



Marion County Democrats

November 2025 Newsletter - Part 2



SNAP Benefits Update:

SNAP benefits were restored on Nov 7 and EBT cards have been reloaded for SNAP recipients. See the [Marion Polk Food Share Statement on SNAP Benefits Disruption](#) for more information.

The MCDCC is still collecting food donations in our office to be distributed by the Food Share program. Visitors can drop off non-perishable food items (unexpired canned goods, pasta, rice, nut butters, and other shelf-stable items). If you are able to donate money, that is also welcomed and is needed in greater amounts at this time. Fresh produce and other perishable food items must often be purchased and the infrastructure for food collection and distribution must be supported. Visit the Marion Polk Food Share or your local food bank to give as you are able...

[Marion Polk Food Share](#)

[Keizer Community Food Bank](#)

Elections News

Democratic Victories on November 4, 2025!

Democrats won decisive victories across the country in state and local elections, which has been widely interpreted as a referendum against radical Republican policies and President Trump's so-called leadership.

Notably, Abigail Spanberger, Mikie Sherill and Zohran Mamdani won their respective races for Virginia Governor, New Jersey Governor, and New York City Mayor by large margins. It's also been reported that many voters switched their votes to increase Democratic margins in several jurisdictions.



Abigail Spanberger



Mikie Sherill



Zohran Mamdani

Locally, in Marion County, special elections were held for 3 ballot measures:

City of Stayton - [Measure 24-515](#) - Failed

City of Woodburn - [Measure 24-516](#) - Passed

St. Paul Rural Fire Protection District - [Measure 24-517](#) - Passed




Step Up Your Resistance Festival!
Let us help you find new ways to resist!
 November 22, 2025
 9:00am - 4:00pm
 Salem, Oregon
REGISTER HERE for more information! Location shared upon registration!

Morning Session
 9:00 Conference Opening and Welcome
 9:30am - 11:30am **REGISTRANTS PICK ONE WORKSHOP:**
 Human Rights Observer Training
 Nonviolent Communication Training
 De-escalation Training
 Know Your Rights Training

Afternoon Session
 1:20 - 3:20 **REGISTRANTS PICK TWO ONE-HOUR WORKSHOPS:**
 1. All About Banner Drops 2. Humor As Resistance
 3. Effective Messaging 4. Targeted Boycotts
 5. Sharing Resistance Success and What We've Learned
 6. How To Bring Social Change to Local Government
 7. How To Plug In: Navigating Resources 8. Riot Art

Workshops! Trainings! Inspiration! Entertainment!

Next Saturday, join One Million Rising for the Step Up Your Resistance Festival in Salem.

In the afternoon workshops...

Paige Barton will present the "Effective Messaging" workshop. Paige will share her lessons from the labor movement on strategic messaging: finding a unified message with broad support multiplies the force of any campaign.

RSVP for training [Step Up Your Resistance](#)

Holiday Parade in Lights

Lighted Letter **VOTE** Carriers Needed
 Join the Parade **NOKINGS** Walk with the
Marion County DEMOCRATS!

SALEM HOLIDAY PARADE!

We need at least 11 people to help us walk in the parade and display these lighted letters:

**NOKINGS
VOTE**

SIGN UP TO JOIN US HERE



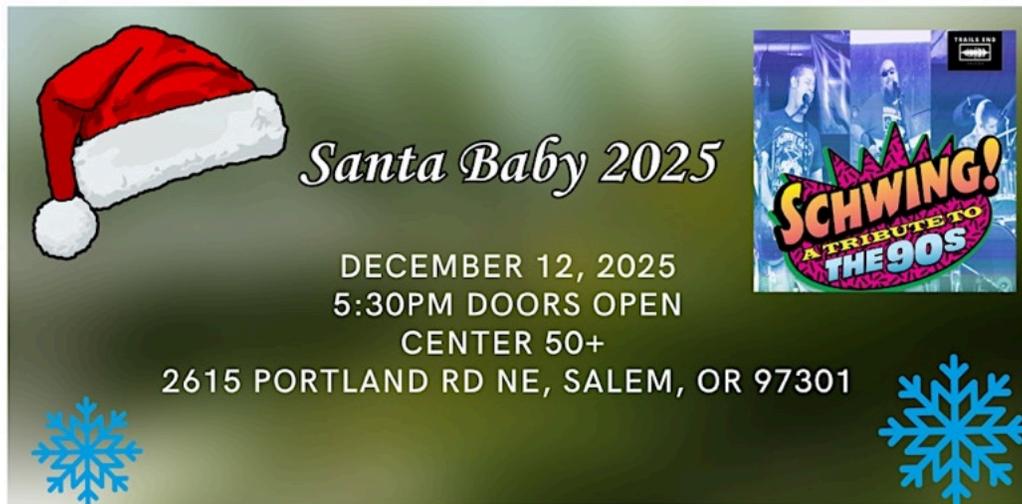
NO SPENDING. NO WORK. NO SURRENDER.

