



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 Thursday (Sept. 11), and said if she becomes mayor she will prioritize Salem's most vulnerable and will conduct city business with more transparency and ethical conduct.

Read more at [the Salem Reporter here.](#)

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



VIRGINIA STAPLETON

launches campaign
for Oregon State Senate District 11

For all of us, Para todos.

Virginia Stapleton Announces Run for State Senate District 11

This campaign is for all of us, by all of us. My team would love to invite you to sign up to volunteer for our campaign! We also invite any community members to publicly endorse my run for the State Senate. This form will take you to all the ways you can get involved in our work in the days and months ahead. We will have a live donation link soon as well!

[Sign up to volunteer with Virginia Stapleton's Campaign Here](#)



Cyrus Javadi, Oregon District 32 Representative, Switches to Democratic Party

Oregon state legislator Cyrus Javadi has switched parties to become a Democrat, saying the GOP is more interested in “burning things down” than governing for its constituents. Rep. Javadi made the announcement on [Substack](#) confirming he will seek reelection on the Democratic ticket next year. His party swap increases the Oregon House’s Democratic majority to 37 seats out of 60.



MARION COUNTY DEMOCRATS 3RD ANNUAL PIE AUCTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 - 6:30 - 8:30 PM
PRINGLE HALL COMMUNITY CENTER
606 CHURCH ST SE, SALEM, OR 97301

PIE CONTEST

Do you make a mean apple pie? A cream pie that's pure heaven? Or perhaps a pumpkin masterpiece that would make your grandmother weep with joy? Then it's time to show off your skills!

Categories That'll Make Your Mouth Water!

- ❤️ Best Cream Pie - Silky, dreamy, and irresistible
- 🍓 Best Fruit Pie - Bursting with seasonal goodness
- 🍂 Best Holiday Pie - Pumpkin and pecan perfection

Whether you're a seasoned baker or this is your first time rolling out dough, we want YOUR pie in this contest. After all, every great pie has a story, and we can't wait to taste yours!

Ready to join the delicious chaos? Register in advance for your best pie and let the friendly competition begin!

After the judging, get ready to bid on these amazing pies! Not only will you take home a delicious dessert made with love, but every dollar you bid helps local Democrats gear up for the 2026 elections.

It's a win-win-win: you get incredible pie, bakers get recognition, and we all get to support the cause we believe in. So come hungry, bring your wallet, and let's turn this tasty competition into meaningful change – **one slice at a time!**

PIE AUCTION

**SPECIAL GUESTS
2026 CANDIDATES
DON'T MISS IT!**

Sign Up to
Enter Your Pie
bit.ly/2025pie



A PRIVATE FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR MARION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PAC ID 332

Enter Your Pie(s) for the Contest



Saturday, September 20, 2025, 11 AM - 6 PM

[Pride in the Park](#)

Salem's 47th annual Pride in the Park!

Location: Riverfront Park, Salem

With over 200 booths of vendors, a full lineup of entertainment, a variety of food trucks, activities, and much more, this community celebration of Pride is bigger than ever.

Marion County Democrats are thrilled to be setting up booth at this event! Stop by and see us - or better yet, volunteer to help chat with the public and sell buttons or T-shirts. Email Mike, newtomike@gmail.com if you'd like to help staff this booth.



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

"No Kings 2.0"

Location: Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court St NE, Salem

Help us remind Trump and his administration that power belongs to the people. America has no kings. This country belongs to us, and we will defend it! Organized by Salem Region Indivisible Event Link: ["No Kings 2.0"](#)

Marion County Democrats will be setting up booth at this event! Stop by and see us, chat with the public and sell buttons or T-shirts.

Upcoming Events by Date:

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 3 – 4pm

Medicare 101 - Free Class

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

This is a free presentation covering all aspects of Medicare coverage and led by a certified SHIBA counselor.

Learn more about the SHIBA program at www.oregonshiba.org.

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 6 – 8:30pm

MCD Monthly General Membership Meeting

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

Meet-and-greet starts at 5:30pm

Speak Out is from 6:00 - 6:30pm

Business Meeting begins at 6:30pm

All Democrats are Welcome!

The Marion County Democrats meet every 3rd Thursday of the Month. (Except Aug & Dec.)

Register to Attend Virtually Here: [Zoom](#)

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 11 AM - 6 PM

[Pride in the Park](#)

Location: Riverfront Park, Salem

Email Mike, newtomike@gmail.com if you'd like to help staff the Marion County Democrats booth.

