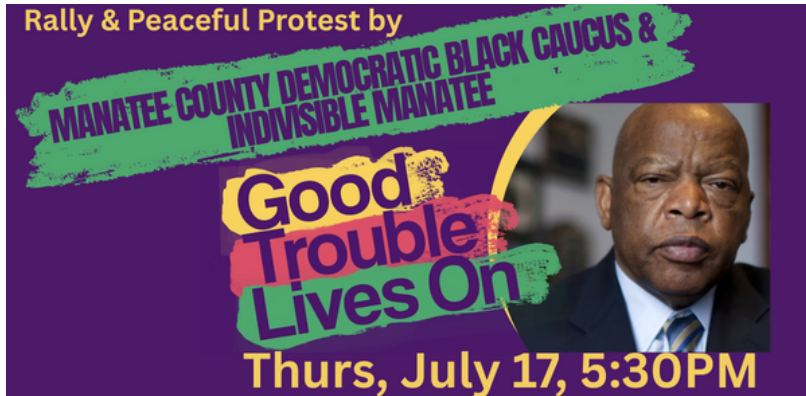


JULY UPDATES FROM THE MCDP

Featured Event: Good Trouble Lives on in Bradenton -- March in Peace. Act in Power.



"Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." – Congressman John Lewis

**Peaceful Protest Rally July 17, 5:30PM,
Historic Manatee County Courthouse Plaza
1115 Manatee Avenue, W., Downtown Bradenton.**
Indivisible Manatee is organizing an event in coordination with the Manatee County Democratic Black Caucus.

Whether you're outraged by attacks on our civil rights, the gutting of essential services, disappearances of our neighbors, or the assault on free speech and our right to organize – join us in making Good Trouble. Register and get more information below

They want to rule by fear. We will respond with power, people, and purpose.

REGISTER NOW

We're fighting to...

Stop the brazen rollback of civil rights. The Trump administration is attacking our freedom to vote with attempts to pass laws that would prevent millions of Americans from voting.

Protect benefits for our vulnerable neighbors. Trump's Congress is stripping away healthcare and services that Americans rely on with cuts to programs like Medicaid and SNAP, all while cutting taxes for billionaires and corporations.

Prevent powerful politicians and extremist judges from stripping away our civil rights – from reproductive rights to our right to due process.

We will not go back.

**It doesn't have to be this way. Trump is trying to divide us, but we know the power of coming together.
Unity Is Our Victory.**

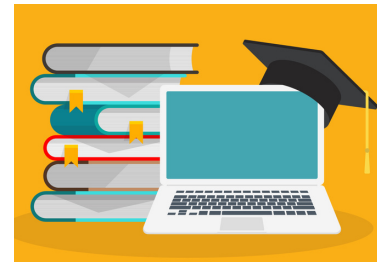
NEW FEATURE: Suggested Training

In the coming months, we're going to highlight free (or low cost) training resources to help you learn more about the work of the Democratic Party and how you can get involved.

Attending a Protest: NDTC's 5 Minute Guide

This lesson will help you understand your right to protest, what to expect at a protest, and how to safely exercise your democratic rights.

VIEW THE TRAINING



About the National Democratic Training Committee (NDTC)

The NDTC is the largest Democratic campaign training organization in the nation. Since 2016, they have provided FREE training to over 112,000 Democrats. Their live and online sessions cover subjects from running a campaign, local party leadership, using voter data & more. Check out all their offerings at <https://traindemocrats.org/>



FDP Alligator Alcatraz Update

Florida Democratic Lawmakers were denied entry to 'Alligator Alcatraz' due to "safety concerns." If it's unsafe for lawmakers to visit, how is it safe for anyone inside?

- Florida lawmakers, Rep Anna Eskamani, Rep Carlos Guillermo Smith, Rep. Angie Nixon, and Rep. Michele Rayner were blocked from entering a state-funded detention site because of so-called 'safety concerns'. This is a taxpayer-funded facility, run by the State of Florida.
- Our elected officials have every legal right to walk through those gates. What are Ron DeSantis and his administration trying to hide?
- DeSantis is stealing \$450 million of taxpayer dollars—money that should be going to fix Florida's problems. Everyday Floridians and immigrant families are paying for this cruel political stunt.



Renew your Vote by Mail By Clicking Now!

We'll wait here while you do it.

If you voted by mail in the last election - it's time to renew.

If you haven't requested a mail ballot before - do it today. It is the best way to make certain your vote is counted. The Manatee Supervisor of Elections offers VoteTrax a system that allows you to confirm the receipt and processing of your ballot.

Florida voters need to make a new request, every two years, for a VBM ballot following each General Election. It is a safe and easy process. You'll need your name, date of birth and either the last 4 of your social or your FL issued DL or ID number.

RENEW NOW

Save the Date!



Join the MCDP for an evening of live music, dancing & BBQ!

Pair your denim with your flashiest bling and get ready for an incredible evening with a live performance by Country Artist, Trey Taylor.

"With a fondness for designer boots, gaudy colors and dazzling gold jewelry from head-to-toe, Trey Taylor could stand toe to toe with any of the Pop, Country or even Rap contemporaries of his generation and give each of them a good run for their money" — The Denver Post

Ticket information coming to your inbox soon.

One last thing...before you go.

THANK YOU!

The MCDEC offers a heartfelt thank you to our departing chair, Brett Thomas.

Brett willingly stepped up in January 2025 to help guide us through the transition period after the 2024 elections. His leadership reinforced our belief in the core values that all Democrats share: collaboration, cooperation and collegiality. We wish Brett and his wife, Kathleen, well in their future endeavors and world travels.

Our commitment to electing Democrats and protecting American values is unwavering.

Rest assured, a strong and dedicated MCDEC leadership team is in place and is already hard at work organizing and preparing for the 2026 Elections.

Faces may change but our fight for democracy remains the same.

Resistance Takes Resources **Local Democrats have been generous & we're using their donations wisely.**



\$65

Text messaging sent to over **3100** young, registered democrats regarding the MAGA agenda.

A 1x donation of just \$25 can help reach 1000 voters.



\$16

Monthly Zoom subscription, helps MCDP conduct efficient meetings & keeps members informed even when they can't attend in person.

Sponsor this valuable tool with a recurring monthly donation.



\$700

Space Rental for recent Town Hall with David Jolly Event. Over 350 local Dems attended, that's just \$2 per person.

Want more big events? A donation of \$60/month makes it possible.