

ANNOUNCING NEW OFFICE HOURS - FOR THE ALPENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE OFFICE OF MARIE FIELDER FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Wed - Thurs: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm



143 W. WASHINGTON AVENUE,
ALPENA

**ACDP PIZZA IN THE PARK
FUN DAY**

JULY 17, 4:00-7:00

STARLIGHT BEACH, LOOK FOR OUR BLUE TENT

***DESSERTS DONATED BY CHEF REID KREBS**

***PIZZA BY MANCINOS**

***BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE**

***RAFFLES, MUSIC, CONVERSATION!**

***FREE WILL DONATION**

***QUESTIONS: CALL 989-916-6499**



Message from the Board...

The ACDP has been very busy! We hosted our new office Open House, a Reproductive Freedom Rally, a Gun Safety Rally, celebrated the ACDP's 45th anniversary, and had great representation in the Alpena 4th of July parade all while keeping our office staffed and open.

The ACDP is now officially a member of the Alpena Chamber of Commerce. During discussions, the benefits of being a member were great. They are:

- May participate in all chamber events
- Recognized & listed as an official business in Alpena Co.
- Will be able to advertise monthly in their e-newsletter if we choose.

The Board is also looking at a new local ACDP tiered membership. MANY county Democratic parties have gone to this method of garnering and retaining membership. This might garner more interest from locals to join AND our youth - many of whom want nothing to do with the MDP, but who may be interested in the Alpena Dems! This important topic will be discussed and voted on at the July 21 ACDP membership meeting.

We would like to remind voters that you CANNOT cross over vote in the Primary. You must only vote for candidates in one party. Do not risk nullifying your ballot by voting on both sides of ballot. Ballot initiatives are non-partisan so don't forget to cast your votes for those.

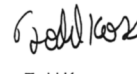
Sincerely,



Marie Fielder
ACDP Chairperson



David Dunn
ACDP Vice-Chair



Todd Koss
ACDP Secretary



Dan McNeil
ACDP Treasurer

Important Dates

- 7/17/22: Pizza in the Park, Starlight Beach, 4:00-7:00 pm
- 7/21/22: July ACDP monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 pm, @ ACDP Office, special guest Allan Curtis, candidate for Probate Judge.
- 8/2/22: August Primary. **VOTE VOTE VOTE**
- 8/18/22: August ACDP monthly Membership Meeting, 6:00 pm, @ ACDP Office
- 11/8/22: Election Day. **VOTE VOTE VOTE**

Become a member of the Michigan Democratic Party!

A great way to strengthen the ACDP is to join the MI Democratic Party. A \$20 basic membership returns \$15 to us locally. A \$60 couple membership returns \$40. Join w/donation: <https://michigandems.com/join>

Local, State and National News Updates

VOTE in August 2 Primary!

It is very important to vote in this year's primary election on August 2.

Voters in Alpena County will decide the fate of three property tax millage renewal requests during the August 2 primary election. This is for a four-year renewal, none of which seek an increase in the tax rate. The taxes help fund senior, veteran, and youth recreational services.

The ACDP supports all 3 of these renewal requests as they will continue to help support our residents and community.

At this time there are 2 candidates (only Republicans) for Alpena County Clerk: Keri Bertrand and Amber Hess. As we all know, who and how are votes are counted is very important. Filing deadline to register as a Write In - is the third week of October. We need to have a Democrat do that NOW so as to get out name recognition. The ACDP will support whoever wants to vie for that race.

All candidates that are on the Democratic ticket in the Primary are uncontested. This means they will automatically move onto the General election ballot. If we come out strong in numbers for the Democratic Primary ticket - it will "send a message" to the public and to Lansing that the public - are fired up for change in Lansing.



There are many petition proposals for Michigan's 2022 election. To view them and their status visit: www.bridgemi.com/michigan-government/2022-michigan-ballot-issues-tracker-what-know-about-election-proposals.

The **Reproductive Freedom for All** campaign submitted 753,759 signatures from every county in the state to qualify for the November ballot. More than 2,000 volunteers helped gather signatures far exceeding the 425,059 required. The



coalition says it garnered more signees than any previous ballot initiative in state history. The proposal, assuming signatures are verified and declared sufficient by the Board of State Canvassers, would appear on the Nov. 8 ballot. The measure would amend the state Constitution to make reproductive freedom a right, repealing a decades-old law that makes abortion a felony. The law was set to take effect after the U.S. Supreme Court last month struck down Roe v. Wade — a 1973 landmark case that offered federal protection for abortion. But a Michigan judge has issued an injunction blocking the state law from being enforced.

The **Promote the Vote** 2022 ballot initiative turned in 669,972 signatures from every Michigan county. The group gathered about 250,000 more signatures than it needed to meet the state's standards for an initiative to get on the ballot. If approved, the amendment would also require public election



audits and ensure canvassing boards certify election results based on the official records of the votes cast. It would also institute nine days of early in-person voting and require state-funded ballot drop boxes and postage for absentee ballots. Active military and people voting overseas would have their absentee ballots counted if postmarked before Election Day.

President Joe Biden on Saturday, July 9 signed into law the first major federal gun reform in three decades, days after a decision he condemned by the Supreme Court ban sales of assault-style rifles or high-capacity background checks by allowing access, for the committed by juveniles. It includes incentives allow groups to petition courts to remove themselves or others. In addition, the convicted of domestic abuse from owning a gun to include dating partners rather than just spouses and former spouses.



expanding firearm owners' rights. It does not magazines, but it does take some steps on first time, to information on significant crimes for states to pass so-called red flag laws that weapons from people deemed a threat to bill expands an existing law that prevents people

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