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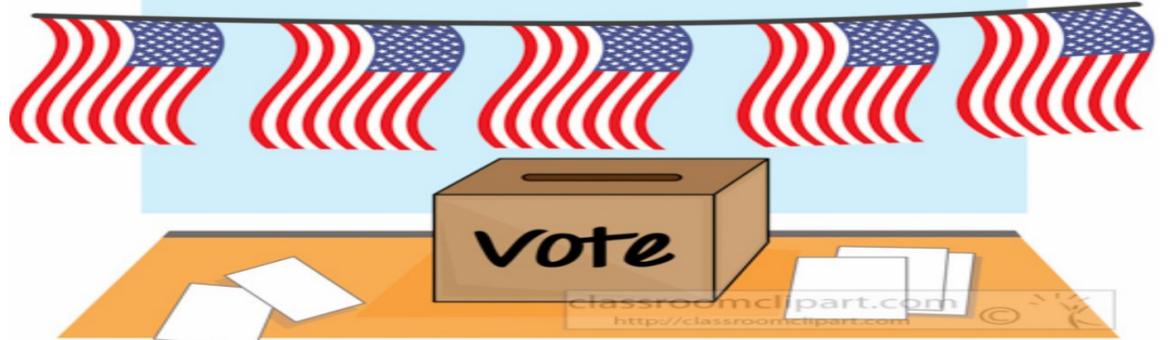
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John Lewis Warned Us About The Importance Of The Vote. We Should Listen.

Before John Lewis ascended to the place of the ancestors, he passed the baton to those who would continue his mission of social justice.

The former civil rights icon and Georgia congressman didn't want there to be any misunderstanding about his charge to those he left to keep running the race. In an [op-ed published in The New York Times](#) the day after his death, Lewis urged young activists to get into "good trouble, necessary trouble" — the kind of trouble that was his lifelong commitment once he signed on to the campaign led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Picture of John Lewis leaving polling place in Atlanta, GA picture by Gregory Smith of AP

In fact, Congressman Lewis' words poignantly echoed those Dr. King delivered to the striking Memphis garbage workers the night before he died. In MLK's now-famous "[I've Been To The Mountaintop](#)" sermon, he urged the Memphis garbage workers to keep fighting for justice, even as he preached that he might not get there with them. Congressman Lewis also acknowledged to his readers that he "may not be here with you." And he went on to implore them to vote — because, as he wrote, the vote "is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society."

It's not surprising Congressman Lewis had voting on his mind as he faced his last days. Winning the right to vote for Black Americans had nearly cost him his life that day on Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge where the then 25-year-old was beat by Alabama state troopers. The same vote also helped open up the doors of opportunity for him and millions more.

On this 38th anniversary of the Martin Luther King holiday, I am reflecting on the decades-long struggle to protect that vote, even as some stormed the Capitol to delegitimize the ballots of those who pushed back against voter suppression. They stood in long lines and organized to beat back old obstacles rebranded for these times. And they declared the racism of the president's multiple lawsuits only targeting

counties where voters of color are in the majority.

Congressman Lewis died three months before the November election day, in the midst of the president's lies about a rigged election. He didn't live to see the massive turnout which forced runoffs and later the eventual victories of Senate candidates the Rev. Raphael Warnock and documentary filmmaker Jon Ossoff. I can't help but see their historic wins as a spiritual link from the Rev. King's hand-picked disciple, Congressman John Lewis, to the Rev. Raphael Warnock — Lewis' pastor — and the now 33-year-old Ossoff, once a teen-aged intern for the congressman.

Ossoff acknowledged Lewis' posthumous blessing to [The Jerusalem Post newspaper](#), saying, "I know Congressman Lewis is looking down on us today and beaming with optimism."

But as optimistic as he was, Congressman Lewis was also clear-eyed about how disenfranchising millions of Americans is a threat to democracy. In his final op-ed, he warned, "Democracy is not a state. It is an act."

