



Portage County Democratic Party *News and Notes - June 2019*

Dear %firstname%,

It may be summertime...but your Portage County Democratic Party is far from taking it easy.

This June, we've got events of all sorts lined up throughout the area - including the official kickoff of the 2020 Presidential Primary election cycle, fundraisers for our local officeholders, and many opportunities to get to know our candidates for municipal, township, and school board offices. They're listed below, and we hope you'll take advantage of them and get involved.

If you have opportunities you would like for us to share, please [contact us](#) and let us know.

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our events!

Forward,

Dean DePerro, Chairman

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Upcoming Events

[Presidential Debate Watch Party Night One - 6/26/19 - 8:30p - 11p - Little City Grill, Kent](#)

The first of back-to-back debate watch parties to kick off the 2020 Presidential

Primary Election will take place Wednesday, June 26, 2019 starting at 8:30pm at Little City Grill in Kent. A cash bar is available, and light refreshments will be provided. It will be a great opportunity to network and learn more about our candidates, so we hope to see you there!

[Brad's BBQ Birthday Bash - 6/27/19 - 5p - 7p - MadCap Brew Co.](#)

It's Portage Co. Treasurer Brad Cromes' 35th birthday, and we want to celebrate! You're invited to a BBQ Birthday Bash in his honor. Individual reservations are \$35 per person, and sponsorships are available. Donate online at www.bradcromes.com, or make checks payable to "Citizens for Cromes" and mail to 550 E. Riddle Ave. Ravenna, OH 44266. Come on out, enjoy some brews and 'cue, and help us keep Brad on the job for Portage County!

[Presidential Debate Watch Party Night Two - 6/27/19 - 8:30p - 11p - Big Dog Saloon, Ravenna](#)

The second of back-to-back debate watch parties to kick off the 2020 Presidential Primary Election will take place Thursday, June 27, 2019 starting at 8:30pm at the Big Dog Saloon in Ravenna. A cash bar is available, and light refreshments will be provided. It will be a great opportunity to network and learn more about our candidates, so we hope to see you there!

[Garrettsville Summerfest - 6/28/19 - 6/30/19 - Downtown Garrettsville](#)

The Northeast Portage Dems, led by Dick Brockett, will once again be hosting a booth at one of the area's largest summer events. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Dick directly at mabrockett@hiram.edu.

[Kent Heritage Festival - 7/6/19 - 9am - 5pm - Downtown Kent](#)

Our Party will be a presence at one of Portage County's largest one day events. Over 50,000 people are expected to descend on downtown Kent, and we aim to talk to as many of them as possible! If you want to be a part of our effort, please contact First Vice Chair Denise Smith via [email](#).

[Streetsboro Family Days - 7/25/19 - 7/28/19 - City Park, Kirby Lane, Streetsboro](#)

Family Days has become a tradition in Streetsboro - one we're proud to be a part of in support of candidates like Jeff Allen (who is running for Mayor) and many others! Please contact First Vice Chair Denise Smith via [email](#) if you'd like to help us spread the word about what we do in Portage County's fastest-growing community.

Randi Clites for State Rep. Fundraiser - 7/29/19 - 4:30p - 6p - Big Dog Saloon, Ravenna

Join us in supporting our State Representative Randi Clites as she seeks to keep fighting for Portage County families in Columbus. Tickets range in price from \$25 for students to \$250 for co-hosts. Those wishing to be co-hosts or on the host committee must [contact](#) Randi's campaign by July 5th.

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Elections Updates

Campaign Finance Deadline. Attention candidates: semi-annual campaign finance reports are due on July 31st for campaign activities through June 30th.

Poll Workers Needed! Though the May Primary is behind us, we still need folks to work the polls the rest of this year and into 2020. It's a great way to serve the community - and you get paid to do it! To learn more, visit the Board of Elections [website](#).

Save the Date - August Special Election. The August Special Election (issues only) will take place Tuesday, August 6, 2019. The voter registration deadline for this election is July 8, 2019. Keep your eyes on co.portage.oh.us/board-elections for details.

Filing Deadline - Nonpartisan Offices. The filing deadline for nonpartisan offices, including Township Trustee and Fiscal Officer and local School Board, is August 7, 2019 at 4pm. Know someone who would be a good candidate for one of these races? [Let us know!](#) The Ohio Democratic Party has lots of great resources available to help.

It's not too early... to request an absentee ballot for the November General Election, or to update your name/address if you have had a change. Visit the Board of Elections [website](#) for more information!

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[*Ohio Public Radio - Bill that subsidizes nuclear, scraps clean energy passes Ohio House - 5/29/19*](#)

A late change to the bill allowed certain solar energy projects to also receive those credits. The solar project must already be approved by the Ohio Power Siting Board and generate more than 50 megawatts of power. Five projects match that description.