The system isn't broken. It's working exactly as designed—for the wealthy.

The Mass Blackout is a nationwide economic action, coordinated across aligned organizations, calling Americans to:

- Stop online or in-store shopping (except for small businesses)
- Stop work
- Stop streaming, cancel subscriptions, no digital purchases
- Remove the regime

[More Information](#)



Santa Baby 2025 will be the networking event of the year and a Holiday Party to boot! The perfect opportunity to dress up, have dinner, dance, and schmooze! There will be a Mediterranean buffet and music for dancing from the band Schwing!

Festivities begin at 5:30 PM on December 12, 2025.

Use the link below to register.

[Santa Baby 2025](#)

Upcoming Events by Date:

Saturday, November 22, 2025, 2 - 3:30 PM

Tom Anderson Town Hall

Location: Loucks Auditorium, Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, OR 97301

Saturday, November 22, 2025, 9 AM - 4 PM

Step Up Your Resistance Festival by One Million Rising

Workshops and Trainings for Resisters and Concerned Citizens

Location: Register above to get location information.

Friday, November 28, 2025, 4 PM

SALEM HOLIDAY PARADE! *We will walk in the Salem holiday parade and display these lighted letters:*

N O K I N G S V O T E

Location: Walkers will meet at the Marion County Democrats Office, 245 High St NE, Salem

Register to walk with us here: [Sign Up Here](#)

Friday, November 28, 2025 - Tuesday, December 2, 2025

[MASS Blackout](#)

Location: Nationwide

See more Information at [The Mass Blackout](#) website.

Friday, December 12, 2025, 5:30 PM

Santa Baby 2025 will be the perfect opportunity to dress up, have dinner, dance, and schmooze! There will be a Mediterranean buffet and music for dancing from the band **Schwing!**

Location: Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Use this link to register: [Santa Baby 2025](#)

Thursday December 18, 2025, Doors Open 6PM

Marion County Democrats Holiday Party & Potluck

Location: Marion County Democrats Office, 245 High St NE, Salem

Bring your favorite dish to share and we will also have a White Elephant Gift Exchange again this year. If you wish to participate, bring a small wrapped gift and join in the fun.

Set your sights!

Planning is underway for a spectacular **Drag Show Fundraiser!**

Will it be the last week in January? Sometime in February? We just don't know yet!

We think we know that it will be at the [The Southside Speakeasy](#). Actually we're pretty sure of that, but anyway, keep watch... there's more exciting news to come!



Committees are ordered based on their next scheduled meeting or event. This is one of the best ways to get involved in our party!

- **Fundraising Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

Location: Contact Chairperson for Zoom invitation

Chair: Mary Nikas, Fundraising@mariondemocrats.org

The Marion County fundraising committee adds the “Fun” to Fundraising!

Like to throw Parties?

Have an idea for a Fundraiser?

... reach out to Fundraising@MarionDemocrats.org for Zoom link.

- **Rules Committee - Next Meeting Monday, December 1, 2025 at 7 PM**

[Location: Zoom - Register Here](#)

Rules Chairperson: Victor Dodier, rules@mariondemocrats.org

1st Monday at 7 PM

Our Rules Committee is responsible for review of our bylaws and standing rules.

Join us!

- **Legislative Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 6:30 PM**

Monthly on the first Tuesday via Zoom

The Legislative Committee tracks bills of interest and keeps the membership informed. If you like to engage on legislation of interest, this is the committee for you. During an active session, the committee meets twice a month: every 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

For more information and zoom link, contact chairperson.

Chair: Marcia Kelley, Legislative@mariondemocrats.org

- **Communications Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 6 PM**

Location: Marion County Democrats Office, 245 High St NE, Salem

Chair: Dan Sisken, Communications@mariondemocrats.org

2nd Tuesday at 6 PM

The Communications Committee is responsible for this newsletter, website maintenance, social media sites, and external communications about our Marion County Democrats. Love social media? Join us and get plugged in!

- **Neighborhood Leader Committee - Soup & Town Hall, Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10 AM**

Location: Marion County Democrat Office 245 High St N.

Next Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7 PM (coordinators)

[Location: Zoom - Register Here](#)

Chair: Michael Johnson, nlp@mariondemocrats.org

2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM

Our Neighborhood Leader Committee is responsible for our voter outreach program. Join us and find out how to get involved in your neighborhood to get out the vote!

- **Program Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 6 PM**

Location: Marion County Democrat Office 245 High St N.

