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Lapeer Dems meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm (potluck then meeting) in the Lincoln Room at the Center Building, Lapeer.

9th Congressional District News:



SAVE THE DATE

What: Spaghetti Dinner with choice of the following:

Spaghetti with meatballs and sausage

Spaghetti with marinara sauce

Chicken Alfredo

Salad, garlic bread and dessert

When: October 3, 2024 4:30-7:00 pm

Where: Lapeer Center Building 425 County Center St.

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More information will be coming in the Dems newsletter and in emails Any questions or to volunteer to help? Call Laura at 810-664-5650

Lapeer County Dems Upcoming Activities (Watch your emails for more details.)

Sept. 2nd – Romeo Peach Festival Parade with Clint St. Mosley, line up 12:30pm. Looking for walkers.

Sept. 21st – Hispanic Heritage Fiesta, all day at Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds, Imlay City. Booth volunteers needed.

Sept. 26th LCDP General Meeting at 6pm – Zoom call with Shauna Diggs, candidate for University of Michigan Regent.

Sept. 28th – Canvassing for Clint and Dem Candidates Up & Down the Ballot. Plan to meet at 9:30am at the LCDP Office on second floor of Lyric Mall. Wear comfortable shoes to go door-to-door in Lapeer.

Themes of the Democratic National Convention 2024:

Yes We Can!

Women's Rights

We The People

We Love Joe

Control Our Bodies

Reproductive Rights

Hope

Dignity

We All Must Do Something

What Makes America Great

We're not going back

Protect Medicare/Medicaid

Protect Veterans & Kids

Work Together

Change hate to hope

Ask yourself – "What can
You do to elect Democrats."

Democratic Slate of Candidates in the 2024 Election

President: Kamala Harris & Tim Walz

US Senate: Elissa Slotkin

U.S. House: Clint St. Mosley

MI Supreme Court:

Judge Kyra Harris (D-Incumbent)

Kimberly Ann Thomas (D)

MI House:

District 65 Shirley Tomzcak

District 67 Anissa Buffin

District 98 April Osentoski

Mayfield Township – Treasurer: Leslie Getz



The Electoral Map to Winning with Kamala

In winning the Presidency in 2020, President Biden carried 306 electoral votes, 36 more than the necessary 270 votes required. As we are geared up to make Vice-President Harris the 47th President of the United States, the electoral math has not changed a bit.

At the center of our victory parade is the State of Michigan, part of the "blue wall" of traditionally Democratic states essential to win this campaign.

When we list states President Biden won with 52% or more of the vote, our electoral baseline count is 216. That includes all the New England, the West Coast states, Colorado, Virginia, Illinois and Hawaii. These states have been solidly Democratic most years (Virginia is a tougher call but the heavy suburban influence outside of DC has brought Democrats wins three of the last four races).

Then we arrive at the Blue Wall – Minnesota and Wisconsin, with 10 electoral votes each, Michigan with 16 and Pennsylvania with 20. Our electoral count is now 272 and the race is over – if we work it hard to win it!!!!

Of course, there are other states we target as Dems. President Biden won Arizona (11), Nevada (6), One in Nebraska (funny system there in the Cornhusker state) and a big 16 in Georgia. All these states are in play this

Thank a Democrat for:

Medicare & Health Care for All

Environmental Protections

Lower Insulin Costs

Minimum Wages

Civil Rights

Social Security

Voting Rights

Child Labor Laws

LGBTQ+ Rights/Protections

year, too, and could very possibly be wins for Kamala based on the issues she highlights: reproductive rights, affordable healthcare and focusing on the future.

We CANNOT depend on the good people of Georgia covering for our own 16 electoral votes here in Michigan. We need every woman, man and child capable calling neighbors, friends, strangers, students, nurses, teachers and all the others to be sure everyone gets to the polls on November 5. (Gary F.)

Lapeer Democratic Office Open

Monday 11am – 1pm, Tuesday 11am – 1pm, Wednesday 4-6pm and Saturday 10 am –noon. Signs are available on a first come first serve basis. You can call the office for more information at 810-664-2006.

Lapeer County Democratic Party has New Web Page

Thanks to a new webmaster, Wendy Byard of Wordgirl Marketing, the Lapeer County Democratic Party has a new web page. To see the new website go to: www.lapeerdemocrats.org Once Google catches up with our new site you will be able to search without using our URL.

Clint St. Mosley for Congress



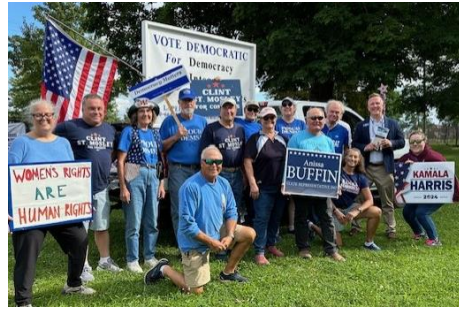
Contact: Clint4Congress@gmail.com (248)-325-8820/(910)-540.9090

<http://www.clint4congress.com>

Building a Better way

Do You Know Where the Lapeer Dems were in August? Way to Go Dems!!