Days after the second impeachment of President Trump and a Capital overrun by insurrectionists, his last words are a wakeup call. Article by Callie Crossley of GBH

R.I.P. MARION RAMSEY 1947-2021



R.I.P. CRAIG "MUMS" GRANT 1968-2021



R.I.P. DOUBLE "K" 1977-2021



Voter Registration and Early Voting Available Now Only at City Clerk's Offices for the City Primary Lansing

Voters who need to register to vote, or update their voter registration, must register in-person at their local clerk's office now through election day. Proof of residency must be provided to be eligible to vote in the August 3rd City Primary Election. Newly registered voters can choose to receive an absentee ballot and vote it right there, or they can get a receipt and vote in their new precinct on Election Day. Early voting is still available to all voters using the absentee ballot process. The Lansing City Clerk's Election Unit, located at 2500 S. Washington, offers free parking, a 24-hour secure drop box, and is conveniently located on CATA Route #2. Walk-in early voting will be available at the at the following times: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm Wednesday 8 am – 7 pm Saturday, July 31st 11 am – 5 pm Sunday, August 1st 11 am – 5 pm LAST DAY, August 2nd 8 am – 4 pm (due to state law) Early voting is also available at the Clerk's City Hall Office, located on the 9th floor of City Hall at 124 W. Michigan Avenue from 8 pm – 5 pm Monday through Friday. There are two exceptions in Michigan election law that restrict early voting. On the day before the election, no absentee ballots can be issued after 4 pm, except in an emergency. Also, on Election Day, absentee ballots can only be issued to people registering to vote. At the website lansingvotes.com, Lansing City Voters may: • Request an absentee ballot to be mailed to their home; • Check on the status of their absentee applications; • View the list of candidates with their contact information; • Find information on military and overseas voting; and more! Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, absentee ballot applications have also been mailed to every active voter, making the voting process safer and easier for Lansing voters. Secure drop boxes, where absentee voters may drop off ballots at their convenience, are available within 1.5 miles of any Lansing resident. To find the closest location, visit lansingvotes.com or call the Clerk's Office at (517) 483-4131. Chris Swope Lansing City Clerk All absentee ballots must be received by 8 pm on Election Day. Voters returning their ballots by US Mail are advised to get them in the mail no later than Tuesday, July 27 per the USPS. Voters may also return their ballot to any City of Lansing Ballot Drop Box or either of the City Clerk's Offices by 8 pm on Election Day. "We have seen an increased turnout of almost 4,000 people requesting a ballot to vote from home compared to the 2019 City Primary. It is great to see participation in our City Elections has already surpassed the total number of ballots cast two years ago," said Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope, "As we get closer to Election Day, early voting is an excellent option with expanded hours on Wednesday evenings and the last weekend before the election at our South Washington Election Unit." For the City Primary, voters will narrow the field down to two candidates for the Mayor's office and for the Second Ward seat on City Council. The At-Large City Council race will be narrowed to the four candidates who receive the most votes. A milage renewal is also on the ballot. Media contact Chris Swope, Lansing City Clerk (517) 230-1566

News, Views &

2021 Detroit Policy Conference Champions, Spotlights Detroit Minority-Owned Small Businesses



Keeping small businesses in the forefront was the theme of this year's Detroit Regional Chamber featuring start up and developing Detroit minority-owned small business and retailers. Held on Tuesday, July 13 at The Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre, entrepreneurs, community, and city leaders (among others) learned about economic development opportunities and the importance of supporting Detroit small businesses heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Detroit Chamber will continue the theme of 'Accelerating our COVID-19 economic recovery and sustainability' and 'Advancing racial justice and equity for all' at their annual sold-out policy conference to be held on Mackinac Island, September 20-23, 2021. The Michigan Bulletin will be 'live on the Isle' the at upcoming 2021 Mackinac Policy Conference to capture all the action and latest in Michigan innovative business and policy news. Pictured above Lt. to Rt. Ignition Media Group CEO Dennis Archer Jr., and founding partner of Archer Corporate Services, and Conference Chair, interviews Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist during the 2021 Detroit Policy Conference. Photo courtesy of Detroit Regional Chamber Commerce.

