

Fellow Republicans, Patriots, and Grass Root Voters of Mason County:

Welcome to your Voter Guide! Inside you will find a wealth of valuable information and resources to bring ease to your election experience. Our hope is that this empowers you to confidently exercise your right and civic duty to vote, as well as compels you to encourage your friends, family and colleagues to do the same.

In a 1964 speech entitled A Time for Choosing, Ronald Reagan stated:

"If we lose freedom here, there's no place to escape to. This is the last stand on Earth. And this idea that government is beholden to the people, that it has no other source of power except the sovereign people, is still the newest and most unique idea in all the long history of man's relation to man. This is the issue of this election. Whether we believe in our capacity for self-government or whether we abandon the American revolution and confess that a little intellectual elite in a far-distant capitol can plan our lives for us better than we can plan them ourselves."

This Presidential General Election we are voting for the way of life we want for our children, grandchildren and generations to come. Family and faith values are being challenged, and our Constitutional freedoms are on the verge of being trampled. Now is our opportunity to restore our Republic, and it requires the simplest of peaceful actions – Voting!

We need your help in getting-out-the-vote! Eligible voters are you registered? Our voter turnout must be the biggest ever in order to Save Our Country and Make America Great Again. Lastly, we have been very successful in winning local elections. We need to keep Mason County RED 2024 and beyond.

In Liberty,

Sheila Genter Kraus

Sheila Genter-Kraus – Chair Mason County Republican Committee

YOUR REPUBLICAN PARTY

The Mason County Republican Committee stands firmly on principles of limited government, personal responsibility, and individual freedom. The Mason County Republican Executive Committee meets monthly to discuss policy, plan events and support our candidates.

Visit www.masoncountygop.org for more information on our mission statement, upcoming meetings, membership, and more. Below is the remainder of our meeting schedule for 2024. Meetings are open to the public.

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 1
TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 12
TUESDAY - DECEMBER 3

All regular meetings are held at 6:30 PM at:

HAMLIN TOWN HALL 3775 N JEBAVY DR. LUDINGTON. MI 49431

Visit your state and national party websites:

Michigan Republican Party at www.michiganrepublicanparty.com

Republican National Committee at www.gop.com

VOTER RESOURCES

Understanding the changes in voting laws and procedures is crucial for every voter. Proposition 2, passed in 2022, introduced new voting methods and procedures in Michigan. Some key changes include:

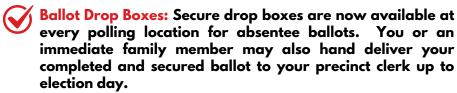


City of Ludington Precincts Municipal Building 400 S Harrison St. Ludington, MI 8:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

All Townships in Mason County Custer Township Hall 1920 E US Hwy 10 Custer, MI 49405 8:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

Permanent Absentee Voter List: You can join this list to receive an absentee ballot for every election without reapplying. To register for this option, visit:

www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/absentee-voting



For more detailed information on these changes and how they may affect you, please visit the Michigan Secretary of State's website at www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting.

EARLY AND ABSENTEE VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2024 ELECTION



LOCAL MILLAGES & PROPOSALS

MASON COUNTY EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SINKING FUND NOVEMBER 2024

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Mason County Eastern District, Mason, Lake and Manistee Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.75 mill (\$0.75 on each \$1000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2024-2028, inclusive to create a sinking fund for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles, for the acquisition of parts, supplies and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; and all for other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2024 is approximately \$183,188.

If the sinking fund passes, the average Mason County Eastern homeowner with a \$175,000 market value home (of \$88,000 taxable value) the sinking fund proposal will cost \$66 per year or \$5.50 monthly.

Currently the cost is over \$115,000 a year in maintenance of our bus fleet including fuel. Bus replacements cost \$75-85K for an off lease 2-3 year old bus. New bus cost around \$135K or more.

LOCAL MILLAGES & PROPOSALS

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP BALLOT PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE NEW MILLAGE TO PAY COSTS AND EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ENFORCEMENT OF TOWNSHIP AMPLIFIED NOISE ORDINANCE AND OTHER ORDINANCES.

Shall the Township of Hamlin impose an increase of up to 0.50 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 6 years, 2024 through 2029, inclusive, to generate new revenue to pay the costs and expenses associated with equipping, contracting for, retaining, and/or employing one or more law enforcement officers or ordinance enforcement officials to enforce the Hamlin Township Amplified Noise Ordinance and other township ordinances, which 0.50-mill increase would generate an estimated \$153,853 in the first year the millage is levied?

