadsheet indicates there were 19 write-in votes, 43 blanks, and 16 voids.

Saratoga Count went Blue, edging out bad judgment and outright Insanity by about one-half point.

A total of 132,817 ballots were cast, with a breakdown as follows:

Kamala and Tim received 66,321 votes, defeating Trump by 2,381 votes (almost 2 points), of which:

- 62,823 (95%) votes were cast in the Democratic column.³
- 3,498 votes (5%) were cast in the Working Families column.

Trump & Vance received 63,940, of which:

- 57,120 (89%) votes were cast in the Republican column
- 6,820 (11%) were cast in the Conservative Party column

There were 551 write-in votes for seven presidential candidates, as follows:

- Jill Stein: 333 votes
- Chase Oliver: 123 votes
- Oliver Cruz: 40 votes
- Peter Sonski: 27 votes
- Cornel West: 17 votes
- Chris Garrity: 6 votes
- Raymond Anthon Scollin: 5 votes

Also notable is that:

- 467 Saratoga County voters left the Presidential column blank

An additional 538 ballots were voided for unlisted reasons.

And now for Waterford Election Results, which will run to several pages.

It might be helpful for many old timers as well as newcomers to Waterford to understand that there are 8 voting districts in our Township. Maps of the districts can be viewed on the Saratoga County Board of Elections (BOE) by [CLICKING HERE](#). The maps are somewhat confusing, however, so the districts can be loosely described below (in a way that may or may be less confusing than the maps): Districts 1 and 2 comprise the Village, with District 1 being east of third and south of Broad, while District 2 is the neighborhood that includes St. Mary's Church and west of third all the way to Halfmoon.

- District 3 is west of 6th Street, north to the Schoonhoven apartments and railroad tracks, and the neighborhoods either side of Washington Ave up to Flight Lock Road/Fonda Roads.
- District 4 is that part of the Northside closest to the Mohawk River, and covers both sides of Saratoga Ave. It is bounded by Vanderwerken and Grace Street north of Vanderwerken.
- District 5 includes the Rural Cemetery as well as Sugarloaf Pond and the neighborhoods close to it.
- District 6 is a long strip comprising the streets north of St Joseph's Cemetery on the west side of Middletown Road. This district extends west to the junction of Fonda and Flightlock Roads.
- District 7 is the streets bounded by the Champlain Walking Trail on the east, up to Halfmoon Township on the north; Middletown Road on the west; and the railroad track on its short south side.
- District 8 is the area south and west of Fonda Road and Flightlock Road. It extends west to the Mohawk River, and north to the border of Halfmoon. It comes together at its northwest corner with Districts 6 and 7 at the intersection of Fonda Road and Middletown Road.

Voting results are shown below for five races in which there was a Democratic Candidate

Note that the column showing "Dem total, all ballots," includes Working Family Party votes as well as Democratic votes. The hope is that these results might provoke constructive thought and conversation relevant to a discussion about how to understand and motivate Waterfordians to be kind and better informed in their voting decisions.

President

	Harris/Walz (Dem)	Harris/Walz (Wkg Fams)	Trump/Vance (Rep)	Trump/Vance (Con)	Write-ins	Blanks	Voids		Total ballots	Dem total, all ballots	Non-Dem all ballots	Dem Margin
Waterford 1	180	20	161	19	4	5	4		393	200	193	51.0%
Waterford 2	140	17	197	21	2	2	1		380	157	223	29.6%
Waterford 3	192	11	209	31	2	4	5		454	203	251	44.7%
Waterford 4	115	14	191	23	0	5	0		348	129	219	37.0%
Waterford 5	217	13	205	27	1	6	0		469	230	239	49.0%
Waterford 6	307	12	378	52	4	11	2		766	319	447	41.6%
Waterford 7	195	10	271	17	2	6	2		503	205	298	40.1%
Waterford 8	366	14	384	37	4	4	2		811	380	431	46.8%
Total	1,712	111	1,996	227	19	43	16		4124	1823	2301	44.0%