[*Advance Ohio \(Opinion\) - Donald Trump is a president white supremacists can be proud of - 5/31/19*](#)

If you believe it's a good idea for the most important person on the planet to be a soulless reprobate, then Donald Trump's your man in next year's presidential election. But don't lose sight of the price tag. It's higher than keeping the country on its path towards wrecking the climate, dismantling the Constitution and abandoning even the slightest pretense that this is a government where rule of law and checks and balances matter. Because a second Trump term would only embolden Jew-hating, black-hating, immigrant-hating white supremacists to expand their reach and influence deeper into the fabric of American life.

[*ThinkProgress - Ohio is being written off as a battleground state. 'Not so fast,' Ohio Dems say - 6/1/19*](#)

Anyone who thinks Trump is on a glide path to victory in Ohio is being misled by the GOP's massive spin machine and is failing to understand how people and politics work in the state, Ohio Democratic Party Chair David Pepper told ThinkProgress.

[*Columbus Dispatch - In CNN townhall, Tim Ryan touts himself as candidate for the working class - 6/3/19*](#)

Pitching himself as the Democratic presidential candidate most in touch with the country's working class, Rep. Tim Ryan told a CNN town hall Sunday night that "in many ways, I believe I'm the only one in the campaign who understands what those workers are going through."

[*WOSU - Sen. Brown says Mexican tariffs could impact Ohio autoworkers - 6/3/19*](#)

Sen. Sherrod Brown says he's already hearing criticism from Ohio automakers about President Trump's proposed tariffs on Mexican goods. The Democratic senator says tariffs should primarily be used as a temporary tool to get a long-term trade policy.

[*Reuters - In Ohio, Republicans leaving nothing to chance in Trump re-election bid*](#)

[- 6/6/19](#)

Yet another Democratic Super PAC, the progressive For Our Future, last week called Ohio a battleground and said it planned to spend significant amounts in the state to try and defeat Trump.

[Columbus Dispatch - 5 key questions as Ohio Senate revamps budget bill - 6/11/19](#)

Will the Senate add requirements for Medicaid and food stamps? At the behest of Democrats, the House removed a Medicaid budget provision known as "Healthy Ohio" that would have charged new fees to more than 1 million Medicaid recipients and stripped several health-coverage benefits from those who miss payments.

[Cleveland.com \(Editorial\) - Time for Ohio's "Next Step" on criminal justice reform - 6/12/19](#)

Senate Bill 3 helps distinguish between people who are sick and make mistakes, and people who are truly driving and profiting from the drug trade. Sick people need treatment. They need a pathway back to a healthy, productive life. Tagging sick people with felonies only blocks that pathway. And throwing sick people behind bars with dangerous people only churns out better criminals, not better citizens.

[Cincinnati.com - 100 years later, Ohio's track record of election women remains abysmal - 6/12/19](#)

After a century, only nine women have held statewide, non-judicial elected office in the state's history. (Women have fared better on the Ohio Supreme Court, where there are currently more female justices than male justices and Republican Maureen O'Connor serves as the state's first female chief justice.)

[Record-Courier - Manufacturing camp in Kent excites area middle schoolers - 6/13/19](#)

The new camp, held this week, is run by Roosevelt's Computer Aided Design and Engineering Technologies (CADET) teachers, with help from conxusNEO and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown's office.

[Ohio Public Radio - Sherrod Brown pushes Trump Administration on overtime pay - 6/17/19](#)

"I'm convinced that come 2021 there will be new leaders in the country that have talked about this and have campaigned on this and one of the first things they'll

do is implement the overtime rule," says Brown.

[Cincinnati.com - Crunch tie for Ohio lawmakers: Deals needed on taxes and more - 6/20/19](#)

Democrats and Republicans have worked to pass bipartisan budgets in both chambers. Investment in children, food banks, libraries and infant mortality prevention brought lawmakers together in a unanimous vote in the Ohio Senate Thursday.

[Record-Courier - Townhall II celebrates opening opioid recovery clinic - 6/20/19](#)

Individuals struggling to overcome opioid addictions now have a new resource in Kent. Townhall II celebrated the opening of its Opioid Recovery Clinic Thursday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by around 40 people at its downtown Kent location...Dr. Dean DePerro, the medical director of the new clinic which opened earlier this spring, said the need for the clinic is great. "Some of you know that I'm the coroner of this county," he said addressing the crowd at the ceremony. "So, this is bittersweet."

[Vindy.com - Brown re-introduces Outsourcing Accountability Act - 6/24/19](#)

"So if a company shuts down with 700 workers in the Mahoning Valley and moves overseas and hires 1,000, all they file is they gained 300 jobs. They don't tell you they lost 700 here and gained 1,000 there." Brown, a Democrat from Cleveland, said this information "helps the union in a union plant in negotiations. It helps the community figure out what to do and it shines a spotlight on a company that the company might just behave a little better if the public knew where their jobs were moved to."

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