This millage, if approved, would authorize a new additional millage, and all revenue raised by this millage would be disbursed to the Township of Hamlin.

LOCAL MILLAGES & PROPOSALS

PENTWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Pentwater Public Schools, Oceana and Mason Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$7,590,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, for the purpose of: erecting an addition to, remodeling, including security improvements to, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and reequipping a school building; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for a school building; and developing and improving a site?

The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2025 is 1.18 mills (\$1.18 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is seventeen (17) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.46 mills (\$1.46 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$0. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Our local elections feature a range of candidates and millages that will directly impact our community. From school board members to county leadership, each position plays a crucial role in shaping our local governance. Your vote in these local elections is vital to ensuring that our community's values are represented.

MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District 2

Les Johnson Ludington City Wards 3, 4, 6. Pere Marquette Charter Twp, Precinct 1

District 3

Jordan Hartley Hamlin Township and Grant Township W of Quarterline Road

District 4

Lewis Squires
Pere Marquette Charter Twp, Precinct 2 and
Amber Township

MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District 5

Steve Hull

Summit, Riverton, Eden Townships and Scottville City

District 6

Janet Andersen

Victory, Sherman, Free Soil, Meade Townships and Grant Township E of Quarterline Road

District 7

Ron Bacon

Logan, Eden, Custer, Branch Township, Sheridan Townships and City of Scottville (part)/VTD(s): Scottville 1-1 (part)-Annexed parcel 052-007-014-00.

COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES

CLERK

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Cheryl Kelly

Diane Englebrecht

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

SHERIFF

Larry Protasiewicz

Kim C. Cole

PROSECUTOR

SURVEYOR

Beth Hand

James T. Nordlund

TREASURERPROBATE
JUDGE

TREASURER

Andrew Kmetz IV

KEY

LOCAL ELECTIONS

S=SUPERVISOR C=CLERK TRE=TREASURER TRU=TRUSTEE

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

AMBER TWP

Thomas Alway-S Theresa Rohde-C Jeanne A. Miller-TRE Noah Van Dusen-TRU

BRANCH TWP

Kimberly Tenney-C Ralph Razminas-TRE Shirley Brayton-TRU Joseph Fiers-TRU

CUSTER TWP

Thomas Trenner-S Staci K. Wood-C Carey M. Jolly-TRE George Allison-TRU Susan Hansen-TRU

EDEN GROVE TWP

Roger Nash-S Julie L. Van Dyke-C Trudy McCumber-TRE Joseph Stickney-TRU Brenda S. Carr-TRU

FREE SOIL TWP

Greg Surma-S Lisa Stankowski-TRE Philip Gajeski-TRU Joseph J. Meyers-TRU

HAMLIN TWP

Marta Greenslait-S Katie Stewart-C Susan Ptaszenski-TRE Christopher Cook-TRU Johnaine Gurzynski-TRU

GRANT TWP

Kris Brandt-TRE Seth Kelly-TRU

LOGAN TWP

Bruce Burke-S
John Kampfschulte-C
Tammy Bromley-TRE
Robert Burke-TRU
Daniel R. Stewart-TRU

VILLAGE OF CUSTER-NONPARTISAN

David Sanders
Cathy Sanders
Cassidy Kessel
Ryan Howe
Lon Reader
Caleb Whitaker

VILLAGE OF FREE SOIL-NONPARTISAN

David Morley Dylan Cash Duane Haiss

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

MEADE TWP

Harmon H. Schonfeld-S Kristin VandeVoorde-C Jim Metzger-TRU William Keith Thomas-TRU

PM CHARTER TWP

Kelly D. Smith-S Rachelle D. Enbody-C Sarah Iteen-TRE Andrew Kmetz III-TRU James T. Nordlund-TRU Henry Rasmussen-TRU Megan Tresnak-TRU

RIVERTON TWP

Gary Dittmer-S
Cynthia Gerbers-C
Kristi Rae Griffis-TRE
Greg Thurow-TRU
Todd M. Van Nortwick-TRU

