

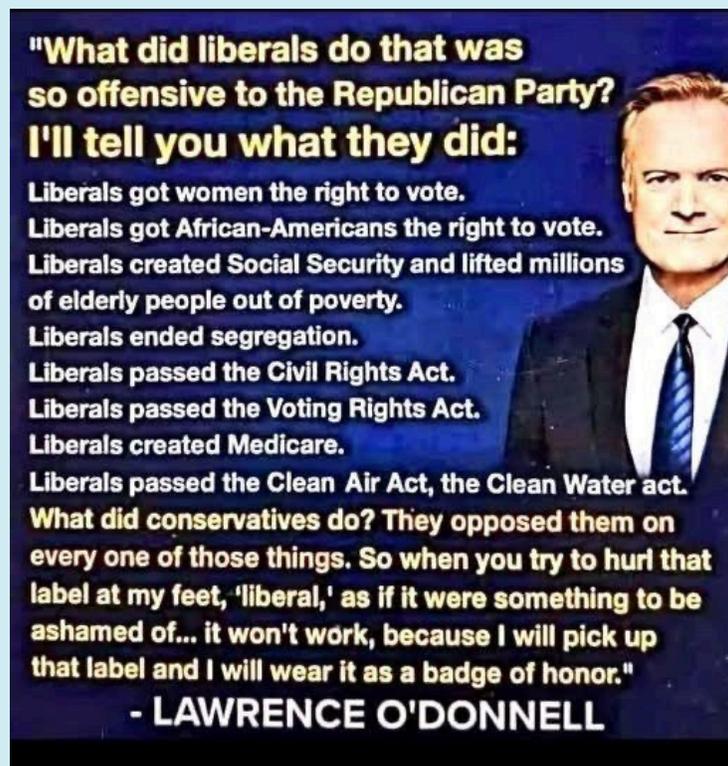
**WHEN OUR DEMOCRACY IS UNDER ATTACK,  
WHAT DO WE DO?**



**STAND UP  
FIGHT BACK**

## Marion County Democrats December 2025 Newsletter

### Meme of the Month!



### Democrats in the News

#### **Salem declares emergency over increased ICE activity, citing reports of unlawful arrests**

Salem city councilors stood against federal immigration practices Monday, declaring an emergency over enforcement that has raised intense fears and concerns throughout the community over the safety of immigrant families, students and workers.

The declaration states that Salem – Oregon's second-largest city – has observed federal agents violate people's constitutional rights while increasing immigration enforcement in the area.

Proposed on Nov. 24th by Councilor [Vanessa Nordyke](#), the declaration passed 6-3. Mayor Julie Hoy and Councilors Shane Matthews and Deanna Gwyn voted against it.

Read more here via OPB: [Salem Declaration of Emergency](#).

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## Senate Democrats introduce bill to block Trump from putting face on dollar coin (No Kings on our Currency)

Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) introduced legislation Tuesday to prevent President Trump or any sitting or living former president from being featured on U.S. currency, a bill that would thwart the U.S. Treasury's plan to issue a commemorative \$1 coin with Trump's image on it.

The bill, titled the Change Corruption Act, is cosponsored by Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden (Ore.) and Richard Blumenthal (Conn.) and states: "No United States currency may feature the likeness of a living or sitting President."

A draft rendering of the Trump coin circulated by the Treasury Department depicts Trump's profile superimposed over the motto: "Liberty."

Cortez Masto said in a statement that "while monarchs put their faces on coins, America has never had and never will have a king."

Link to article on The Hill: [Senate Democrats Oppose Trump Coin](#)

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## House Oversight Democrats Launch New Tool to Document ICE Misconduct Across the Country as 170 American Citizens Illegally Detained by DHS

WASHINGTON — House Oversight Committee Democrats launched the [Master ICE Tracker](#) on Monday, establishing the first federal intake form to document and verify allegations of misconduct by federal immigration enforcement agents during the Trump administration's mass deportation campaign.

