

Clinton County Democratic Party Newsletter



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If not us, who? If not now, when? - John F. Kennedy



Find Your Place with CCDP

By John and Lois Husby. Last month's newsletter outlined the importance of getting involved as we head toward the 2024 election. You may be wondering how you fit in, especially if you don't see leading candidates addressing your concerns or are frustrated with the state of politics. Here in Clinton County, which for years was considered a GOP stronghold (but is now trending purple!), you may be wary of identifying as a Democrat or showing support for Democratic candidates. We understand, and you are welcome at CCDP! Where should you start?

Register and VOTE! Voter registration is simple, easy, and **online**. Those who don't want to vote in person can contact their County Clerk office for an absentee ballot application which is also quick and easy to complete.

Contact your favorite candidate(s) and volunteer. Help is always needed for phone banks, mailings, and canvassing. These efforts will be essential to ensure success in November!

Join us at a CCDP meeting. We're keeping business to a minimum so we have more time for candidates, elected officials, and other speakers; updates on local developments; and discussions on relevant issues.

Take a chance and get involved. As Helen Keller said, "alone we can do little; together we can do so much."

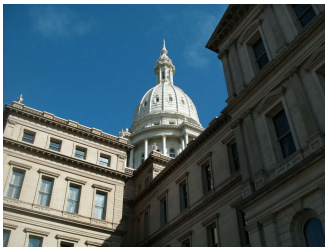


Thinking about Running for Office?

By John and Tina Andrews. Each election year, more than 100,000 positions go to Republicans because no Democrat is challenging them. Clinton County is not an exception as dozens of positions are won by Republicans without a challenger.

What can we do about this? Consider giving back to your community and run for office. CCDP's Campaign Committee has been working hard to identify Democrats who would like to run. To help you, we are holding two virtual events to talk to county residents on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 24, at 3:00 p.m.

Sign up on the **CCDP website** for the event that fits your schedule. If you cannot make it to either event, please fill out the form and indicate that you would like us to contact you. Click through to our **blog post** for more information. The best part is that you do not need any experience, just interest and eagerness. We are here to help!



House Dems Celebrate “Better Michigan”

By Tim Hughes. Last week, House Democrats kicked off **Countdown to a Better Michigan** to celebrate 141 new laws that went into effect on February 13, mainly passed by Democratic votes, underscoring the importance of retaining Democratic control of the state house. House Speaker Joe Tate, D-Detroit, said enactment of the Democratic agenda was possible because voters made their voices heard through the election of a Democratic trifecta (Governor, House and Senate) that focused on putting people first. Highlights from the 2023 Democratic agenda include:

- repealing right to work/restoring prevailing wage
- enacting election and campaign reforms
- expanding working families tax credit/repealing retirement tax
- broadening the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act
- codifying abortion rights by repealing 1931 criminal abortion ban
- enacting laws to promote clean energy and environmental protection
- passing common sense gun violence protections

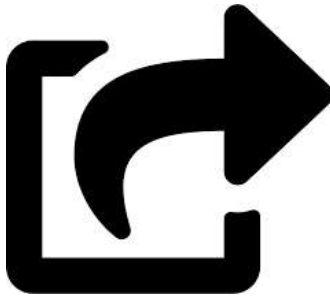
“Democrats have kept their promises by working on the issues that hit home and matter to people the most,” Tate said. “We want Michiganders to know we hear you and the proof is in the policy we’ve passed and signed into law.”

*Note: Don't miss Tim's **insightful piece** on prospects for a 2024 majority!*



Join Us March 7 in DeWitt

CCDP's next meeting will take place on March 7 at the DeWitt City Hall building, with social time at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Find all of our meeting dates on **our Events Page**.



Forward to a Friend!

Help CCDP grow our footprint within the county! If a friend or family member would like to learn more about engaging with local Dems, feel free to share our newsletter with them or bring them to an upcoming meeting or event. *It's truly all hands between now and November!*



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