SHERIDAN TWP

Kelly Crocker-S Rich Rouwhorst-TRU Jennifer Tyndall-TRU

SHERMAN TWP

Kurt D. Lubben-C Kristina Randle-TRE Chelsea Miszewski-TRU William Stakenas-TRU

SUMMIT TWP

D. Wayne Kelly-S Kay Deanda-C Edward Chase-TRU Todd Jorissen-TRU

VICTORY TWP

Robert Kesling-S Sarah Grabowski-C Patricia Geers-TRE Jerome Papes-TRU

NONPARTISAN LOCAL ELECTIONS

CITY OF LUDINGTON & SCOTTVILLE COUNCILORS - NONPARTISAN

LUDINGTON WARD 1

▼John Kreinbrink

LUDINGTON WARD 3

Timothy Large

LUDINGTON WARD 5

⊘Michael Shaw Wally Cain

SCOTTVILLE CITY COMMISSIONER 4 YR

Renee Jensen
Eric Thue

Randall Wyman

SCOTTVILLE CITY COMMISSIONER PARTIAL TERM

⊘Dixie Spore

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER

⊘Drew H. Dostal Kelly Tomasewski

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL

JUDICIAL NONPARTISAN SECTION

JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT 8YR



JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT 4YR

⊘Patrick William O'Grady

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS

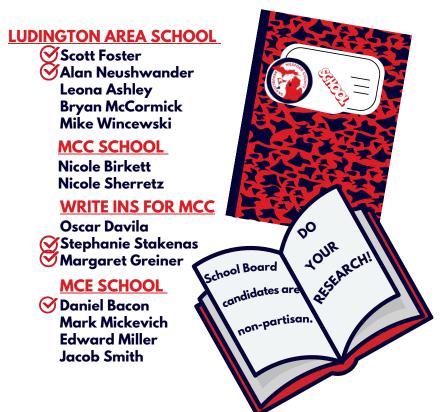
Philip P. Mariani - Appointed by Whitmer 2022 Christopher P. Yates - Appointed by Whitmer 2024

JUDGE OF PROBATE MASON CO.



NONPARTISAN LOCAL ELECTIONS

SCHOOL BOARD-NONPARTISAN



Statewide elections determine our state's future. Each candidate is briefly profiled, helping you make an informed choice at the polls.

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOSEPH FOX (101 ST DISTRICT)

https://votejosephfox.com

Joseph Fox is fighting the good fight for faith, family, and freedom in the 101st District. He is a follower of Jesus, a husband for over 40 years, a father of four, and grandfather of 13. He has served as a missionary, pastor, Christian school

teacher and principal, and the Director of the Newaygo County Commission on Aging. He has been serving in the Michigan House of Representatives since January 2023 because of the calling of the Lord and many prayers. His greatest longing is to see the hearts in our state and nation transformed. He believes that changed hearts will lead to new attitudes and thinking. These changes will lead to improved behavior and positive cultural shift. Joseph stresses that he is not a politician, who is simply concerned about the next election, but instead he is a patriot, who is focused on the next generation. He stands firmly upon the U.S. Constitution and the God-given rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He also agrees with John Adams, who said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." According to the Bible, it is righteousness that exalts a nation! Joseph desires to be impactful in the areas of prayer, education, and agriculture in the House. 101st District includes Meade, Sheridan, Branch and Logan Townships in Mason County.

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



CURT VANDERWALL (102ND DISTRICT)

Curt and his wife Diane have been married for 40 years and have three children and two grandchildren. They are involved with Covenant Christian School in Ludington, and attend Mason County Reformed Church, where Curt has served as a deacon.

Curt VanderWall was first elected to the MI House of Representatives in November 2016. He represented the 101st.

District, before being elected to the MI Senate and representing 12 counties across Northern Michigan from 2018-2022.

Representative VanderWall was elected to the MI House of Representatives in November 2022 for his second term. He represents the 102nd District, which includes parts of Oceana, Manistee, Mason and Muskegon counties.

Representative VanderWall serves as the Republican Vice Chair on the Health Policy, and Higher Education committees. He also serves as a member on the Agriculture committee.

Before being elected to the MI House, VanderWall served as a commissioner and chairman for the Mason County Board of Commissioners. He also served on the Western MI Fair Association for 6 years, was District Chair for MSU Extension and served on boards for the United Way of Mason County. Curt is currently Chair of the Women's Jericho House Board.

