



Portage County DEMOCRAT

Getting Together, Moving Forward October 2020

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DEADLINES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

VOTER REGISTRATION: All voters must provide Proof Of Residence document

October 14th Deadlines - Register by mail postmark deadline proof of residence required

Register On-Line - all info must match info on file at WI DMV

October 30th deadline 5:00 PM- Absentee in-person Register at your municipal clerks office - proof of residence required

November 3rd from 7 AM - 8 PM - Register at your polling place Photo I D and proof of residence required

ABSENTEE VOTING:

October 20 possibly through November 1st - Absentee In-Person voting - Contact your municipal clerk for absentee voting hours

October 29th - Deadline 5 PM - to request absentee ballot

November 3rd @ 8 PM - Deadline to return absentee ballots by mail or hand delivered to municipal clerk

NOTICE: A recent court ruling to allow absentee ballots postmarked on November 3rd an extra 6 days to be received by Municipal clerks is on hold as it is being challenged in Federal court by the Republicans.

Make sure your ballot is counted - return absentee ballots well ahead of the deadline.

Additional and current information can be found at myvote.wi.gov



PORTAGE COUNTY FALL ELECTION

Fall General – Tues, Nov 3 by Jack Allgaier

All the races below are contested races, each of which should be won by a Democrat! Beside your vote, each certainly could use help financially in their campaigns. You may contribute via Act Blue or by mail. Please consider even donating to a Democrat **outside your voting district**. Also, contact Marc at 914-261-1670 to get more information about our **Get Out The Vote** Campaign.

TO CONTRIBUTE

President & VP Web site:	Joe Biden & Kamala Harris www.joebiden.com	US mail: Biden for President PO Box 58174 Philadelphia PA 19102 Act Blue: Act Blue for Biden-Harris
3 rd CD Rep: Web site:	Ron Kind www.ronkind.org	US mail: Kind for Congress PO Box 184 La Crosse WI 54602 Act Blue: Act Blue for Kind
24 th Senate: Web site:	Paul Piotrowski www.piotrowskiforsenate.com	US mail: Piotrowski for Senate 510 West St Stevens Point WI 54481 Act Blue: Act Blue for Piotrowski
**70 th Assembly Web site:	John Baldus www.baldusworksforyou.com	US mail: Baldus for Assembly 5440 Oakwood Ave Stevens Point WI 54482 Act Blue: Act Blue for Baldus
**71 st Assembly Web site:	Katrina Shankland www.voteshankland.com	US mail: Friends of Katrina Shankland PO Box 531 Stevens Point WI 54481 Act Blue: Act Blue for Shankland
**72 nd Assembly Web site:	Criste Greening www.greeningforassembly.com	US mail: Greening for Assembly 10031 Carousel Ct Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494 Act Blue: Act Blue for Greening

Please note:

- ** You may **vote in only one** of the three Assembly Districts, dependent on your voting address.
- Assembly Dist 70 (north & west) consists of the Towns of Hull, Dewey, Eau Pleine & Carson plus the village of Junction City.
 - Assembly Dist 72 (south-west) consists of the Towns of Almond, Pine Grove, and the southern half of Grant plus the village of Almond.
 - Assembly Dist 71 consists of all the rest of Portage Co.

The races listed below are for offices that are uncontested. Your support is appreciated.

District Attorney: Louis Molepske	County Treasurer: Pam Przybelski
County Clerk: Kaylen Filen	Register of Deeds: Cindy Wisinski

The Executive Board of the Portage County Democratic Party encourages all members to try to vote early either through absentee ballots or by voting in person before Election Day. Please contact the clerk at your municipality to find out when in person absentee voting is available and for more information. Thank You.

At the Polls - Election Inspector needed by Michele Bjella

Note: As long as you live within Portage County, people interested in being election inspectors or greeters can apply throughout the county, not just in the district they reside in.

