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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:

August County Committee meeting is 8/13/26 at 6:30pm. The meeting is held at our office in Lyric Mall, Lapeer. Open to members.

August General meeting is 8/27/26. 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):

Fundraising Events (Mark your calendar):

September 19 Annual Dinner at the Elba Township Hall. (4714 Lippincott Rd.) Doors open 6pm, food at 7pm.

Outreach Events for Lapeer Dems: (Mark your calendar)

August 8, 2026 Imlay City parade at 6pm, come early to IC Middle School & decorate the float. Watch email for sign up or just show up.

August 21-23, 2026 Lapeer Days – watch for announcements. Volunteer needed each day to man our booth – (9:30am to 9pm). Parade is Saturday August 22 at 11 am, come after 9:30am to MDHHS building on M 24 to help decorate the float.

August 2, 2026 Vigil for People killed by ICE. Join the Vigil at 7pm on Lapeer Historic Courthouse lawn.



Why Vote for Ray Pooley for Congress?



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

- Bringing manufacturing back to USA.
- Clean power for energy dependence.
- Pro-union
- Protecting the environment.
- Expanding child-care support.
- And more!

For more info go to: 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.

Hope You Joined the fun at the Annual Democrats Picnic!



Thank you, Mark Monson for sharing your lovely yard and property for our annual Democrats Picnic held Saturday, July 25th. Thank you, Dave Campbell for the smoked pork – it was delicious! Thank you, members who donated hot dogs, buns, salads, desserts, sodas and water. Heidi and the social committee thank you for a great party. Thank you to all the couples who participated in the Partners game – lots of fun! It was a great day, great weather and fellowship. Go Dems!

Lapeer Dems Made a Splash in Local Parades in July

July Fourth was a great day for Lapeer Dems. They were seen marching in North Branch, Hadley and Otter Lake. Weather went from hot and humid to rainy but spirits were high. Local House of Representative candidate, Leslie Getz, was in Hadley and Otter Lake. Thanks to all the Dems who showed up to march, especially Linda Berker our PAC Coordinator. Thanks to the people who showed up to clean and paint the float especially Heidi and Jim Waid who are babysitting the float in their barn. And a special thanks to Rose and Tom Bogardus for providing food and fellowship at their home after the parades – what a great end to a great day!





Congratulations to Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson for winning the August Primary for Governor. She will be facing US Representative John James (Rep) in the November election.

Congratulations to Abdul El-Sayed who won the US Senate primary. He will be facing Mike Rogers (Rep) in the November election.

Candidates Endorsed at Michigan Democratic 2026 Convention
Watch for these names on your ballot in November.

Attorney General:

Eli Savit

Secretary of State:

Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist

State Supreme Court:

Megan Cavanagh
Noah Hood

UM Board of Regents:

Paul Brown
Amir Makled

State Board of Education:

Judith Pritchett
Tiffany Hilley

MSU Board of Trustees

Brianna Scott
Kelly Tebay Zemke

WSU Board of Governors

Shereef Akeel
Richard Mack

Candidates Running for Office in Districts Including Lapeer County.
Congratulations for winning the August Primary.

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



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 Township with his wife Shelby. He isn't a career politician, just a 29-year-old determined to do what's right. Since announcing, he's attended 28+ local government meetings across all four counties in the district, including Lapeer, to hear directly from the people here before asking for their vote. The grassroots campaign is fully self-managed with no corporate cash 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 portions of Lapeer County, Macomb County and St. Clair County.) James Obrien- MI State House District 65

House District 98 (Sebawaing 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!

Did You Know?

SOS Branch Automatic Voter Registration - *Opt-out no longer available in branches*

Due to recent legal changes, eligible Michigan residents conducting a transaction at a Secretary of State branch office, or online, will be automatically registered to vote without an opt-out option during the transaction. This new process is known as **Automatic Voter Registration (AVR)** and is the result of **legislation** passed in 2023.

The department will send confirmation in the mail after a branch transaction to individuals who register or preregister as part of this process. This confirmation will include instructions on how to request a cancellation of their voter registration if they do not wish to be a registered voter.

Public Act 260, 261, 262, 268 of 2023, and HB 4983-4986 require that any resident who can be confirmed to be a U.S. citizen and 18 years of age or older during their Secretary of State license or ID transaction will be registered and will not have the option to opt out at that time. Residents between the ages of 16 and 17.5 who qualify will also be pre-registered to vote.

Individuals registered to vote must have necessary documentation on file with the Secretary of State as part of their transaction, or past transactions, that verifies eligibility. Ineligible individuals, including limited term and non-U.S. citizens, are excluded from automatic voter registration or pre-registration. (Taken from Democracy Ambassador Newsletter, Michigan Department of State and Michigan Bureau of Elections.)

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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