Thursday, October 16, 2025, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Marion County Democrats 3rd Annual Pie Contest and Auction

Location: Pringle Hall Community Center, 606 Church St. Salem, OR 97301

Pie Lovers Unite - This is your night!

Pie Bakers - Bake your best pies!

Pie Lovers - Come to eat and bid on your favorites!

[Sign Up to Enter Your Pie!](#)

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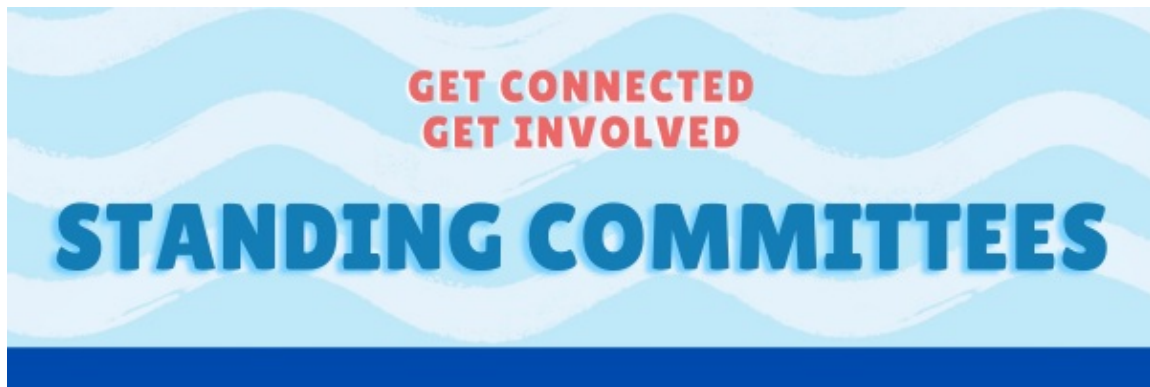
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Committees are ordered based on their next scheduled meeting or event. This is one of the best ways to get involved in our party!

- **Membership Committee**

Chair: Larry Ramsay

Seeking new Membership Chair for 2026

Currently running tabling activities at the downtown Salem Saturday Market, Capitol protests and other Community events. Stop by and help chat up voters while selling buttons, t-shirts and more. Since starting this effort in April, over \$3,500 has been raised!

Upcoming Events:

- Salem Pride in the Park, Riverfront Park, Sept 20th (no Saturday Mkt booth)
- "No Kings" Rally, Saturday, October 18th (no Saturday Mkt booth)
- Salem Saturday Market, Every Saturday thru October, 9:30 am - 1 pm
(booth is set up across the street, south of the market)

- **Fundraising Committee - Next Meeting Monday, Sept 22, 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:

Monte Carlo Night on the Willamette Queen

Backyard Benefit Concert with live music by Ed Desmarteau

Upcoming events:

- 3rd Annual Pie Contest & Auction
- October 16th from 6:30-8:30pm
- Location: Pringle Hall Community Center, 606 Church Street SE, Salem

Like to throw Parties?

Have an idea for a Fundraiser?

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

or reach out to Fundraising@MarionDemocrats.org

- **Neighborhood Leader Committee - Next Meeting Wednesday, September 24, 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!

- **Rules Committee - Next Meeting Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7 PM**

[Location: Zoom - Register Here](#)

Chair: 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!

- **Candidate Support Committee - Next Meeting Thursday, October 9, 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 makes recommendations to the Executive Committee, as well as supporting the recommended candidates through the election process. The will also conduct voter registration drives.

- **Communications Committee - Next Meeting Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 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!

- **Legislative Committee**

For Information, E-mail Marcia!

Chair: Marcia Kelley, legislative@mariondemocrats.org

Our Legislative Committee monitors the legislative sessions. The committee organizes broad communication of bills, hearings and events of interest for citizen participation. Learn about what's going on in our State Legislature this session!

- **Program Committee**

Democrats Book Club, Next Meeting Monday, October 20 at 10 AM, Marion County Democrats Office Office (3rd Monday)

Chair: Linda Jayne Garland



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 Scarves Are Still Available!

Get ready for winter! Our limited edition Marion County Democrats knit sports scarves are the perfect accessory to keep you warm while you show your support for local Democrats.

We sincerely appreciate your financial support of the Marion County Democrats. Since we don't receive funding from outside groups, your contribution makes a real difference in our work!

Scarves available for purchase at the Marion County Democrats office for \$50 each.
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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