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT





PATRICK O'GRADY

Patrick William O'Grady is a Circuit Court Judge for Branch County, Michigan, with over 15 years on the bench. He has presided over nearly 14,000 cases, including serious criminal trials and complex civil disputes. A U.S. Army Reserve veteran and former Michigan State Trooper, O'Grady is known for his strict adherence to the rule of law and is running for Michigan Supreme Court. His campaign emphasizes protecting families, upholding the Constitution, and providing fair, unbiased decisions. Voted for by the delegates at the Republican State Convention.





ANDREW FINK

Andrew Fink is a former Marine Corps officer and a two-term state representative from Hillsdale, Michigan. He is runing for the Michigan Supreme Court, focusing on upholding the Constitution and preserving the rule of law. Fink has served as vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee and emphaizes judicial restraint, fairness, and maintaining the separation of powers. His platform highlights ensuring justice is applied and without bias. Voted for by the delegates at the Republican State Convention.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TOM MCMILLIN-REPUBLICAN

https://www.michigan.gov/mde/about-us/state-board/meet-the-board/tom-mcmillin

Tom McMillin is a member of the Michigan State Board of Education and a former Michigan State Representative. Known for his strong conservative stance, McMillin advocates for limited government, parental rights in education, and increased transparency in school systems. His career has focused on fiscal conservatism and protecting individual liberties.



NIKKI SNYDER-REPUBLICAN

https;//www.michigan.gov/mde/about-us/state-board/meet-the-board/nikki-snyder

Nikki Snyder serves on the Michigan Board of Education and has a background as a registered nurse. She is an advocate for school choice, parental rights, and greater transparency in education. Snyder has also been involved in various campaigns, including a brief run for U.S. Senate, emphasizing values in education and healthcare reform.

WAYNE STATE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



MICHAEL BUSUITO-REPUBLICAN http://votebusuito.com/

Dr. Michael Busuito is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon with deep roots in the Detroit area. He earned his medical degree from Wayne State University and has dedicated much of his career to teaching and mentoring future physicians. Dr. Busuito has also been involved in numerous charitable endeavors, including co-founding Operation KINDNESS, a program that provides free surgeries for children with congenital deformities in underserved areas around the world.



SUNNY REDDY-REPUBLICAN https://sunnyforwaynestate.com

Sunny Reddy is a successful entrepreneur and philanthropist with a strong connection to Wayne State University, where he earned his master's degree in chemical engineering. His business experience, especially in fostering economic growth and creating jobs, is a key asset he aims to bring to his role as a candidate for the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS



SEVAG VARTANIAN-REPUBLICAN

https;//votevartanian.org

Sevag Vartanian is a financial analyst and entrepreneur from Novi, Michigan, who is running for the University of Michigan Board of Regents. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1991 with a degree in Actuarial Mathematics and later earned an MBA in Finance and Statistics from the University of Chicago. With over 30 years of experience in the financial sector, Vartanian has worked in credit, bond training, and asset management, running his own firm, Vartanian Capital Management



CARL MEYERS-REPUBLICAN https://www.meyers4michigan.com/

Carl Meyers is a financial professional with over 40 years of experience, currently serving as Senior Vice President of Investments at Raymond James. He is a longtime advocate for controlling the rising costs of higher education and student debt, focusing his campaign on freezing tuition and promoting fiscal responsibility at the University of Michigan.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



JULIE MADAY-REPUBLICAN https://juliemadayformsu.com/

Julie Maday is a Conservative, a leader and a Spartan Mom. Julie is a former Novi City Councilwoman, former Novi Planning Commission member and is currently a member of the Novi Economic Development Committee. Julie champions the Republican principles we all believe in and will be a fantastic voice on the Board of Trustees.



MIKE BALOW-REPUBLICAN https://mikebalowformsu.org

Mike Balow is running for the MSU board to provide transparent, honest and hard-working leadership. He plans to move to eliminate some of the "black clouds" hanging over MSU, especially for the survivors of the on-campus sexual assault from gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar. He plans to use his voice and vote to stand up for families and students. He also wants to honor MSU's core missions, which include being best in class for agricultural learning and dissemination of knowledge to support the entire state.

These elections have far-reaching implications, and your Voter Guide provides you with the information needed to select leaders who align with your values and priorities.

U.S. CONGRESS • HOUSE



JOHN MOOLENAAR-REPUBLICAN 2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

https://www.johnmoolenaarforcongress.com

John Moolenaar has worked as a chemist, business development director, and school administrator. He graduated with a Chemistry Degree from Hope College, later earning a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. John and his wife, Amy, a West Michigan native, have six children and two grandchildren.

