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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.

Lapeer Democratic Party News:

Monthly Meetings:

July County Committee meeting is 7/9/26 at 6:30pm. The meeting is held at our office in Lyric Mall, Lapeer. Open to members.

July General meeting is 7/23/26. Meetings start with a potluck at 6pm, meeting at 6:30 pm in the Lincoln Room, Lapeer Center Building. Charity collection for July to September is ACLU.

Upcoming Social and Fundraising Events for Lapeer County Democratic Party

Social/Community Events (Mark your calendar):

July 25th Democratic Picnic at Monson Home. Details below.

Fundraising Events (Mark your calendar):

September 19 Annual Dinner at the Elba Township Hall.

Outreach Events for Lapeer Dems: (Mark your calendar)

August 21-23, 2026 Lapeer Days – watch for announcements.

July 4th parades in North Branch, Hadley and Otter Lake. Meet at 9:30 am at North Branch Elementary to decorate the float and then ride the float to high school or join float at high school before 11am.

Hadley parade starts at 12 noon in downtown Hadley arrive early to walk. Otter Lake parade starts at 2 pm – arrive early.



Join Leslie Getz Michigan House candidate District 67. July 18th help Leslie at the M-24 Garage Sale at the Mayfield Tavern.

Join us for the Annual Democrats Picnic!



Mark your calendars and bring your appetite! Our annual Democrats Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 25th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Mark Monson, located at 4211 Stanley Road, Columbiaville.

A delicious meal will be served at 1:30 p.m. Smoked pork, hot dogs, sodas and water will be provided. We ask attendees to bring a favorite dish to pass, and any

special beverages that you may want. If your dish contains mayonnaise or other ingredients that can spoil in the summer heat, please bring it on ice to help keep it chilled and safe to enjoy.

We're also looking for 4-5 couples to participate in a fun game during the picnic. No athletic ability is required- this is not a physical competition, so everyone is welcome to join in! The winning couple will receive a \$25 gift card. If you're interested in participating, please contact Heidi at 248-224-4142.

We look forward to an afternoon of great food, fun, and fellowship with fellow Democrats. Come enjoy the company, meet new friends, and celebrate our community together!



Why Vote for Ray Pooley for Congress?

The Republican incumbent candidate, Lisa McClain should not run unopposed for Congress in District 9.

1. Ray Pooley supports:
 - a. Bringing manufacturing back to USA
 - b. Clean power for energy dependence
 - c. Pro-union

- d. Protecting our environment
 - e. Expanding child care support
 - f. And more...

For more info: pooley4congress.com

SAVE THE DATE – Dems Annual Dinner Event



When: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Where: Elba Township Hall, 4717 Lippincott Rd. Lapeer

Speaker(s): TBA

The Fundraising Committee is asking for donations for the Silent Auction and the Blind Wine Draw. For the Silent Auction we will be accepting donations of NEW items, gift baskets, gift certificates (stores, restaurants, services). For the Blind Wine Draw--bottles of wine, of course! (wine at least \$15.00 value, please).

Call Laura at 810-664-5650 for more information and/or to donate. Thanks in advance.

Michigan Democratic Party's 2026 Fall State Convention Saturday, August 29, 2026

The Democratic Electors of the State of Michigan are hereby notified that by the direction of the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee, the 2026 Fall Convention of the Michigan Democratic Party will be held in Lansing at the Lansing Center on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

The purposes of the MDP's 2026 Nominating Convention shall be to formally nominate Democratic candidates to the November General Election in the following contests: Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees, Wayne State University Board of Governors, and State Supreme Court.

All members of the Michigan Democratic Party are encouraged to attend the 2026 State Nominating Convention.



Rise Up Sing Out in Lapeer by Alexander Diedrich

On June 14th, the Lincoln Room at the Lapeer Center Building, was packed with many familiar faces and new ones. The Rise Up, Sing Out concert, after some technical issues were sorted out, was a great experience to share with our community and the broader movement around the country. If you missed it, you can still check it out at the No King's YouTube page. There were many great speakers, I personally found the most inspiring one to be LaTosha Brown, co-founder of Black Votes Matter. It was a wonderful reminder of the power of community, and a reminder of what the diverse nation we are fighting for can look like.

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE MALL...

Washed-Up President Installs A Reflecting Pool Fit for a Cartoon Villainess

By Rob Solomon

In his sworn mission to drain the swamp, the President has instead become a monumental failure - this time, very literally. Installed in 1922, the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. acts as an actual mirror to the Lincoln Memorial itself, and the Washington Monument, situated at the opposite end. Since that time, it has also served as a symbol of serenity, beloved by visitors who often came to enjoy its tranquility in quiet contemplation. That was, of course, until Trump decided to fix it. Is it surprising that a man that could bankrupt a casino would quickly foul up a water feature? It seems he used his familiar formula.

Step 1: Pick a project completed by a predecessor. Claim it can be done better and cheaper. In this case, Trump focused on work previously performed by his celebrity crush, President Obama, whose administration undertook repairs back in 2012. Trump deemed the work inadequate for the nation's 250th Anniversary celebration, and decreed that the lining of the pool should be "American Flag Blue" for the 4th of July.

