



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

JUNE. 2021

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It's been too long since we've gathered together to meet, and I want to welcome everyone back to our first in-person meeting on Thurs., June 24. I want to also thank everyone in advance for adhering to the CDC guidelines that we're following.

We have elections coming up in November that are important to our local communities and to our vitality as a county party. We will also be screening more candidates for school boards and other municipal elections this summer.

We are looking for motivated candidates for office. The MCDP and the Ohio Democratic Party are working with Contest Every Race, a nationwide, political collaboration to encourage more Democrats to run in races that often go uncontested.

If we want to be successful long term, we need to contest races in some of the outlying areas of our county and state that are too-often conceded to Republicans. As Contest Every Race points out, some cracks are showing in the Republican dominance in rural America. The reality is that Democratic policies are more beneficial to rural folks than those pushed by the GOP. We need people to take that message out to the rural communities.

If we could get even 20 more people to run in races that we normally don't contest, that would be huge.

In Solidarity,

## CONTEST EVERY RACE

Contest Every Race is helping Ohio county parties recruit candidates for the many local races on the ballot this year. Many of these races go uncontested, and this organization is going to help build our party by reaching out to strong Democrats throughout the county to encourage them to run. They will also provide assistance in the form of detailed instructions about how to file, circulate petitions, and get on the ballot.

This is a data-driven project with real results. In just a few campaign cycles, Contest Every Race has worked in states like Virginia, Mississippi, and Arizona, recruiting thousands of first-time candidates. More than 50 percent of their recruits have won their races – races in which NO DEMOCRAT was previously planning to run!

For more information about Contest Every Race, visit [contesteveryrace.com](http://contesteveryrace.com)

## SDDC BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

South Dayton Democratic Club has partnered with the Westwood Right Project to beautify the Westwood neighborhood. This project will take place over the course of the next several weeks.

This is a part of a larger effort, the I Love West Dayton initiative. It would be wonderful to see some fellow Democrats at the events.

You can learn more at the I Love West Dayton website, [ilovewestdayton.com](http://ilovewestdayton.com).

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## JUNE MEETING

Thursday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.  
313 S. Jefferson Street, Suite 102  
Dayton, Ohio 45402

### (Executive Committee meets at 7:00 p.m.)

While we are all eager to return to seeing one another in person, safety remains a priority. In following with the national and state Democratic Party guidelines, members should wear a mask unless fully vaccinated. Everyone in attendance is required to show proof that they are fully vaccinated by the definition of the CDC by submission of their COVID Vaccine Card except those who did not receive the vaccine for legitimate health or religious reasons.

### Central Committee Agenda

1. Standing Committee updates
2. Club updates
3. Recap of the May Special Election
4. Candidate updates
5. Legislative and redistricting information

## DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR FILING PETITIONS IN NONPARTISAN RACES

August 4 is the deadline for candidates in nonpartisan races to file their nominating petitions. The petitions, which must have the required number of signatures from valid registered voters in their district or jurisdiction, must be filed by 4 p.m. 90 days before the General Election

For information on the petitions and the number of signatures required, go to [montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021\\_crg.pdf](https://montgomery.boe.ohio.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021_crg.pdf)

For general questions about local elections, please refer to the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at [montgomery.boe.ohio.gov](https://montgomery.boe.ohio.gov)

## POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO PARTY CONSTITUTION

As Chairman of the Rules Committee, Zach Dickerson will be making a presentation at our August meeting concerning a revision to the party constitution. A member of the Central Committee has requested that we stop endorsements during primaries and Zach is collecting feedback from interested parties about this constitutional amendment.

If you'd like to connect with him on this issue, please email him at [zdickerson@gmail.com](mailto:zdickerson@gmail.com) or call him at 312-613-7493.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, June 19th, 10:00 a.m.

SDDC/Westwood Right Project  
Beautify Westwood  
2208 W. Third Street  
Contact: [ilovewestdayton.com](http://ilovewestdayton.com)

### Thursday, June 24th, 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.

MCDP Executive Committee meeting, 7 p.m.  
MCDP Central Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, July 4th

Independence Day



### Thursday, July 8th 7:00 p.m.

NW Democratic Club Meeting  
[Facebook.com/NWMC Dems](https://Facebook.com/NWMC Dems)  
Contact: [jdwilliams31617@yahoo.com](mailto:jdwilliams31617@yahoo.com)

### Wednesday, July 21 7:00 p.m.

South Dayton Democratic Club Meeting  
[Facebook.com/SouthDaytonDems](https://Facebook.com/SouthDaytonDems)  
Contact: Alison Benford 937-301-4580

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