Rep. Robert Garcia, the committee's ranking member, announced the tracker last month at a press conference in Los Angeles alongside Mayor Karen Bass, calling it an essential tool to hold the Department of Homeland Security accountable for what he described as unconstitutional enforcement tactics.

"American citizens are being dragged off the streets by masked men and thrown into detention cells without access to a lawyer or even a phone call," Garcia said during the announcement.

Link to article on Migrant Insider: [Democrats Launch Master ICE Tracker](#)

Additionally, you may report incidents to the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition (PIRC) hotline at [1-888-622-1510](tel:1-888-622-1510) and email video to [pircpdx@gmail.com](mailto:pircpdx@gmail.com). Learn more about reporting incidents to PIRC at this link: [Portland Immigrants Rights Coalition](#).

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Fascism Watch

## FBI Making List of American “Extremists,” Leaked Memo Reveals

Attorney General Pam Bondi is ordering the FBI to “compile a list of groups or entities engaging in acts that may constitute domestic terrorism,” according to a Justice Department memo published here exclusively.

The target is those expressing “opposition to law and immigration enforcement; extreme views in favor of mass migration and open borders; adherence to radical gender ideology,” as well as “anti-Americanism,” “anti-capitalism,” and “anti-Christianity.”

That language echoes the so-called indicators of terrorism identified by President Trump’s directive **National Security Presidential Memorandum-7**, or NSPM-7, which the memo says it’s intended to implement. Where NSPM-7 was a declaration of war on just about anyone who isn’t MAGA, this is the war plan for how the government will wage it on a tactical level.

In addition to compiling a list of undesirables, Bondi directs the FBI to enhance the capabilities (and publicity) of its tipline in order to more aggressively solicit tips from the American public on, well, other Americans. To that end, Bondi also directs the FBI to establish “a cash reward system” for information leading to identification and arrest of leadership figures within these purported domestic terrorist organizations. (The memo later instructs the FBI to “establish cooperators to provide information and eventually testify against other members” of the groups.)

Link to article by Ken Klippenstein: [FBI "Domestic Terrorism" memo](#)

Ken Klippenstein interviewed on Democracy Now!: [DOJ's "Domestic Terrorism" Memo](#)



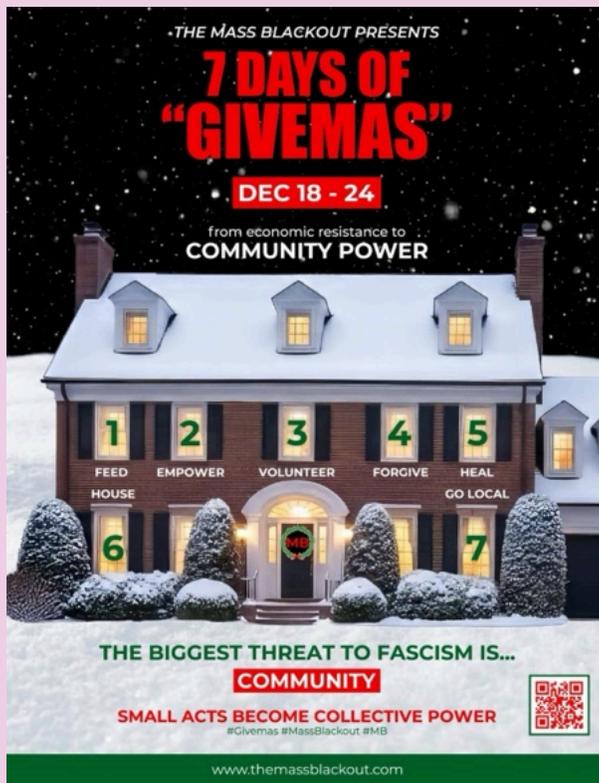


***Don't miss the Marion County Democrats'  
Annual Potluck Holiday Party!***

***Thursday, December 18th  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
(Doors open 6pm)  
245 High Street NE, Salem***

***Join us for Friends, Family & Holiday Cheer!  
Community Potluck Party  
Bring your favorite Appetizer or Dessert***

***White Elephant Gift Exchange  
(give value of \$15 or less)  
Ohhhhhh...the possibilities***



## People in the U.S. are under duress and facing significant challenges across various areas:

The Mass Blackout Coalition (MB) is launching "7 Days of Givemas". This initiative empowers individuals to support one another and build community resilience. Our strength comes from both withholding support from corporations and building community solidarity.