1. Imlay Summerfest booth and parade, August 9 & 10
2. Lapeer Senior Exp, August 16
3. Lapeer Days Festival booth and parade, August 16-18
4. Metamora Days parade, August 24



Dems in Imlay City, Senior Expo and Lapeer Days!!



Lots of support in Lapeer – Go Dems!!



Metamora was hot & sunny – we did get cheers and thumbs ups!

Coming Soon To Jobs Near You: Fair Wages

Way back in 2018, several ballot initiatives raising Michigan's minimum wage, and mandating paid sick leave for employees gathered hundreds of thousands of signatures. That seems pretty memorable, and yet you probably don't remember voting for them. That is because the Republican controlled legislature hijacked the process so you wouldn't be able to. The way the initiative was intended, the minimum wage would have been raised to \$12 per hour in 2022, would abolish minimum wages for tips, and raise the minimum wage adjusted for inflation every year. Instead of adopting the ballot measure outright, the legislature "adopted and amended" the language to stretch out the time before it would go into effect from 2022, all the way to 2030, keeping the minimum wage of tipped wages at 38% of the standard minimum wage.

On July 31st, The Michigan Supreme Court declared that "adopt and amend" underhanded tactic unconstitutional. In February, the treasurer will calculate a new minimum wage based on inflation adjustment, likely around \$12 per hour, and tipped wage minimum will be increased up to that same standard by 2029. Earned sick time minimums that were likewise subverted by the "adopt and amend" policy will also go into effect. (Submitted by Alex D.)

Vote for Leslie Getz for Treasurer for Mayfield Township



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Congratulations to the Newly Elected Delegates to Lapeer County Convention Democratic Party! Yeah!

City of Lapeer #1 – Susan Beal & James Mikus
Almont Township #1 – Dante Pirouz
Arcadia Township #1 – Daniel Howe
Deerfield Township #1 – Dennis Harrand
Dryden Township #1 – Mark Lingerma & Shirley Tomczak
Hadley township #1 – Alexander Diedrich
Mayfield Township #2 – Gary Foster
Metamora Township #1 – Susan Hough
Oregon Township #1 – Mark Monson

There were 9 Precinct Delegates elected out of a possible 34 or more. These are leaders in the party and throughout the County. Thanks for stepping up!

Vote for Anissa Buffin – State Representative D67



A proven leader – a strong Democrat!

Facebook/BuffinisBetter 810-200-3795

Labor Day IS a Big Deal

Labor Day was created by politicians – true – not for cynical reasons but to recognize and honor the enormous contributions organized labor and the women and men who are part of that have made to our country.

Disclaimer time: I was raised in a union household (Teamsters for dad, SEIU for mom) and my father was a union steward for quite some years. It was a union job with union wages that paid for my undergraduate education, union pension that allowed my parents comfortable years in retirement and the needed healthcare which covered them at the end of their days.

Yep, I am biased. It was union organizers who first created decent wages in plants (mostly auto) that were paying almost nothing and who forced workplace standards, later OSHA, into the mainstream of manufacturing companies nationally and, now, across the Western world.

Today, we see severe erosion in plant employee earnings particularly across the auto suppliers in the upper Midwest. I saw first-hand (and heard about) the tremendous deterioration of wages and benefits in suppliers plants across Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and, yes, right here in Michigan. The common theme in those plants – they were no longer union represented.

Labor unions in classrooms, manufacturing plants, in skilled trades, on the docks and increasingly in the service industry provide our working men and women decent wages, job protections, safe working conditions and affordable healthcare which are so often absent in non-union locations.

Remember our legacy and the lives lost to win the right of collective bargaining. Recall Cesar Chavez battling for human decency in the vineyards and farmyards, Walter Reuther facing down General Motors and the very beginning when steel workers were bloodied and killed in 1892 during the Homestead Strike.

Remember back to 1830 when the Lowell Women created the first textile union and the first union of working women in history, recalling the movie “Norma Rae” is not fiction.

When you see a union worker – thank her and him for standing tall in the face of adversity and continuing the critical role of people over corporations.
(Submitted by Gary F.)



Vote for Shirley Tomczak – State Representative D65

A hard working Democrat!

FB/Shirley Tomczak for Michigan District 65

(810)-200-3795

Participate in Democracy

Ballot Proposals Win in Lapeer County!!

Three Millage Proposals were on the August 2024 ballot and all won!

Lapeer County EMS, GLTA Transportation and Veteran Affairs Millage. These services make Lapeer County better for everyone.

