



DELAWARE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Delaware County Democratic Party News

ODP Family Reunion 2022

On Friday evening, July 15, the Ohio Democratic Party (ODP) is hosting its first in-person, large-scale event in over two years. The 2022 Family Reunion features Senator Sherrod Brown, Congressman and US Senate Nominee Tim Ryan, Gubernatorial Nominee Nan Whaley, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, and Democrats from all over Ohio. The main event will be held at Kemba Live! at 405 Neil Ave in Columbus, and there will be an after party next door at A&R Bar (391 Neil) following the program. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6:30.

Delaware County has a tradition of being well represented at statewide events such as this. We are reserving 3 blocks of ten tickets as a start, and could get more if needed. At this time, we are offering tickets through our party at a **discount**, as long as they are available. Best to reserve your spot now! When our county party purchases a block of 10 General Admission Tickets, each individual ticket will only be \$75. You can purchase these tickets via our [Act Blue page](#) (note that we are charged a small fee for each one, so feel free to add a "tip") [Additional details](#), sponsorship opportunities and tickets for just the After Party can be purchased directly from ODP, with general admission tickets at \$100 per seat.

SUMMER TIME EVENTS - [SIGN UP!](#)

Update from Holly Hanson, 2nd Vice Chair (hhanson7661@gmail.com):

The Events Committee was able to replace our old tent with a beautiful new custom-made tent for the Delaware County Democratic Party. This was paid for out of the Events Committee budget for the year. We have already used it for two events, and it has created a lot of interest!

JUNE 24 - Westerville Fourth Friday

JULY 1 - Delaware City First Friday.

JULY 4 - Several parades and festivals will be held throughout the county, and our party will be participating in Delaware, Powell, and Sunbury. Go to the [Signup Genius](#) to sign up.

JULY 11 - Farewell to Marianne Gabel and Don Lateiner at the Strand Theatre in Delaware, from 5 to 7 p.m. Marianne Gabel and Don Lateiner have been such an integral part of the Delaware Community for the last 49 years. They have helped so many people and organizations in so many ways that are unknown because they do not want any accolades or even recognition. Let's give these special people a thank from Delaware, as they move to their new home and new life in New Hampshire.

JULY 15 - ODP Family Reunion 2022. See above.

JULY 16 - ODP Training Event for County Party Leaders. Let Peg know if you are interested.

JULY 17 - Join in [Cleanup](#) of our section of Highway OH 750 - **Meet at 7 AM** Sunday morning, with breakfast afterwards!

JULY 21 - Regular CC/EC Meeting featuring Candidate speakers, in-person at Delaware Township Hall, 2590 Liberty Road in Delaware.

AUGUST 2 - Primary for state district candidates (see below).

AUGUST 18 - Regular CC/EC Meeting at Delaware Township Hall

AUGUST 20 - Delaware County [Benefit in the Barn](#), supporting hunger relief programs in Delaware and Union counties.

Candidate Support - Meet the Candidates

Chair Joyce Bourgault (joycedemocratic@gmail.com):

August 2 is the date that Ohio voters will be able to choose representatives in the Ohio House and Senate, albeit with unconstitutional maps that will only be in effect for this election cycle. We had a Primary on May 3, so some have called August 2 date a "Secondary". (Just a little Election humor there).

Appearing on the August 2 Primary Ballot:

Louise Valentine, Ohio House District 61 (eastern part of Delaware County)

Heather Swiger and Chrissie Hinshaw, Ohio Senate District 19

Mary C Rugola-Dye, State Central Committee Woman

Joydeep Gupta and John K. Hartman, State Central Committee Man

Democratic Nominees after the May 3 Primary, will appear on November ballot:

Tamie Wilson, US House District 4 (Western Delaware County + many other counties)

Amy Rippel-Elton, US House District 12 (Eastern Delaware County + other counties)

Tiffany Bukoffsky, Delaware County Commissioner

Vera Thornhill, Delaware County Auditor

Read more about our candidates via the links on our party website: www.ohiodeladems.org

Communications Committee

Chair Don Swartwout (dswartwout@gmail.com):

The Communications Committee is a crucial part of our organization. If you have skills in writing, working with social media, and/or taking photographs, please contact us at communications@ohiodeladems.org.

