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June 2022

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## We have many things to look forward to.....

First on the list is **Walk Wisconsin on June 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a tent set up on the corner of North Point Drive and Wilshire by the Sentry Golf Course. The event is from 11am to 3pm. If you have some spare time contact Jan Way to volunteer. Call 715-572-5802, or email her at [janmway@gmail.com](mailto:janmway@gmail.com). Enjoy the outdoors and meet some new people. 😊

**2022 Raffle Tickets are available**. Please pick them up when the office is open, or at the June 14, or July 12 General Meetings. The **OPEN** sign will be flashing when someone is there, or we do have regular office hours:

### PCDP H.Q. Office Hours

Sunday - Closed

Monday - 11:00am to 1:00pm

Tuesday - 11:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesday: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Thursday - 11:00am to 1:00pm

Friday - Closed

Saturday - 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Midwest Renewable Energy Fair** is Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed to greet visitors and hand out literature. We are definitely among friends at this event! The conversations are stimulating and friendly. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Energy Fair, please consider it this year. When your shift is done you can wander the grounds and see what cool inventions are out there. Visit the food trucks and make a day of it! Contact Jack Allgaier at 715-341-5359, or email [allgaiers@gmail.com](mailto:allgaiers@gmail.com).

**WisDems 2022 Convention** is being held the same weekend as the Energy Fair. There is a fee to attend in person, but it will be a hybrid meeting and there is no fee to attend some select online Convention programs. Check their website for more info: <https://wisdems.org/wisdems-2022-convention/>.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Stevens Point** is on a Monday this year, weather permitting, and we will again have our vehicles in the parade decked out with flags, banners, and yard signs. We need people to walk with us to hand out pencils, stickers, and candy. No training necessary! It's an easy walk (the shortest parade route in Portage County!) and a fun time 😊. The parade line-up is at noon in front of the Post Office downtown. If you would like to join us or contribute items contact Jan Way as above. **After the parade we will gather at Headquarters for food and refreshments. This gathering is open to all Democrats and friends, whether you walked in the parade or not! Please join us!** And did I mention it would be a good time to pick up your raffle tickets???

## Our PCDP ANNUAL PICNIC is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar!

It will be held rain or shine at Pfiffner Park Shelter in Pfiffner Pioneer Park, Stevens Point, from 11:30am to 4:00pm. We will have a variety of food items and drinks available for purchase, the ever popular themed-basket silent auction will be held, scrumptious baked goods will be for sale, and the drawings for raffle prizes will take place. State and Local Democratic leaders will be on hand to give inspirational speeches, answer questions and to visit with us.

Donations for the bake sale can be made by contacting Kathy Celer at 708-212-0435, or email [kceler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kceler@sbcglobal.net).

Donations for the silent auction baskets can be made by contacting Karyn Tank at 715-344-8009, or email [karyntank@hotmail.com](mailto:karyntank@hotmail.com).

## Governor Evers

visited Headquarters on May 11<sup>th</sup> to help kick off the nomination signature collection of

## Katrina Shankland's

re-election campaign. We had a good turnout for the first time the Governor has visited our Headquarters. **Re-election of Katrina is vitally important this time around to prevent the Republicans from getting a veto-proof majority in the Assembly.** Of course he had to stop at Belts for a very large cone afterwards! Nomination papers were also available to sign for the Governor, Josh Kaul for Attorney General, and 2 candidates for Secretary of State, Robert LaFollette, and Alexia Sabor.



## Our first Hybrid General Meeting

on May 10, 2022 went well, and got better as we went along. **A great big "Thank You" to Rick Christofferson!** He has been working diligently to learn how best to accomplish this task. He has purchased some new equipment that will be used at our next General Meeting. **Thanks to Lois Lawler for the tip on the OWL cameras that were up for auction!** Rick was the high bidder and is learning how to use one. We may still have some microphone challenges, but our ZOOM attendees should be able to hear well most of the time. 😊



**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Candidate Forum** is being planned for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Watch you email for time and place.** The candidates running to replace Ron Kind are Rebecca Cooke, Brad Pfaff, Deb Baldus McGrath, Brett Knudsen, and Mark Neumann. This forum will take place just before the August 9<sup>th</sup> Primary so it will give us a chance to listen to all the candidates one more time before we vote.

**Speaking of the August 9<sup>th</sup> Primary.....there will be a referendum on the ballot.** Here is the exact wording: notice there is no mention of Business 51 in the referendum.

THE PETITION FOR DIRECT LEGISLATION SEEKS A REFERENDUM VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

Prior to the start of any physical construction of any municipally financed (in whole or in part) public roadway or transportation project requiring a city capital expenditure of \$1,000,000.00 or more, the common council shall submit to the electorate a binding referendum for approval of the project. Failure of the binding referendum shall preclude the city from proceeding with the project. The wording of any referendum shall provide the specific purpose, location and cost of the project. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to preclude the city from exercising its role in the planning or design of such publicly financed projects.

**Tori Jennings and Melesa Johnson** presented a slide show explaining the Business 51 Project and **some of the unintended consequences of the referendum if it passes**, including higher taxes, increased costs of projects due to delays in bidding because of having to go to referendum for approval, pitting neighborhoods against one another in competition for improvements, and ignoring the advice of trained professionals. The Business 51 Project has already been approved by the city council so it's possible it will not be affected by this referendum at all. **These are all good reasons to vote "NO"!**



## Reminder:

Check your voter registration status and sign up for absentee ballots at: [myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov).

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** at Headquarters on Thursdays at 10am. The coffee is fresh and the conversation is too. ☺



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### **PCDP General Meeting June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Call to order: 6:30pm (in person or join on ZOOM)

Food and refreshments provided

### **WALK WISCONSIN June 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **DPW State Convention June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **MREA Energy Fair June 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **JULY 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Line up at Noon**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> CD Candidate Forum August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Time and place TBA

### **PCDP ANNUAL PICNIC August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Pick up picnic raffle tickets at HQ at our General Meetings on June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, or whenever the

**OPEN** sign is on.

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