Fix the Damn Court:

In several of my previous articles, you may have noticed a particular institution, the United States Supreme Court, has truly been the apple of my ire. Reckless decisions, blatant corruption, and complete lack of accountability have irrevocably diminished the respect and legitimacy of our third branch of government. Joe Biden has also been compelled to speak out about this, and last month he released a commonsense plan to address it:

1. Term Limits For Supreme Court Justices
 - a. President Biden has proposed 18-year term limits for Justices, with a seat being replaced every 2 years.
2. Enforceable Ethics Code for Supreme Court Justices
3. No One Is Above the Law Constitutional Reform

This amendment would explicitly state there is no immunity from criminal prosecution as President of the United States.

These will be very difficult changes to enact, though the need is dire. America needs an intelligent, reasonable Supreme Court. President Biden said it best: “We can and must prevent the abuse of presidential power. We can and must restore the public’s faith in the Supreme Court. We can and must strengthen the guardrails of democracy. In America, no one is above the law. In America, the people rule.” (Submitted by Alex D.)

Vote for April Osentoski – State Rep. for D98



Let's work together to make the Thumb the best it can be!

Share what's important to you at [AskApril.org](https://askapril.org)

Rise Up and Vote!

The Lapeer County Democratic Picnic a Success!

Thanks to all those who set up the picnic, provided food and who stayed to clean up. Thanks to the fundraising committee for all their work on picnic details. A special thanks to Mark Monson for the use of his beautiful home and yard. The picnic was attended by several candidates for office and a multitude of democrats – it was a great day.



Join or Renew Your Membership

Membership Levels

Student \$10
Grassroots Supporter \$20
Lapeer Activist \$50
Lapeer Leader \$100

Help us make a positive difference in our County. Join us to ensure EVERYONE has an opportunity to achieve the American Dream!

Choose an amount:

Your contribution will benefit Lapeer County Democratic Party (MI).

\$10

\$20

\$50

\$100

\$

Make it monthly!

Yes, count me in!

✓ No, donate once

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Focus on Local Governments

As the Lapeer County Democrats gear up to have a greater impact in our community, we are emphasizing the work done at our most local government level – the towns, cities, townships and villages of Lapeer County. Try and attend your local government meetings.

Local Meeting Times for Township and Village Boards– Local Meeting are the Backbone of American Democracy

Townships:

Arcadia - 2nd Tues 7pm (7:30 after March)
Almont - 2nd Mon 7pm
Attica - 2nd Th 7pm
Burlington – 2nd Tues 7pm
Burnside – 4th Mon 7pm
Deerfield – 2nd Mon 7pm
Dryden – 2nd Tues 7pm
Elba 2nd – Mon. 9am and 4th Mon. 7pm
Goodland – 2nd Tues 7pm
Hadley – 2nd Tues 7pm
Imlay Twp – 3rd Wed 7:30pm
Lapeer Twp – 2nd Mon 8:30am (odd) 6:30 (even)
Marathon – 2nd Wed 6pm
Mayfield – 2nd Mon 5:30pm
Metamora – 2nd Mon 7pm
North Branch – 2nd Tues 1pm (odd) 6pm (even)
Oregon – 2nd Tues 6pm
Rich – 2nd Mon 6pm

Villages and Cities:

Almont – 1st & 3rd Tue 7:30pm
Clifford – 3rd Tues 7pm
Columbiaville – 2nd Tues 6:30pm
Dryden – 1st Tues 7pm
North Branch – 1st Thu 7pm
Otter Lake – 1st Mon 7pm
Imlay City Commission - 1st and 3rd Tue 7pm
Lapeer City Commission – 1st and 3rd Mon 6:30
Metamora Village – 3rd Monday of the month 7pm

Lapeer County Board of Commissioners – 2nd and 4th Thursday 9am

News from the Lapeer Democratic Party

Upcoming Events of LCDP

LCDP County Committee Meeting is the second Thursday of the month. (Second floor of Lyric Mall in downtown Lapeer)

General Meeting is the fourth Thursday of the month and is usually held in the Lincoln Room at the Center Building in Lapeer. Potluck at 6pm and meeting at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Mark Your Calendar

Spaghetti Dinner 10/3/24 from 4:30-7:00pm in the Lincoln Room of Center building, Lapeer.

Holiday Party 12/5/24



News from Lapeer County and Michigan

- 11/5/24 General Election
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors 10/3/24 from 10am to 2 pm.



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News about the newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly and is available by email to all members. If you don't have email it can be mailed.

All members are encouraged to submit articles and information to the newsletter.



*Quote of the
day*

Deadline for the newsletter is 18th of every month.

Send submission to the editors:

Anita Harrand at aharr76@hotmail.com

Alex Diedrich

*“To ignore evil is to become an accomplice to it.”
Martin Luther King Jr.*