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- City Hall - 9th Floor - 124 W Michigan Ave

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- Voter Registration now thru Election day at both offices.

CHRIS SWOPE LANSING CITY CLERK

LansingVotes.com (517) 483-4131



LINDA APPLING FOR CITY COUNCIL

The City of Lansing has a few issues to resolve. While they can't be addressed all at once we can implement changes to start resolving the major problems. The following are changes I would seek to immediately address our most pressing concerns. In making these suggestions I have sought to "Put People First"



LINDA APPLING "FOR THE PEOPLE"

Public Safety Reforms:

Lansing should eliminate bail for misdemeanor crimes.

Qualified immunity for police officers should be rescinded by Lansing

Lansing should pass an ordinance creating a duty for police officers to intervene when observing force being used beyond what is reasonable.

Lansing should review all investments and eliminate any involved in the manufacture or development of guns.

Equity:

Individuals receiving assistance via Section 8 should have access to the City Attorney's Office to place rent in escrow when code violations have not been repaired.

Lansing should demand Individuals using CATA be able to get work between 4-5am. That is the time fast food outlets start work.

Lansing should ticket students for violations of law does not arrest them.

City investments designed to attract businesses should be monitored to determine the effect on minority communities. Attention should focus on whether money is being taken from services to pay for provisions to attract businesses.

Lansing should develop deserted schools/vacant buildings into lofts to house individuals without a home.

Lansing should establish a banking system for City residents unable to obtain financial services elsewhere.

Gun Violence

Lansing should open gyms for evening basketball games.

Lansing should make it illegal to have open carry in the City.

Lansing should require weapons being transported be locked in the trunk of the car.

Lansing should require insurance on guns.

Lansing should ensure public transportation is available to take residents to entertainment sites.

When elected as a City Council member my goal will be to provide you with affordable, responsive, high quality city services. I would ask for your vote August 3, 2021.

For More information go to my website at: lindaappling.com

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CONNECTED SOUL II SOUL: BOOKS ON RACISM ARE BEING REMOVED FROM LIBRARIES?



Pastor/Chaplain Pamelajune (Pj) Anderson, DMin.
Lt. Commander (RET) US Navy Chaplain Corps
Certified Peer Support Specialist



BE STILL AND YOUR SOUL WILL SPEAK

"34 Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." Luke 23:34 Message

It's our
CHOICES
that show us
who we are
far more
than our
ABILITIES.
Albus Dumbledore



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Dear God, is it true that right-wingers are taking over library boards to remove books on racism? According to Eleanor J. Bader of Truthout News, "efforts are underway to limit what libraries offer — especially when it comes to promoting racial equity and gender inclusivity. Some locales are opposed to critical race theory — either through books or community lectures and discussions — their core focus, but other locations add virulent opposition to comprehensive sex education and LGBTQIA+ acceptance in a trio of concerns. Although most of these hostile groups profess to be homegrown and grassroots, all have access to the support and resources (including model legislation) of numerous national right-wing organizations and right-wing media outlets such as Breitbart Fox News and the Washington Free Beacon. All told, NPR reports that as of late June, at least 165 local and national groups are working to "disrupt or block lessons on race and gender" in both traditional classrooms and public spaces."

I submit that white supremacists are going to great lengths to bury, actually eliminate, all threats to white privilege and white advantage.

Recently, we channeled the Honorable Iynla Vanzant on the subject of HOW TO MAKE A CHOICE and LEARNING TO MAKE CHOICES. On TRIUMPHANT THURSDAYS with Dr. Pj Anderson, 07/22/21, we are wrapping up with a conversation on HOW TO CHOOSE. I am channelling the honorable Iynla Vanzant's series on Choices, Decisions, and Commitment in all three. A series that I take very seriously. It helps me understand the consequences of my actions, guides me to reconcile myself with myself. This series helps anyone who considers life's options as we continue the battle for democracy.

