

# ElkCoDems Goin' On 2018

Official Newsletter of the Elkhart County Democratic Party

*Happy  
Holidays*

*From  
Elkhart County Democrats*



## Peace & Joy!

Wishing everyone well as you engage in time with family and friends, celebrations, spiritual observances, and/or personal reflection during this special season. It is also the time of bringing closure to the current year and looking forward to the coming year.

Elkhart County Democrats can celebrate the efforts of our dedicated members in 2018. Folks who took a big step to run for office and those who worked to support the campaigns were our voices in the community. They addressed issues and promoted Democratic values. They met, talked with, and listened to other citizens. They let people know we are here, and that we are working to ensure that representatives will hear a broader scope of perspectives than just those of their own peers.

Winning elections is tough for Dems in this county. Regardless of the results, there are no losers. Every effort to reach out in our community is a positive connective energy flow. We know we have challenges externally and internally. We showed that Dems can and will work together. . We will continue to grow as a party, as citizens, and as individuals in working to promote our values and foster government for the people. We can do this. Elkhart County Democrats Keep Goin' On Goin' On, and it's a good thing!



## Upcoming ECDP Events

### Monthly Business Meetings

Ivy Tech Community College

January Date TBD

Check our Facebook page and website for updates

### Other Events of Interest

#### Celebrate Our Successes

Goshen Brewing Company this Thursday at 7:00 December 13th  
315 West Washington St, Goshen  
See Chair's Corner for more info

### Elkhart County Democratic Women

Will be scheduling to meet after the holidays

Date, Time, and Location TBA

### League of Women Voter's of Elkhart County

Monthly meetings are held at the Ivy Tech Community Center  
Check for schedule at <http://www.lwvec.org/>



### 2<sup>nd</sup> District Caucus

To Elect a New Chair  
Sunday December 16, 2019

2:30 pm

2105 E State Road 14  
Rochester, IN

## Chair's Corner –

*Events of interest coming up soon and announcements*

I received a note from Paul Steury who ran for Elkhart County Council for an impromptu holiday gathering. It will be at **Goshen Brewing Company 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> located at 315 West Washington Street in Goshen.** Dutch treat unless you care to buy a fellow Democrat a beverage. Please let Paul know you are coming so he can plan accordingly. He can be reach 574-320-6062 or [paulsteury@gmail.com](mailto:paulsteury@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

Second District Chairwoman Jodi Saville resigned Tuesday, November 27th. Pursuant to State Party rules, Vice Chair Brian Smith (Kosciusko County Chair) is acting District Chair and has called a caucus on **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 2:30 p.m. EST** at 2105 E State Road 14, Rochester, IN. Those interested in being elected District Chair must submit a notice of candidacy in writing to the Vice Chair and Secretary of the committee at least seventy two (72) hours prior to the caucus. This position will serve until March 2021. **Deadline to file is Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. EST.**

Notices should be sent to the following:

Brian Smith [chair@kosciuskodemocrats.com](mailto:chair@kosciuskodemocrats.com) or text 219-628-1191

Vicki Morton [vicechair@kosciuskodemocrats.com](mailto:vicechair@kosciuskodemocrats.com) or text 708-921-2718

Are you interested in running for a city office or running a candidate's campaign for city office? The Indiana State Party is conducting training for municipal candidates and campaign staff. **This will be held in Indianapolis on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.** The tools and tips needed to launch a successful campaign will be provided. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. breakfast and lunch will be served. Please be sure to register at <https://www.indems.org/> and select Municipal Candidate Training. Hope to see you there!

I am sad to report the passing of Mike Leasor. Mike served a multiple of capacities within the party as Precinct Committeeman, Election Board Member and Elkhart County Democratic Chairman as well as serving both the cities of Elkhart and Goshen as building inspector and building commissioner respectively. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Thank you again for your support of the Elkhart County Democratic Party. Best,

Chad Crabtree, Chairman  
Elkhart County Democratic Party



Your monetary donations to the general fund continue our party's efforts. You may donate by using the ActBlue through our website at <http://www.elkhartcountymocrats.com/> Or you can send them to our PO Box 1116, Elkhart IN 46515. If you wish to make a donation in person, join us at our monthly meetings.