The Communications Committee coordinates and manages our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#), this newsletter, and email. We promote DCDP and progressive values, pass along news items, and always try to maintain a positive presence on social media.

Regional Meetings

Before our next CC/EC meeting, Regional leaders will bring people together within their regions to elect or re-elect Regional Managers and to make other plans for working together to support Democrats throughout the county. So far, the [Big Walnut](#) and [Dublin/Liberty/Powell](#) regions have met and chosen their leadership. [Orange Region](#) is scheduled to meet on June 29, and [Buckeye Valley](#) will meet in July. [Delaware City](#) and [Westerville/Genoa Township](#) meetings are in the planning stage. If you don't know what region you live in, please email the Communications committee at communications@ohiodeladems.org.

Voter Protection Program

ODP is recruiting Poll Observers for the General Election. Observers may work outside their home county. If you are interested, please reach out to voterprotection@ohiodems.org.

Message from the Chair, Peg Watkins

At our June organizational meeting, held on June 2, we elected/re-elected our Party officers and formed our new Executive Committee, adding members that met the criteria set in our revised Constitution and By-Laws. We did all of this in less than 30 minutes - shortest

meeting ever! Thank you to all who participated and WELCOME to Corey Constable, our new Secretary and Lisa Saponaro, our new Treasurer. Congratulations to Joydeep Gupta and Holly Hanson, who will continue to serve as Vice Chairs, and thank you for your continuing support of me as your Chair. See more information from our officers below.

Meet our New Treasurer, Lisa Saponaro

Lisa and her husband moved to Lewis Center August of 2016, and they have two children, an 8 year old daughter and 3 year old son.

A proud graduate of The Ohio State University, she earned a bachelor's in Industrial & Systems Engineering, and has been employed with 4 different Ohio-based companies, 3 of which have Global headquarters within our own state lines. Lisa is not a "building bridges" Engineer, rather, she drives and influences regulations for Vertiv (formerly Liebert), a niche air conditioning market. Her boss boils down her number one job priority as simply "you keep us out of trouble."

Lisa says, "Thank you for placing your confidence in me to serve as DCDP Treasurer. I am energized by the momentum this group has and I want to contribute to that. By taking on the Treasurer responsibilities so that we meet all of our cut-and-dry mandatory financial procedures, the rest of the group can focus on generating more interest and engagement for the Democratic Party and our dedicated candidates within our community. Thank you.

Message from the 1st Vice Chair, Joydeep Gupta

I draw lot of inspiration from President Obama's saying - 'Individuals who are committed to grassroots organizing can be the most powerful catalysts for change' and now, more than ever, it's so very important for all of us to be out in the community, get involved at the grassroots level, mobilize, organize, and advocate for meaningful change to make our communities a much better place for all of us, for our next generation and for generations to come. Thank you Delaware Democrats for re-electing me as your First Vice-Chair and for your continued faith & trust. I remain immensely grateful and hope to live up to the expectations. Best wishes, Joydeep Gupta.

Our Goals



Energize Local Democrats

Just knowing you are not the only Democrat in your city, township, or neighborhood makes a difference. As we bring local Democrats together in Delaware County, we find new energy for all of us.



Get Democrats Elected

We need candidates and many volunteers to support our candidates. Explore what role you can play to help get more Democrats elected in Delaware County.



Challenge Single Party Rule

Republican candidates often run without opposition in our county, but this is changing. Every candidate who runs helps to build our party's strength and influence in county government.



Join us!

Membership in our county party is more than just a word. We are a community of like-minded Democrats passionate about bringing change to our community. [Read more here](#) about how to become a member if you aren't one yet. We'd love to have you!



Get Involved

There are many opportunities to get involved! Our party meets regularly to discuss priorities and organize to meet our goals. There are also candidate events, precinct and regional organizing and community events. Sign up [here](#) to get connected and be sure to keep reading this newsletter for updates.



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