Program Chairperson: Linda Jayne Garland, lily18keizer@gmail.com

The Program Committee meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month. Programs are the guests we invite to our monthly MCDCC (3rd Thursdays) as we continue to learn about others in our county and to better support and unite each other.

Some programs will include our dynamic candidates. We are looking forward to a busy campaign season. May will be here before we know it.

Democrats Book Club, Next Meeting Monday, December 15, 2025 at 10 AM,
Come join us to discuss "The Hidden History of the Supreme Court and the Betrayal of America" by Thom Hartmann.

Democrats Book Group meets 3rd Monday each month at 10am at Marion County Democrat Office 245 High St N.

Programs Chairperson: Linda Jayne Garland, [ily18keizer@gmail.com](mailto:lily18keizer@gmail.com)

- **Candidate Support Committee, Next Meeting Thursday, December 11, 2025**

Location: Contact Chairperson

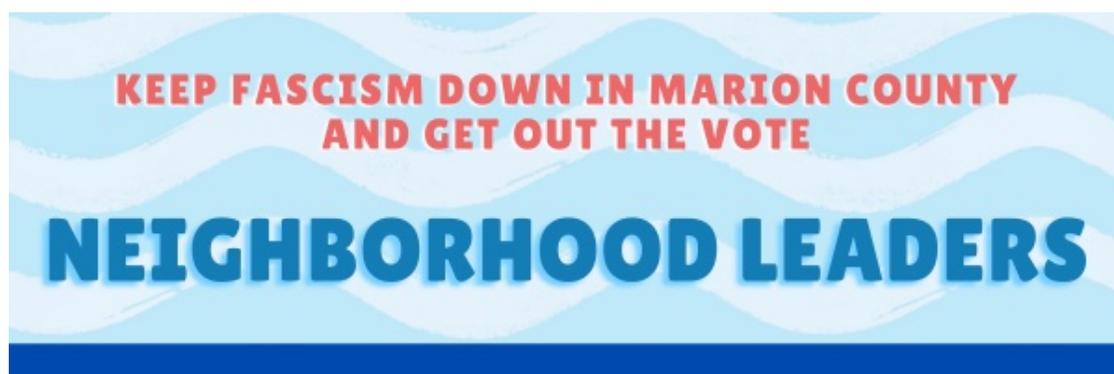
Chair: Angelo Arredondo, Candidates@mariondemocrats.org

The Candidate Support Committee recruits potential Democratic candidates for public office in Marion County. They review candidate qualifications and make recommendations to the Executive Committee, as well as supporting the recommended candidates through the election process. They also conduct voter registration drives.

- **Membership Committee**

Chair: Larry Ramsay, Membership@mariondemocrats.org

Seeking new Membership Chair for 2026



Be a Local Hero! Join Our Neighborhood Leader Program

Imagine making a 30% difference in voter turnout with just a few hours of your time!

That's exactly what you can do by joining 350 of your fellow Marion County Democrats as a Neighborhood Leader. This incredible voter engagement program is one of the most powerful in our state - and it's surprisingly simple to participate!

Here's how it works: You'll connect with Democratic households in your neighborhood as ballots arrive (starting April 30th), then follow up with gentle reminders before the May 20th Election Day.

What makes this special? It's personal, it builds community, and most importantly - **it really works!** Areas with Neighborhood Leaders consistently see turnout increases of 30% or more.

Ready to make the biggest possible impact with your limited time? Join our Neighborhood Leader family today and be part of this grassroots success story!

Your neighborhood needs your friendly face and passionate voice. Together, we can make Marion County's democratic voice stronger than ever!

[Sign Up Now](#)



We've recently added a new resource page to our website for [Immigrant Rights and Support](#)

Please visit our website for more information on our mission, your rights, ways to get involved locally and more events information.

[Visit the Marion County Democrats Website](#)



Marion County Democrats Merch is Expanding Inventory!

We have T-Shirts; We have Toilet Brushes (must be seen to be believed); We have Buttons!

All items are available for purchase at the Marion County Democrats office or at tabling events for various prices. Please visit the office at 245 High Street in downtown Salem and thanks again for supporting local Democrats!



Join the Marion County Democrats Family!

Did you know our organization runs entirely on people power? That's right - we're 100% volunteer-driven and don't receive funding from any outside organizations.

Your support makes everything possible! From championing local candidates to keeping our community hub thriving, your contribution directly powers our Democratic movement in Marion County.

Imagine what we could accomplish together if each registered Democrat in our community contributed just \$5 monthly. We could focus entirely on serving our candidates and community, without worrying about keeping the lights on!

Will you join our monthly supporter family today? Even a small recurring contribution creates a tremendous impact. Click the Donate Now button below to become a sustaining

member - it takes just a minute but makes a lasting difference!

Thank you for being the heartbeat of our local Democratic movement. Your generosity truly means the world to us! ❤️

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