Step 2: Find a crony that claims he can do the job, but is really in over his head. The National Park Service awarded a no-bid contract to Atlantic Industrial Coatings and owner Curtis "Eddie" Wood, a major Trump campaign donor. Even as experts from the construction and scientific communities claimed that the project was impossible due to the color choices and proposed timeframe, Eddie remained a man of great confidence. Trumps proposed budget of \$1.8 was overrun faster than the algae bloom that soon covered his handiwork. Efforts to repair the repairs have so far cost American taxpayers nearly \$16 million so far.

Step 3: Botch the job. The deep dark blue lining of the pool quickly raised the temperature, creating ideal conditions for the slimy green algae that spread across huge sections of the surface. Peeling paint bubbled from below, with large swaths filmed floating in videos shot by tourists and news outlets. They also captured footage of park workers pouring jugs of hydrogen peroxide directly into the pool, possibly hoping for a cosmetic solution to a structural problem. Wildlife that calls the park home was likely harmed or displaced by this short-sighted action. In fact, several dead baby ducks were seen floating in the waters in the aftermath. As his public relations Waterloo grew, Trump moved on to his favorite phase.

Step 4: Blame the media / liberals. Accessing his new cesspool, Trump did what he does most effectively. He shifted blame. The damage was not due to his own administration's incompetence, of course. Instead, he ordered investigations into alleged vandalism, going so far as to suggest that his opponents had cut a 350 foot slit into the lining with a razorblade. As usual, evidence was scant to non-existent, with only grainy footage of a person touching the water's surface offered as proof. A clearer and confirmed video shows Trump's motorcade driving through the center of the freshly painted pool before it was refilled. The presidential car, known as "The Beast" weighs between 15,000 and 20,000 pounds alone, not accounting for any beast that might be riding inside to inspect the construction.

Step 5: Release the hounds. Approximately 18 individuals have been arrested and are facing Federal charges for alleged "vandalism," again despite an apparent lack of any actual evidence. United States Attorney Jeanine Pirro has promised to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. In light of her track record of success, these actions will be mostly performative. They point to a more alarming trend, however, where the president and his allies continue to abuse the justice system as they seek to silence dissent and dodge accountability. This tendency toward authoritarianism is the most alarming aspect of the Memorial Pool fiasco.

Chain link fencing now surrounds the pool, keeping visitors distant from a public space they once freely enjoyed. As the United States prepares to celebrate its 250th Anniversary, its citizens are left to wonder how long this shallow, festering scum bucket will continue to be a national embarrassment. Also, who will finally fix the pool?

America Turns 250, Hope for a Better 251

By Alexander Diedrich

This Fourth of July 2026, we citizens of these United States of America celebrate the anniversary of telling King George III his royal oppressions were no longer needed here, thank you very much. I always regard the fourth of July with a mixture of emotions. I've experienced wonderful times enjoying parades and fireworks with family in the heat of the summer. I also, as a veterinarian, harbor a professional trepidation for the army of dogs and their caregivers begging for medications the day before the big show. Unrelated Public Service Announcement- please get your dogs their anxiety medications well in advance. Now back to regularly scheduled programming. This year, I find myself, like I am sure many of you do, conflicted about celebrating the birth of our nation. Day by day, our government further erodes our founding ideals and persons on our soil suffer ever more injustices. Despite that worrying trend, I am finding these troubled times are exactly the reason to revisit our founding, and find hope in the struggle to embody our ideals that we have fought in every one of the 250 years since.

It always seemed to me when learning America's history that a free, pluralistic society was a foregone conclusion. I've been reminded recently how much history is left unwritten between the pages. Ta-Nehisi Coates was on a podcast discussing how factional the civil rights movement was, and how much contention there was between pieces of the movement. I didn't remember learning that, just Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "I have a dream speech". Last month, I visited the first Lincoln memorial at his birthplace in Kentucky. This year on the fourth, I have a newfound appreciation for the moral clarity Lincoln held in leading our nation through the civil war. Something new I learned on that trip was Lincoln's exposure to slavery at a young age, in a Union State, that drove his dedication to end slavery nationally. It's a reminder that ideas of who deserves human rights or not wasn't really divided by the Mason Dixon line. The freedom for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness has always been a fight. This year, I'm not celebrating the revolution that occurred 250 years ago, I am honoring the fight that was never stopped. During the No Kings concert last month, Robert De Niro ended his remarks with this: "...we keep organizing, and we fall in love [with America] again."

