



LGBTQ Pride Month

Say their names:

Marsha Johnson. Sylvia Rivera.

Two trans Women of Color who were the catalyst for the LGBTQ Civil Rights Movement. After decades of abuse from local authorities, they began the protest now known as the Stonewall Uprising.

Michigan was at the forefront of civil rights for LGBTQ beginning in 1972 with the nation's first non-discrimination ordinance. One of Gov. Whitmer's first acts was signing an executive directive to strengthen prohibitions against LGBTQ discrimination in state employment, contracting and provision of services.

Gay Pride was not born out of a need to celebrate being Gay, but rather, the right to exist without persecution. So instead of wondering why there isn't a Straight Pride Movement – be thankful you don't need one.

The **ACDP** stands with you, our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer Sisters and Brothers.



What's different? We changed our logo to blue to align more fully with the Michigan Democratic Party. Our new banner, above, will lead our July 4th Parade contingency. We now have teams in place to attend City Council, County Commissioners and Board of Education meetings. We will expose the shenanigans and make our voices heard

What's the same? Republican's attack on our Democracy! Do you know what's in the 39 Voter Suppression bills? Do you know everyone needs access to a color printer to make a color-copy of their Drivers License in order to vote. Why and why now? 250 audits concluded our MI election was safe and accurate and we had the largest voter turnout ever!

Look for our weekly email describing each Bill and its impact on you and our MI neighbors. Enough is enough! If you are not on our email list, please contact us at acdp864@gmail.com.

Our energy and activities remain focused on increasing Democratic voter turnout! It is happening and it is GOOD! And, we appreciate your help as we continue to make a difference in our community.



June 5th we held a **Can & Bottle Drive** and sold **Governor Whitmer Yard Signs** which brought in almost \$700! Thank you!

We are able to meet in person – Alleluia!! So come to 19th Hole on **Thursday, June 17th for our County Committee Meeting** (aka General Membership). Dinner at 5:00 and meeting at 6:00pm.

Stay strong,
Elaine Stenger, Editor

Local, State & National News Update

Senator Gary Peters 1st in the 116th Congress

The Nonpartisan Center for Effective Lawmaking recognized our own Senator Peters 1st for coalition building!! Way to go Senator Peters – always working for us!

2 City Council Seats up for Election in November

If you are interested in running for a council seat, pick up a packet at the Alpena Clerk's Office in City Hall. Deadline to file is July 20th at 4:00 pm. But don't wait. If you are interested in running, please let us know. acdp864@gmail.com

Our Earth Day Cleanup was a 4-ton Success!!

46 volunteers, ages 4-78, picked up litter and illegal waste from Rockport State Park, Woodward Avenue, a lot on M-32, Devils Lake recreation area, Bloom Rd and Hamilton Road. As a result of Cleanforests.org paying for the 2 20-yard dumpsters, we were able to donate over \$1,000 to Meag Schwartz of **Great Lakes Great Responsibility**. Thanks everyone for your hard work!

OUR FIGHT FOR OUR DEMOCRACY

In 2018, 2/3th of Michiganders voted to end Republican-gerrymandered voting districts and to expand the use of absentee ballots. Yet, Republicans continue their attack on the very core of our Democracy – VOTING. Fair, open, accessible voting.



STOP VOTER SUPPRESSION IN MICHIGAN!!

IMPORTANT! Tell your elected officials to oppose Senate Bills 273-311 that would make voting harder.

We need to make sure that in Michigan, every eligible person can exercise their constitutional right to vote and make voting secure and accessible.

Call your state Senator Jim Stamas at (517) 373-7946 and urge him to oppose Senate Bills 273-311.

The **Activism Committee**, led by Diane O'Connor, is fighting back against the Republican's 39 Voter Suppression bills. These are copy-cat bills, not written by or for Michiganders, designed to block your vote! They have canvassed 850 homes with postcards urging folks to call Senator Stamas and tell him to **"VOTE NO."** They will follow-up with phone calls urging people to contact Stamas.

Please, call Stamas and voice your outrage at this attack on our Democracy!

Watch for our weekly emails detailing these bills and their impact on fair, open and accessible voting!!

The MICRC - MI Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

(4 Democrats, 4 Republicans & 5 Independents) draw fair voting districts for our Congressional, State Senate and House seats. The Republican response – file frivolous lawsuits which have all been tossed by the courts. More votes are cast for Democrats in local elections but they do not hold the majority due to gerrymandered districts.

If you have news to report or would like to write an article for the newsletter, please reach out to Elaine at: acdp864@gmail.com or call 989.916.6499



YARD SIGNS

Support Governor Whitmer

With Federal Relief money, our Governor wants to increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour, expand free pre-school for our children and invest in small businesses.



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Free delivery in Alpena County

Mail check to **ACDP**
PO Box 611, Alpena, MI 49707
or donate through Act Blue:
<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/alpenademocrats>

Join 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/>

Join free:
<https://michigandems.cp.bsd.net/page/signup/member-sign-up>

Increasing Democratic Voter Turnout

Our 106 Democratic Party Chairs interviewed the Michigan counties which successfully increased Democratic voter turnout in the 2020 election. Twelve counties with voter increases from 5.4% to 9.5% from the 2016 election implemented similar strategies which had a powerful impact. They listed:

1. **Bottoms Up** campaign to have a Democrat run for every seat on the ballot
2. **Yard Signs**
3. **Phone Banks**
4. **Literature Drops at Residents' Doors**
5. **Party Office Visibility**
6. **Increasing Party Membership**
7. **Other strategies included: advertising, voter's guides, and precinct organizing**

The top five counties that experienced voter share increases:

Grand Traverse County 9.5%
Kent County 9.2%
Ottawa County 9.0%
Leelanau County 8.4%
Emmett County 8.2%

With your continued support, the **ACDP** will prioritize and implement these strategies to help turn Michigan blue across the map in the 2022 election. Please contact us at **989.916.6499** to get involved.

Seeking Committee Volunteers

As we become more active in our community, we need a few volunteers to join committees. We also need a **Recording Secretary** to join the Leadership Team.

If you are interested, please call us at **989.916.6499**



Join us

In Person!! In Person!!
Let's meet in Person!!

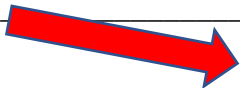
June County Committee Meeting

(aka General Membership Meeting)

Thursday, June 17th Meeting at 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Dinner & Drinks
19th Hole side room is reserved

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Land Acknowledgement

"The State of Michigan occupies the ancestral, traditional and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabek – Three Fires Confederacy, the Odawa (Ottawa), Ojibwe (Chippewa), and Bode'wadmi (Potawatomi). The MI Democratic Party recognizes these historic Indigenous communities, and those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. We further recognize the ongoing relationship of dependence upon, and respect for, all living beings of earth, sky, and water. In offering this land acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty, history, and experiences."
MDP asks County Parties to include this statement

**A portion of our budget is invested in electing local candidates and office space!
Thank you for all you do to support our efforts and take back Michigan!!**

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Alpena County Democratic Party PO Box 611, Alpena, MI 49707

Send check with this form to address above or donate online at

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