Dr. Vanzant gives us six HOW TO CHOOSE, two of which are TRAIN THE MIND TO AGREE WITH THE HEART and FEED THE MIND NEW TAPES. Join us and, if you miss it, take a peek and subscribe at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79U2jWBY>.



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Announcements



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The Ambassador of Celebration

Mr. Party, The Ambassador of Celebration

Tribute: Mr. Tony E. Taylor

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Creator of Mr. Party marketing concept August 1985

C.A. column September 2006

Birthdays in August 2021

- Mr. Dylan Visnaw Ebright August 1st, with Family and friends.
- Mr. Bill Brown celebrates his birthday in August 1st, with family and friends.
- Mr. John Wallick III celebrates his birthday on August 1st.
- Mr. Bryan Gruesbeck celebrates his 37th birthday on August 1st.
- Ms. Chemaye Herring celebrates her birthday on August 1st, with family and friends.
- Ms. Chantel J. Cole celebrates her birthday on August 1st, with family and friends. Mr. Zion D. Bodiford celebrates his birthday on August 2nd.
- Ms. Barbara Roberts-Mason celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Ms. Quintina Davis-Hall celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Mr. Willy Binson celebrates his 24th birthday on August 2nd, with family and friends.
- Ms. Kiristi Kirkpatrick celebrates her 48th birthday on August 2nd, with family and friends.
- Mr. Mike Ranke celebrates his 48th birthday on August 3rd.
- Ms. Quintina Davis-Hall celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Mrs. Stacy Ebright celebrates her birthday on August 3rd with husband and family.
- Ms. Meeka Wade celebrates her 40th birthday on August 3rd.
- Ms. Jocelyn Starr celebrates her birthday on August 3rd.
- Reverend David Foreman celebrates his 73rd birthday on August 3rd.
- Mrs. Jill Clark-Hicks celebrates her birthday on August 4th, with husband, family and friends.
- Mr. Scotty Kniffen celebrates his birthday on August 4th.
- Ms. Pinkie Prizor celebrates her 34th birthday on August on August 4th.
- Mr. Phillip Lewis celebrates his 93rd birthday on August 4th.
- Ms. Amy Yoder celebrates her 48th birthday on August 4th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Monica Cranberry celebrates her 51st birthday on August 4th, with love from family and friends. "God Bless, Lea."
- Ms. Sharon McWilliams celebrates her birthday on August 5th.
- Ms. Marjorie Smith celebrates her birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Anthony Benson celebrates his 25th birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Juan Gonzales, Jr. celebrates his 16th birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Mark A. Majors celebrates his birthday on August 5th, with love from family and friends.
- Mr. Ali Jamal Kelley (Mr. Thin), would have celebrated his birthday on August 5th.
- Mr. Johnny A. Williford celebrates his birthday on August 6th.
- Mr. Dennis Duane Gibbons celebrates his birthday on August 6th.
- Ms. Marva Yarrell celebrates her birthday on August 7th, with family and friends.
- Mr. Caleb Herring celebrates his birthday on August 7th.
- Ms. Melissa Kane celebrates her birthday August 7th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Karen Fowler celebrates her birthday on August 8th.
- Ms. Yvette Baldwin celebrates her birthday August 8th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Candy Pahl celebrates her birthday on August 8th.
- Ms. Lexie Leek and her dad, Mr. Leonord Leek celebrate their birthdays in August.
- Ms. Michelle Thomas celebrates her birthday on August 9th. She said, "GOD IS GOOD; Blessed me to see another year of HIS Wonderful Blessings!!"
- Ms. Babbette Smith-Small celebrates her birthday on August 9th.
- Ms. Latitia Beuker celebrates her birthday on August 9th.
- Mr. William Humphreys celebrates his birthday on August 9th.
- Mr. Big Mike Bragg celebrates his birthday on August 9th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Alice Brown, my Sister, enjoys her birthday on August 10th, with family and friends.