Monetary donations to the ECDP are not tax deductible under IRS regulation.

## Candidate Corner

### Indiana State Democratic Party Training

For Municipal Candidates and  
Campaign Staff

Saturday January 12, 2019  
10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Ivy Tech Conference Center  
2820 N Meridian St Indianapolis, IN  
46208

Register at

[https://secure.ngpvan.com/EzO5QpFB\\_U--xU4pNtO3bA2](https://secure.ngpvan.com/EzO5QpFB_U--xU4pNtO3bA2)

### 2019 Candidate Declarations

January 9, 2019 – February 8, 2019

Office of the  
Elkhart County Circuit Court Clerk

101 N Main St # 205

Goshen, IN 46526

(574) 535-6431

## 2019 – A New Election Year

Information regarding the 2019 Municipal Elections was released on the Elkhart County Elections Facebook page this week. The Candidate page on the County Clerk's website has not yet been updated for 2019.

Following is information for declaring candidacy and offices that will be up for election in Elkhart County cities and towns.

The Election Board will begin accepting major party candidate declarations on Wednesday, January 9 at 8:00 a.m. for the 2019 Municipal Primary Election. Candidate declarations (as well as a "Statement of Economic Interests" (CAN-12 form)) are due by NOON on Friday, February 8, 2019.

Filing for local positions will take place in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk, located in the Goshen courthouse. Additional information and forms can be found under the "Candidate Information" link on the Secretary of State's website: [www.in.gov/sos/elections](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections).

### Municipal Offices Open for Election in 2019

#### City of Elkhart

Mayor	1 <sup>st</sup> District Common Council	4 <sup>th</sup> District Common Council
City Judge	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Common Council	5 <sup>th</sup> District Common Council
City Clerk	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Common Council	6 <sup>th</sup> District Common Council
Common Council at Large (3) Seats		

#### City of Goshen

Mayor	1 <sup>st</sup> District Common Council	4 <sup>th</sup> District Common Council
City Judge	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Common Council	5 <sup>th</sup> District Common Council
City Clerk - Treasurer	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Common Council	
Common Council at Large (2) Seats		

#### City of Nappanee

Mayor	1 <sup>st</sup> District Common Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> District Common Council
City Judge	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Common Council	4 <sup>th</sup> District Common Council
City Clerk - Treasurer	Common Council at Large (1) Seat	

#### Town of Bristol

City Clerk - Treasurer	Town Council at Large (2) Seats
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#### Town of Millersburg

Town Clerk - Treasurer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Town Council
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Town Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Town Council

Let's get fired up in 2019 for another round!

You can follow updates of election information for Elkhart County by liking the Elkhart County Elections Facebook page. We will also be sharing posts on our Facebook page. We will also be working on updating our website at <https://www.elkhartcountymocrats.com/> for 2019 over the next few weeks and as information develops.

**Happy New Year!**



### Ride With Democratic Pride

Do you have a low number D license plate? Show your Democratic Pride on the outside! The County Chair has control of 20 D plates 1-100. Plates numbered 1-4 are reserved for the Central Committee but others are available. For more information or to request your plate for the 2017 renewal please contact Chad Crabtree.



### Got a Newsletter Idea?

What do you want to read about in the ECDP newsletter? Let us know.

Perhaps you would like to contribute your own writing. Possibilities include a review of a Dem event you recently attended or worked, a project your committee is working on, a story about the history of the Elkhart County Democrats, or a profile of one of our members. For story ideas, comments, questions, suggestions or critiques, please email [elkcodems@gmail.com](mailto:elkcodems@gmail.com).



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