In Congress, I will defend our Constitution, fight inflation and wasteful spending, address the threats posed by the Chinese Communist Party, work to secure our border, preserve American values, bring confidence back to our elections, and support our troops. Let's get America back on track!"

U.S. CONGRESS • SENATE



MIKE ROGERS-REPUBLICAN FOR US SENATE • MICHIGAN

Mike Rogers has lived a life of service - military, law enforcement, government, as well as the private sector. Witnessing our crumbling economy, border crisis, rising crime and the threats of communist China, Mike is ready to serve in the US Senate. Endorsed by Donald J Trump.

Michigan's way of life is worth defending. That's why I served in the Army. That's why I served in the FBI taking down organized crime. That's why I led the House Intelligence Committee in the hard years after 9/11. But we can all feel that something is broken. America under Biden and his cronies is going in the wrong direction. Our border is wide open, our justice system is broken, and Biden's bad policies are making everything more expensive. With your help, we'll get America back on track.

— Mike Rogers

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



DONALD J TRUMP
https://www.donaldjtrump.com/

SUMMARY OF THE 2024 GOP PLATFORM:

- 1. DEFEAT INFLATION & QUICKLY BRING DOWN ALL PRICES
- 2. SEAL THE BORDER & STOP THE MIGRANT INVASION
 3. BUILD THE GREATEST ECONOMY IN HISTORY
- 4. BRING BACK THE AMERICAN DREAM & MAKE IT AFFORDABLE AGAIN FOR FAMILIES, YOUNG PEOPLE & EVERYONE
- 5. PROTECT AMERICAN WORKERS & FARMERS FROM UNFAIR TRADE
- 6. PROTECT SENIORS
- 7. CULTIVATE GREAT K-12 SCHOOLS LEADING TO GREAT JOBS & GREAT LIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
- 8. BRING COMMON SENSE TO OUR GOVERNMENT & RENEW THE PILLARS OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION
- 9. GOVERNMENT OF, BY & FOR THE PEOPLE
- 10. RETURN TO PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH.

When America is united, confident, and committed to our principles, it will never fail. Today and together, with Love for our Country, Faith in our People, and Trust in God's Good Grace, we will Make America Great Again!

— Donald J Trump

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



J.D. VANCE https://www.donaldjtrump.com/

J.D. Vance is a best-selling author, veteran, and passionate advocate for working-class Americans. Born and raised in a small town in Ohio, J.D. understands the challenges facing everyday Americans. His best-selling memoir,

"Hillbilly Elegy," captures his journey from a troubled childhood to success, and his dedication to improving the lives of his fellow citizens. J.D. is committed to preserving the freedoms and values that make America great.

"President Trump represents America's last vessel to restore what, if lost, may never be found again: a country where a working class boy born far from the halls of power can stand on this stage as the next Vice President of the United States of America."

- J.D. Vance

VOLUNTEER

All of us are feeling the detrimental impact of Bidenomics.



With money being tight for most Michiganders, financial giving may not be as easy as it once was. But we know you still want to help. The good news is that you CAN help. We need volunteers and in multiple ways. Whether you have just a few minutes each week or are looking for an official role with the local party, there's room at the table for you.

Please email sheilakraus3467@gmail to volunteer. We will follow up with you to help you find the best opportunity that suits your interest and availability, whether one time or long-term.

GET OUT THE VOTE

70.16% MASON COUNTY voter turnout in the 2020 presidential election.

Michigan conservatives lost the state majority in Lansing in 2022, and since then, extreme legislation and a massive, record-breaking \$82.5 billion budget was crammed through with very little bipartisan cooperation. Sadly, we lost the House majority by only about 1,400 votes. Even though Mason County voted red in November 2022, we had only a 58.70% voter turnout, showing extreme vulnerability for future elections.

Absentee Voting

- · No reason required
- Ballot is mailed to the voter
- Returned via mail, drop box or in-person prior to the polls closing

Permanent Absentee Voting

"Forever" an absentee voter

Early & In-Person Voting

- Automatic & same-day registration
- · Vote 9 or more days early
- · Voter ID or affidavit of identity

Ballot Harvesting is still ILLEGAL

 Only immediate family may return your ballot on your behalf Make it too <u>BIG</u> to rig with early voting!

BANK YOUR VOTE!