



Portage County Democratic Party News and Notes - October 2021

EDITOR'S NOTE: It's time to VOTE! In the interest of keeping this newsletter laser-focused on electing our Democratic candidates, the Chair's letter is taking a hiatus this month and will return after we're successful in a few short weeks.

Use the information below to do your part and #BeTheChange in Portage County!

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Call To Action - Young Dems' #GOTV Days of Action

It's time to #GOTV - "get out the vote" - for Judges Mark Fankhauser and Kevin Poland and the rest of the great Democrats running for local offices this year. The Portage Young Democrats are leading the way, and want you to join them!

There will be activities in Kent this Saturday and in Ravenna next week.

[Learn more about how you can help elect our local Democrats here.](#)

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Upcoming GOTV Events

[Portage Young Dems Day of Action Kent Lit Drop - 10/23/21](#)

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[Election Day - 11/2/21](#)

It's time to vote! Get all of your election-related information, including ID requirements, where and when to vote, and more, at the link above.

Portage CARES Veterans Day Drive - 11/11/21 - Portage Co. Courthouse

Portage CARES will be hosting a drive for canned goods, hygiene products, and more for veterans experiencing homelessness in Portage County. We will gather donations at the Portage County Dems HQ during [regular business hours](#) prior to 11/11/21, and in front of the Courthouse on that day from 8:30am - 10am.

Donations will go to Freedom House in Kent. Give what you can, then stay for the County's annual Veterans Day observance and honor our veterans with your presence. #DemocratsServingOurCommunity

SPECIAL EVENT PREVIEW - Chair's Circle - Mid-November

Our Chair's Circle fundraiser is the Party's biggest financial event of the year, and helps us keep the lights on in the office and working hard to support our candidates. COVID allowing, we are planning this year's Chair's Circle for mid-November. Keep your eyes peeled for news just after Election Day!

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Board of Elections Updates

[Election Day is Tuesday November 2nd - make your plan to vote today!](#)

The General Election is just days away on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. You can vote early by mail by requesting your absentee ballot (act ASAP - see below), or in person at the Board of Elections in Ravenna. Polls will open at 6:30am on

Election Day, and close at 7:30pm. For one-stop election info, click the link above.

[*Request your absentee ballot!*](#)

It's not too late to request your absentee ballot for this November's General Election...but don't wait! Follow the link above to make your request, and call 330-297-3511 with questions.

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ICYMI - News and Notes

[*The Portager - Streetsboro Council's Julie Field refuses to recognize Juneteenth, asking 'what is the true motive?' - 9/28/21*](#)

"Geraldine Hayes Nelson, president of the Portage County NAACP, characterized Field's comments as reflecting America's trend of polarization, divisiveness and willful ignorance."

[*Record-Courier - Portage mental health court docket receives \\$70,000 grant from state - 10/4/21*](#)

"The Portage County Specialized Docket for mental health received more than \$70,000 in grant funding from Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services through the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County...In Portage County, the STAR (Successful Treatment and Recovery) Court operates in the Municipal Court with Judge Kevin Poland presiding."

[*Elyria Tribune Chronicle - Tim Ryan raises \\$2.5M for Senate bid in third quarter - 10/7/21*](#)

"U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan had another solid fundraising quarter, collecting \$2.5 million between July and September for his U.S. Senate bid...Ryan's campaign said the \$2.5 million is the most for a Senate challenger in Ohio for a quarter in a nonelection year."

[*Columbus Dispatch - Sen. Sherrod Brown endorses fellow Democrat Tim Ryan in U.S. Senate race - 10/13/21*](#)

"Sen. Sherrod Brown endorsed Tim Ryan in Ohio's Senate race, the latest sign that Democrats are coalescing around Ryan as they aim to flip a key seat."

[*Record-Courier - Portage RISE Drug Court receives final state certification - 10/14/21*](#)

"The Recovery Inspiring Success through Engagement (R.I.S.E.) Drug Court of Portage County earned final certification from the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Specialized Dockets... 'The court offers many services like transportation, housing assistance and treatment programs with this specialized docket to so many in the county...', Judge Mark Fankhauser said."

[*Cincinnati Enquirer - Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown endorses Mayor Nan Whaley for governor - 10/18/21*](#)

"Ohio's most prominent Democrat endorsed Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley over Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley for governor."

[*The Portager - Meet the four candidates running for Portage County Municipal Court Judge - 10/18/21*](#)

"Two of Portage County's three Municipal Court judge seats are up for election on Nov. 2. Judges Mark Fankhauser and Kevin Poland are seeking re-election against challengers..."

[*WKSU - Justice DeWine won't recuse himself in case involving his father - 10/18/21*](#)

"Ohio Supreme Court Justice Pat DeWine is refusing to recuse himself from three court cases involving state House and Senate maps approved last month by the Ohio Redistricting Commission on which his father, Gov. Mike DeWine, sits."

[*Wall Street Journal - Why Ohio's Tim Ryan is Democrats' Most Important 2022 Candidate - 10/18/21*](#)

"In a 2022 midterm election cycle full of critical races, Tim Ryan in many ways will be the Democrats' most important candidate."

[*Mahoning Matters - Ohio Democrats continue to challenge Republican-dominated redistricting commission - 10/20/21*](#)

"House Democratic leaders have called on Republican members of the commission to release draft maps so the commission can work toward an agreement before the Oct. 31 deadline."

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