



Marion County Democrats

November 2025 Newsletter



Special Announcement: The Need is Real and Urgent!

SNAP benefits were needlessly cancelled by the Trump administration on November 1st and while they are reportedly being restored from contingency funds, the need for more assistance is indeed real and urgent. Rising unemployment and higher prices on food and other expenses increases the burden on families and reduces their ability to make ends meet, increasing the demand on food pantries. See the [Marion Polk Food Share Statement on SNAP Benefits Disruption](#) for more information.

As of this writing, the Trump Administration says they will restore SNAP benefits as directed by two federal judges, but the amounts will be reduced by half and will be delayed by a week or more depending on states' ability to process the adjusted amounts. [Article: SNAP benefits will restart, but will be half the normal payment and delayed.](#)

The MCDCC is stepping up to help in this uncertain time. We have placed a donation box in our office and are encouraging visitors to 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, it is also 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](#)



Federal Government Shutdown Info from Andrea Salinas

Shutdown FAQ: <https://salinas.house.gov/shutdown>

Andrea Salinas wants to hear from you about the Federal Government shutdown.

If you or a loved one has been impacted by the government shutdown, she wants to hear from you. Please click the link below to fill out the form. Your information will help her work to re-open the government and lower health care costs.

Government Impact Form: <https://forms.gle/RaDqmk1UmHfiMxJ59>

Report Potential Wrongdoing Under the Trump Administration

If you or someone you know knows of any wrongdoing being done during a federal shutdown, and/or any potential wrongdoings under the Trump Administration, please submit information via instructions at the link below:

<https://oversightdemocrats.house.gov/contact/tip-line>.

Upcoming Elections News

Support Vanessa Nordyke for Mayor of Salem in 2026



Vanessa is a Salem Native, City Councilor, NonProfit Leader, Award-Winning Mentor, and Dog Mom!

Salem City Councilor Vanessa Nordyke has filed to run for mayor, challenging Julie Hoy, who's seeking a second term. Nordyke announced her campaign on Sept. 11 and said if she becomes mayor she will prioritize Salem's most vulnerable and conduct city business with more transparency and ethical conduct.

Read more at [Vanessa's Campaign website.](#)

Sign up to [Volunteer](#) and Donate to [Vanessa's victory here.](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events by Date:

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 3 PM

VANESSA NORDYKE House Party

Come strike a (chord) and bring your enthusiasm to elect our next Mayor, VANESSA NORDYKE. Let's not leave Vanessa flat.

Location: OFF BEAT Coffee Shop, 1190 12th St SE, Salem, OR 97302

RSVP: Linda Garland 503.383.5153 (txt)

Thursday, November 13, 2025, 3 PM

VANESSA NORDYKE "Get to Know You" Party

Come meet our next Mayor, VANESSA NORDYKE.

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

Thursday November 20, 2025, Speak Out, 6 PM; Business 7 PM

Marion County Democrats General Business Meeting

Last of 2025

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

Past Events News



Saturday, October 18, 2025, 12 AM - 3 PM

"No Kings 2.0", Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court St NE, Salem

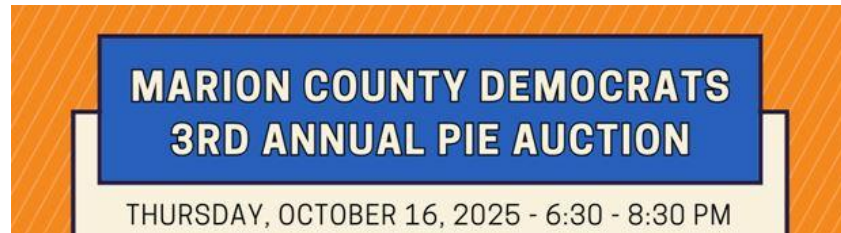
Marion County Democrats set up a booth at the **NO Kings!** rally organized by [Salem](#)

[Region Indivisible](#). The event was a great success with an estimated of between 7,000 to 10,000 people attending just in Salem! Nationwide, it's estimated that 7,000,000 people attended rallies in over 2,500 locations!

Several videos of the rally can be found online. Here are links to a couple of them via YouTube:

[No Kings Rally Salem Oregon OCT 18th 2025 - Salem Region Indivisible](#)

[No Kings rally in Salem, Oregon, October 18, 2025](#)



3rd Annual Pie Contest & Auction
was a *Yuge* Success!

Thank you to all our *Bakers* and *Bidders*...

Nine delicious homemade pies competed
and this year's winners were

Victor Dodier – Best Fruit Pie
Chair Paige Barton – Best Holiday Pie
Larry Scruggs – Best Cream Pie

And a Special Thank You to Our

Master of Ceremonies, Karyssa Dow
Guest Speaker, CM Hall
Auctioneer, Rep. Paul Evans

Join the Fundraising Committee today
We raise funds to help elect Democrats!
Fundraising@MarionDemocrats.org for more information.



Committees are ordered based on their next scheduled meeting or event. This is one of

- **Membership Committee**

Chair: Larry Ramsay, Membership@mariondemocrats.org

Seeking new Membership Chair for 2026

Recent Events:

- "No Kings" Rally, Saturday, October 18th (See article above for pics!)
- Salem Saturday Market, Season has ended, Total \$\$ collected for the year is nearly \$4000. Wonderful work! Thanks go to Larry, Mike, Joel, Mary Ann, Juli, Gwen, Donna, Sue K, Susan D, and others who help set up and staff the tent.

- **Communications Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 6 PM**

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

Chair: Dan Siskin, 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, November 12, 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!

- **Candidate Support Committee - Next Meeting Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6 PM**

Location: Contact Chairperson

Chair: Angelo Arredondo, Candidates@mariondemocrats.org

2nd Thursday at 6 PM

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.

- **Program Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 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, November 18, 2025 at 10 AM ,
Come join us to discuss "The Martyr!" by Kaveh Akbar.

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

- **Fundraising Committee - Next Meeting Monday, November 24, 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!

Recent events:

3rd Annual Pie Contest and Auction,

See auction results at this link: [Pie Contest & Auction Results](#)

Like to throw Parties?

Have an idea for a Fundraiser?

Join us each 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm via Zoom

... 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



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](#)



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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