We invite everyone to pledge to an act of mutual aid each day for seven days. If daily participation isn't possible, contribute as you can.

[More Information](#)



Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Willamette Heritage Center

Join Us for an Evening with Vanessa Nordyke—Salem's Next Mayor!  
Salem is growing, and we need a leader who's ready. Join us for an evening with Vanessa Nordyke—current Ward 7 City Councilor, child advocate, and proven community champion

—as she shares her vision for Salem's future.

Vanessa has the experience to tackle our biggest challenges: affordable housing, public safety, and smart growth that preserves our community's character.

Support the future of Salem in an evening of fun and hope.  
Refreshments provided with cash bar.

To RSVP, please visit: [Elect Vanessa Nordyke - Kick Off Party](#)

Visit Vanessa's campaign website for more information: [Elect Vanessa Nordyke](#)

### Upcoming Events by Date:

**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.

**Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM**

#### **Vanessa Nordyke Campaign Kick Off Party!**

Location: Willamette Heritage Center

To RSVP, please visit: [Elect Vanessa Nordyke - Kick Off Party](#)

### **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!

## Past Events

**Holiday Parade  
in Lights**

Lighted Letter  Carriers Needed

Join the Parade  Walk with the

**Marion County  
DEMOCRATS!**



Salem's holiday parade was a big success. The streets were lined with kids, the folks in the parade were having fun and the weather was perfect. Mark Wigg brought some light capes which lit up the group. The idea was to reinforce the Democrats' message of to vote, we don't want kings.



## GET CONNECTED GET INVOLVED

# STANDING COMMITTEES

*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, December 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM**

**[Location: Zoom - Register Here](#)**

**Chairperson: Mary Nikas, [Fundraising@mariondemocrats.org](mailto:Fundraising@mariondemocrats.org)**

**4th Monday at 6:30 PM**

The Marion County fundraising committee adds the "Fun" to Fundraising!

Like to throw Parties?

Have an idea for a Fundraiser?

Join us to share your ideas!

- **Rules Committee - Next Meeting Monday, January 5, 2025 at 7 PM**

[Location: Zoom - Register Here](#)

Chairperson: Victor Dodier, [Rules@mariondemocrats.org](mailto: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, January 6, 2025, 6:30 PM**

Chairperson: Marcia Kelley, [Legislative@mariondemocrats.org](mailto:Legislative@mariondemocrats.org)

1st Tuesday at 6:30 PM

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.

- **Communications Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, January 13, 2025, 6 PM**

Location: Remote meetings will be conducted during the winter months. Contact the chairperson for a meeting link.

Chairperson: Dan Siskin, [Communications@mariondemocrats.org](mailto: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, Next Meeting Wednesday, January 14, 2025 at 7 PM (coordinators)**

[Location: Zoom - Register Here](#)

Chair: Michael Johnson, [nlp@mariondemocrats.org](mailto: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 Meetings: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 & January 20, 2026 at 6 PM**

Location: Marion County Democrat Office 245 High St N.

Program Chairperson: Linda Jayne Garland, [lily18keizer@gmail.com](mailto: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, January 19, 2025 at 10 AM**

Location: Marion County Democrat Office 245 High St N.

*3rd Monday 10am*

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

- **Candidate Support Committee**

Contact Chairperson for next meeting date and location.

*Chairperson: Angelo Arredondo, [Candidates@mariondemocrats.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)



## 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](#)



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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