I want to leave you with an excerpt of remarks from that same No Kings Event from LaTosha Brown:

"We have to go beyond seeing ourselves just as citizens of this nation, and see ourselves as architects and founders of the next America, A new America where children will not go hungry, where our poor will not be discarded, where our brothers and sisters of every race will see their humanity. Where we are not supporting the genocide, we will not allow our elections to be stolen, where the value of human life is over everything, including money, wealth and land. Because we the people have a God-given right to create the America that we desire, and that we deserve. Let's build it. We are the light bearers of a nation that is yet to exist" - LaTosha Brown

[A Follow up to the 5/28/26 Presentation by the Coalition Against Baldwin MI Ice Facility \(They can be found on Facebook\)](#)

This coalition has a Facebook space for collective resistance to the Baldwin GEO/ICE facility (North Lake Processing Center, 1805 West 32nd St., Baldwin, MI), They state, "Human rights are not negotiable and that no one should be detained for profit." Go to Facebook for more details.

[Candidates Endorsed at Michigan Democratic 2026 Convention](#)

[Watch for these names on your ballot in November.](#)

Attorney General:

Eli Savit

State Board of Education:

Judith Pritchett

Tiffaney Hilley

Secretary of State:

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist

MSU Board of Trustees

Brianna Scott

Kelly Tebay Zemke

State Supreme Court:

Megan Cavanagh

Noah Hood

WSU Board of Governors

Shereef Akeel

Richard Mack

UM Board of Regents:

Paul Brown

Amir Makled

Candidates Running for Office in Districts Including Lapeer County

Senate District 26 (Northeast Genesee County, Lapeer County, Eastern Saginaw County and Western Tuscola County)

Marty Cousineau- Michigan State Senate District 26



Brendan J. Johnson - Michigan State Senate in District 26

Brendan Johnson grew up on his family's former dairy farm in Fostoria and now lives in Bridgeport with his wife. He isn't a career politician, just a 29-year-old who's determined to do what's right. He's spent months listening to the communities across all four counties in the district, including Lapeer. The grassroots campaign is fully self-managed with no PAC money and no paid staff. Learn more, volunteer, and contribute at JohnsonForSenate.us

Senate District 23 (Includes several townships in Oakland County)



Greg Hill- Michigan State Senate District 23 GregHillforMI.com

When I started exploring a run for State Senate, I didn't begin with a platform. I began with people. After dozens of conversations and a growing response to my Community Listening Survey, clear themes emerged — Affordability, education, power to the people and lifting the middle class.

House District 67 (Includes western Lapeer County, four Townships in Genesee County and Watertown Township in Tuscola County)



Leslie Getz- MI State House District 67

There are so many issues of concern these days. Among Leslie's priorities are public education, our environment, affordable housing and mental health services. Leslie Getz is committed to listening to your concerns, researching the issues and working with others to provide solutions that work for the people in our community. Leslie Getz welcomes your input and your support in any way that you are able. Information is available on Facebook: [LeslieGetz4MIRep](https://www.facebook.com/LeslieGetz4MIRep). You can contact Leslie at Leslie4MIRep@gmail.com, P.O. Box 101, Lapeer, MI 48446 or 810-667-3353.

House District 65 (Includes Burnside Township, Goodland township, Greenwood Township, Imlay city township, Almont Township, Berlin Township, and Riley Township)

James Obrien- MI State House District 65

James Andonoff- MI State House District 65

House District 98 (Sebewaing in Tuscola County to Bad Axe in Huron County west to Mayville in Tuscola County and east to Marlette and Sandusky in Sanilac County)



Keith Brusseau- MI State House District 98

Tell us a little bit about yourself:

I'm 50 years old, and I've been a Lexington resident for 20 years. I have a twin brother.

What motivates you to get involved?

I don't like what's happening, but it does no good to complain if you're not willing to get involved, so here I am!

Where do you feel you could have the most impact, if elected?

I want to make our government work for the citizens, and not businesses. If a business exists solely to make a profit off taxpayers, maybe it should be government run. and we can skip the profit part.

Please research your local candidate. Be prepared to cast your vote. Your vote – Your voice!

There's a website every Michigan voter needs to see before November:

PriceHikeMike.com.



PRICE HIKE MIKE

MIKE ROGERS SUPPORTED MASSIVE PRICE INCREASES FOR MICHIGANDERS – THEN TOLD THEM TO GET OVER IT.

While Michiganders struggled to afford basic necessities as a result of policies Mike Rogers supported, he mocked their concerns: "We're gonna be fine, we got plenty of oil," "working families are not paying more," "Oh my gosh, coffee went up -- you know, horror." It's no wonder Mike Rogers isn't concerned -- his agenda gave multimillionaires like himself special tax handouts, at the expense of working families.

PRICE HIKE MIKE IS OUT OF TOUCH

Are you better or worse off today?

In March 2026 regular gas cost \$3.59 per gallon in Michigan, now it averages \$4.19. Diesel gas in Michigan cost \$3.74 a gallon in March 2026 and now is \$5.52 a gallon on average. A gallon of regular gas cost \$2.74 a gallon in December 2025. This is the reason that Americas are having trouble affording travel to work, shopping, the cost of groceries and other necessities.

News about the newsletter

This newsletter is published monthly and is available by email to all members. **All members are encouraged to submit articles and information to the newsletter.** Submissions for the newsletter should be 800 words or less and need to be sent by email to the editors by the 18th of each month.

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