US Senate

	Gillibrand (Dem)	Gillibrand (Wkg Fams)	Sapraicone (Rep)	Sapraicone (Con)	Sare (LaRouc)	Write-ins	Blanks	Voids	Total ballots	Dem total, all ballots	Non-Dem all ballots	Dem Margin
Waterford 1	177	25	141	20	6	1	22	1	393	202	191	51.4%
Waterford 2	146	31	168	15	2	0	17	1	380	177	203	46.6%
Waterford 3	194	21	188	29	7	2	13	0	454	215	239	47.3%
Waterford 4	124	19	168	21	4	0	12	0	348	143	205	41.1%
Waterford 5	206	28	184	29	1	0	21	0	469	234	235	49.9%
Waterford 6	322	25	329	47	4	0	38	1	766	347	419	45.3%
Waterford 7	215	28	223	17	0	0	20	0	503	243	260	48.3%
Waterford 8	375	28	347	37	4	0	20	0	811	403	408	49.7%
Total	1,759	205	1,748	215	28	3	163	3	4124	1964	2160	47.6%

US Representative

	Tonko (Dem)	Tonko (Wkg Fams)	Waltz (Rep)	Waltz (Con)	Write-ins	Blanks	Voids	Total ballots	Dem total, all ballots	Non-Dem all ballots	Dem Margin
Waterford 1	174	30	139	27	0	23	0	393	204	189	51.9%
Waterford 2	148	33	164	16	0	19	0	380	181	199	47.6%
Waterford 3	206	21	179	29	0	19	0	454	227	227	50.0%
Waterford 4	124	22	164	22	0	16	0	348	146	202	42.0%
Waterford 5	212	19	182	30	0	26	0	469	231	238	49.3%
Waterford 6	324	23	327	52	0	40	0	766	347	419	45.3%
Waterford 7	213	24	229	15	0	20	2	503	237	266	47.1%
Waterford 8	384	27	332	43	0	25	0	811	411	400	50.7%
Total	1,785	199	1,716	234	0	188	2	4124	1984	2140	48.1%

NY Senate

	Sanghvi (Dem)	Sanghvi (Wkg Fams)	Tedisco (Rep)	Tedisco (Con)	Write-ins	Blanks	Voids	Total ballots	Dem total, all ballots	Non-Dem all ballots	Dem Margin
Waterford 1	143	23	173	32	0	22	0	393	166	227	42.2%
Waterford 2	104	21	212	25	0	18	0	380	125	255	32.9%
Waterford 3	147	11	240	34	0	22	0	454	158	296	34.8%
Waterford 4	87	16	200	33	0	12	0	348	103	245	29.6%
Waterford 5	141	12	240	43	0	33	0	469	153	316	32.6%
Waterford 6	218	11	424	66	0	47	0	766	229	537	29.9%
Waterford 7	151	18	283	27	0	24	0	503	169	334	33.6%
Waterford 8	283	12	434	54	0	28	0	811	295	516	36.4%
Total	1,274	124	2,206	314	0	206	0	4124	1398	2726	33.9%

NY Assembly

	John T. McDonald Dem	Write-ins	Blanks	Voids	% of total votes
Waterford 1	237	2	154	0	60.3%
Waterford 2	216	2	162	0	56.8%
Waterford 3	270	2	182	0	59.5%
Waterford 4	171	0	177	0	49.1%
Waterford 5	278	0	191	0	59.3%
Waterford 6	439	0	327	0	57.3%
Waterford 7	288	2	213	0	57.3%
Waterford 8	480	3	328	0	59.2%
Total	2,379	11	1,734	0	57.7%

And finally, the results of the dismayingly close ERA Amendment vote. Note the 4 vote margin of victory for the amendment, and the large number of blank votes. Truly a manifestation of how important individual votes can be.

ERA Constitutional Amendment

ERA Constitutional Amendment	YES	NO	Blanks	Voids
Waterford 1	196	148	49	0
Waterford 2	193	176	11	0
Waterford 3	198	220	35	1
Waterford 4	131	155	62	0
Waterford 5	197	201	71	0
Waterford 6	339	356	71	0
Waterford 7	234	231	38	0
Waterford 8	391	388	31	1
Total	1,879	1,875	368	2

We at the Waterford Democratic Committee hope there is something in this newsletter than is of interest and helpful to you. In fact, it is our desire to buck the trend of political parties everywhere, and hold off on asking what you can do for party. Instead, we want to ask how can our local party help you? If there is any information we can provide about government programs, or public services in general, or how to contact one of your elected officials, we are anxious to help in any way we can. So please contact us at

[Info@VoteWaterford.org!](mailto:Info@VoteWaterford.org)

Again, we wish you a Happy New Year, and we hope you will join us in a Zoom meeting to be scheduled in the near future, with the exact date and time of a general introductory meeting to be announced in a forthcoming invitation.