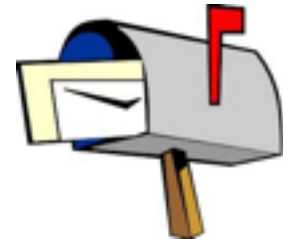
As of late September, some municipal clerks have indicated that individuals can still step forward and apply to serve at the polls on November 3rd. Election inspectors are paid hourly or per diem, depending on the municipality. The following municipalities and their needs are as follows:

City of Stevens Point: Accepting applications In-person at the City Clerk's office or online at Stevenspoint.com (under City Clerk, click Elections and Voting, Election Officials). For questions, call 715-345-1569.

Village of Plover: Call 715-715-345-5250 from the week of Oct. 1st on to inquire about their need For Election Inspectors.

Town Hull: Call 715-344-8280 to be placed on their back-up list for poll workers.

Surrounding municipalities/townships: You are welcome to phone the village or town clerk to inquire. Especially given the Covid-19 pandemic, needs for additional workers may arise. Please call the above offices or 715-345-9779 for more information.



Marc's Request



This is my final newsletter submission before the election. It's been a pleasure working with you all for the past six months. It's been leading up to this moment--the most important election in our lifetimes. This is my final plea for help: if you don't want to sit on the sidelines, and you want to be a part of restoring the soul of our state and nation, then please, please reach out to me. Join even one phone bank in each of the last four weeks leading up to the election--that's only eight hours! Or if that's too much, join one or two phone banks during the last week before November 3rd. Even if you hate calling people, that's only two hours. If we're serious about making a difference, it's time to step up.

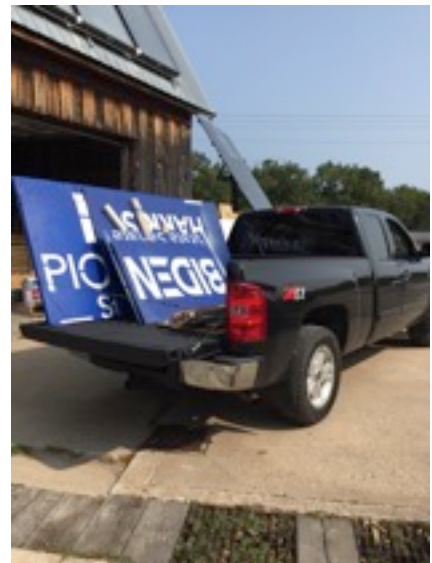
Thank you for having me here in Portage County; let's go win this thing!

Marc Epstein, Field Organizer-Portage County
Wisconsin Democrats
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Portage County Sign Tradition Continues



Lookin' good in Blue



Dedicated volunteers painted large signs for our Democratic candidates and helped locate them throughout Portage County. Thank you to all who participated. Special thanks to Ray Cal & Richard Wyman for coordinating the effort.

PCDP September member meeting

Felesia Matrin, DPW 1st Vice Chair was our honored guest via Zoom. Felesia is a long-time resident of Milwaukee (the Sherman Park district) and serves on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as well as her Vice Chair role.

Felesia thanked and praised Portage County Dems for their continued and noteworthy involvement in Democratic campaigns.

She then related her experiences as a black woman living in Milwaukee and expounded on the recent events in Kenosha and their impact on her community. When asked about the turnout of voters in 2016 in Milwaukee County, she shared that the black community felt disrespected and taken for granted and therefore were not enthusiastic about voting. She knows it is different this election.

Felesia is visiting every county in the state encouraging everyone to vote early by mail given the recent revelations regarding the US post office and to rev up support for the Democratic candidates. To that end, on November 3rd, we will be celebrating not only a Democratic President and Vice President, but Democratic office holders throughout Wisconsin too.

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Chris Holman, Portage County Executive will be our program presenter at our monthly Zoom meeting on October 13th at 6:30 PM

Chris' talk is titled "The Ongoing Farm Crisis in America and a Globalized World".

You will receive an invitation to the meeting and instructions on the Zoom connection via PC Dems Updates in advance of the program. We hope you will join us.

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Dems get message to travelers via billboard too.



PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES - All debates will be 90 minutes beginning at 8 PM CT

September 29 - Case Western Reserve University & Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio
Moderator - Chris Wallace of Fox News

October 7 - Vice Presidential debate at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
Moderator - Susan Page, USA Today's

October 15 - Presidential debate at Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami, FL
Moderator - Steve Scully of C-SPAN

October 22 - Presidential debate at Belmont University, Nashville, TN
Moderator - Kristen Welker of NBC



Ron Kind's race against Van Orden (R) and Trump sycophant, has been rated by the GOP as one of top 50 most competitive races in the country. They have chosen aggressive ads as their method of attack, which means we need to do everything in our power to make sure voters know who Ron Kind really is and what he stands for. Our method of defense? Phone banking.

Join us on one (or more) of our weekly phone banks, held Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4-7 and Saturdays from 1-4. Just three hours of your time every week can have an incredible influence on the outcome of this election. Email Keara Thuy at keara@ronkind.org to sign up or give her a call

at (920)903-2175.

Thanks,
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Pronouns: She/Her/Hers



OOPS! Our sincere apology!

The name of Secretary of State Doug LaFollette was inadvertently omitted in last month's newsletter article thanking the elected officials who spoke at our virtual picnic.

In addition to being Secretary of State since 1974, Doug was the founder of the Wisconsin Environmental Decade, which became Clean Wisconsin at the end of that decade. He has attended many of our picnics, encouraging us to support and vote for our Democratic candidates and to be more aware of the threats to our environment.

Thank you Secretary LaFollette for visiting us again and sharing your important message.



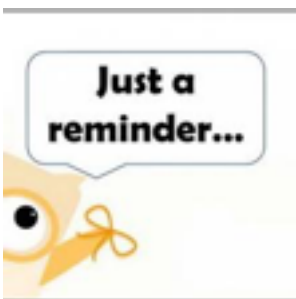
Report of the 2020 Raffle

By Jack Allgaier

Awesome is one of the many words that could be used to describe our raffle this year. The net proceeds from the 2020 raffle was the highest since 2006 (as far back as my records go.) That is so amazing that it needs to be repeated: the profit from our 2020 raffle was the highest ever! When the PCDP Executive Board was in the picnic planning stage, we worried about whether the picnic would even exist, and if it didn't, was it worth the effort to even bother with a raffle. No one would have ever predicted that the picnic could become virtual AND we would have the best year ever with the raffle! I want to thank all the people who made this year's raffle a terrific success. The raffle could not have even happened without the fine group of Democrats who delivered ALL the raffle tickets to member's homes throughout the county. And it certainly would not have succeeded were it not for all of you who sell or buy these tickets. I can only offer a humble thank you for your awesome support.

Thanks also to the many fine members who don't take raffle tickets yet made donations. Your Party could never make it just on our share of dues monies, especially with the costs of our headquarters. These contributions help keep the place open and thriving.

Mark your calendars: the 2021 picnic will be held at Sunday, August 22, at the Pfiffner Shelter. We shall cheer being back together once again.



You may be receiving dues reminders from us when you have actually paid them. The state party has been diverting, and will continue to divert, staff from all divisions to work on election campaigns in Wisconsin. Their philosophy is that every ounce of labor they can put forth now needs to be used to get our candidates elected – and rightly so. If you receive a renewal notice from Jerod or Jack and you have paid your dues via DPW, let Jack know (715-341-5359) to update your account. Membership data will be entered and updated by December. Thank you. Jack Allgaier



Coffee & Conversation



You just never know who is going to show up at Coffee & Conversation.

Here is Mayor Mike joining the group on a recent Wednesday morning in Iverson Park.

The cooler weather presents a challenge to meet outside, but Coffee & Conversation will continue on-line via Zoom when the weather is not suitable for outdoor meetings.

Contact Jan Way 715-572-5802 or janmway@gmail.com if you are interested in joining in on the conversations.

Watch for meeting updates in emails from PC Dems Update.



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Your vote matters

PCDP October 13, 2020 Meeting

6:30 Call to order

6:35 Program "The Ongoing Farm Crisis in America and a Globalized World" by Chris Holman, Portage County Executive

Business meeting

Candidates & Office Holders

Announcements

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