- Mrs. Cora A. Watts celebrates her birthday on August 10th.
- Ms. Sharon Courtland celebrates her birthday on August 10th.
- Mr. Kedrick Watkins, Jr. celebrates his birthday on August 10th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Ebony Shenelle celebrates her 44th birthday on August 10th.
- Ms. Serena Foran celebrates her birthday on August 11th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Cynthia Williams celebrates her birthday August 11th.
- Ms. Phyllis Walker celebrates her birthday on August 11th.
- Ms. Shamecka Freeman celebrates her 45th birthday on August 11th. She said, "Gift of Life, another year!"
- Mr. Marcus Jefferson celebrates his 66th birthday on August 12th, with his family.
- Mr. Dewey Morgan celebrates his 28th birthday on August 12th, with family and friends. Mom (Tara) says, "You, my Baby still!"
- Kier E. Maxwell celebrates birth on August 12th.
- Mr. Danny Buchanan celebrates his birthday on August 12th, doing what he do; "say Yea"
- Ms. Doris Graves will celebrate her 51th birthday on August 12th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Denise Fulle celebrates her birthday on August 12th.
- Ms. Kim Dikker celebrates her 49th birthday on August 12th.
- Ms. Sandra Carlo and Brianna Clay, Grandmother and Granddaughter, will celebrate their birthdays on August 12th, and 13th.
- Ms. Portia Civils celebrates her 73rd birthday, remembering her Mother, also born on August 13th.
- Ms. Judith A Hightower celebrates her birthday on August 14th.
- Mr. Rauvel Bodiford celebrates his birthday on August 14th.
- Mr. Jason R. Bishop celebrates his birthday on August 14th, with family and friends.
- Rev. Versey A. Williams celebrates her birthday on August 14th. GOD Be Praised!!!
- Ms. Christina Johnson celebrates her birthday August 14th.
- Ms. Taylor S. Chavis celebrates her birthday on August 14th.
- Mrs. Aimee Vick celebrates her 51st birthday on August 14th.
- Ms. Darellyn Sudduth celebrates her birthday on August 14th.
- Ms. Denise Brooks celebrates her birthday on August 14th.
- Ms. Dakita Bonds celebrates her birthday on August 14th.
- Mr. Justin R. Jones II celebrates his 19th birthday on August 14th.
- Ms. Janice Cabule celebrates her birthday on August 15th, with Husband Ernie, (Blessed healing from virus), family and friends.
- Ms. Barbara J. Simmons celebrates her birthday on August 15th.
- Mr. Bennie Barnes celebrates his birthday on August 15th, with family and friends.
- Ms. Courtney (Cookie) McIntosh celebrates her 37th birthday on August 15th.
- Ms. Shirley Borner celebrates her 63rd birthday on August 15th.

***Anniversaries**

- Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Flora Boles celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary on August 3rd. "GOD has blessed our union for 47 years!!!"
- Mr. & Mrs. Ollie and Kim Wilkie celebrate their 27th wedding anniversary on August 21st.
- Mr. & Mrs. James and Sonya Carter celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary on August 18th.
- Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and Minnie Austin celebrate their 21st anniversary on August 11th.

***Announcements**

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**“BECAUSE MY BEST FRIEND COULDN’T.
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GWENDOLYN C. OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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“BECAUSE WE’RE READY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL.”

FRAZIER & CINDITA C. OF CANTON, MICHIGAN

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There are so many things Cindita and Frazier missed in the last year: celebrating big holidays, going to movies, being with friends and family. They hunkered down in the house, life just stopped. They saw firsthand how COVID took away strong, vibrant lives. Which is why they believed it was so important to get vaccinated to get back to normal.

The vaccines have been tested for safety and are trusted by doctors.

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