



The Republican

Newsletter of the Macomb County Republican Party



Message from Chairman Jared Maynard

Dear Fellow Republicans,

We are the Party of constrained government, fiscal responsibility, personal accountability and family values. It is in that spirit that I write to you today.

The Charter Commission has completed a proposed charter to restructure the government of the county. Governor Granholm has approved the charter and the commission has advanced the next step for passage – the decision will be placed before the voters countywide this November.

After reviewing with many grassroots Party leaders and elected Republican Officials over the past few weeks, I am bringing forward a discussion on the charter at our next Executive Committee meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren (see location and address in the sidebar).

At this meeting, we will have a discussion that will be informational and afford you the chance to provide input on the direction of the Party respective to the proposed charter.

I encourage you to bring passion for your position with an open mind to your fellow Republicans' opinions.

Thank you for your attendance. I look forward to a spirited but cordial exchange of ideas on the proposed charter.

Sincerely,

Jared Maynard
Chairman, Macomb County Republican Party

Next Executive Meeting of the Macomb GOP

Thurs., Aug. 2, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Ukrainian Cultural Center
26601 Ryan Rd.
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Czasak Running for State YR Chair

Scott Czasak, Chair of the Macomb County Young Republicans, is running for the YR chairmanship at the state level. The state post became available when current state Chair, Stuart Foster, accepted the position of Midwest Vice-Chairman at the recent Young Republican Convention.

Czasak has written an announcement of his candidacy which details his plans should he win the post. The announcement can be found online at <http://macombgop.com/2009/07/27/czasak-state-chair/>.

Join Rep. Miller in the Imlay City Parade

The 2009 Parade Season continues this weekend in downtown Imlay City with the annual Blueberry Festival Parade which caps off a fun day of events for the family. Congresswoman Miller will be participating in the parade which starts at **6 p.m. on Saturday, August 1.**

Anyone who would like to join the Congresswoman is invited to do so. If participating, please meet at the staging area at 5:15 p.m. which will be located at Imlay City High School. The school is located at 1001 Norlin Dr., Imlay City, MI 48444. Please park by the school as the parade route is circular. Look for the WHITE SAIL with the Congresswoman's name. Shirts will be available for those that need one.

To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact the Congresswoman's campaign at 586-323-4980 or via email at info@candice-miller.com.

Macomb County Young Republicans

July was a great month for the Macomb YRs. At our 3rd annual Mini-Golf outing, a great time was had by all. Chairman Scott Czasak won the day, with Jim Arapostatsis coming in second and Treasurer John Cruz coming in third. Thanks to all who came out and took part in this event.

July was also the month of the bi-annual Young Republican National Convention and Macomb County sent the largest contingent to the Michigan delegation with five of our members participating. Michigan's own Stuart Foster was elected Midwest Vice-Chairman, Michigan's Torion Bridges was appointed Outreach Committee Chairman and Macomb's own Scott Czasak was appointed Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chairman. Michigan and Macomb's YRs are a force to be reckoned with within the national Young Republicans.

Our August meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 4 at 7 p.m.** at Aspen on Hall Road. We hope to see you there (see side panel for the address).

Welcome the Newest Members of the MCGOP

- Micheline Trospen (Macomb)
- Steven M. Watrion (Warren)

Next Meeting of the Young Republicans

Tues., Aug 4, 2009 at 7 p.m.
Aspen Restaurant and Bar
20333 Hall Rd.
Macomb, MI 48044



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State Spends Tax Dollars to Tout Road Construction

From the offices of State Representatives Pete Lund and Kim Meltzer:

The state is spending thousands of federal stimulus dollars - money intended to create jobs and jumpstart the economy - to construct more than 100 metal road signs to tell motorists that stimulus funds are being used to fund road improvement projects across the state.



State Reps. Pete Lund and Kim Meltzer blasted the governor for wasting taxpayer money and called for an immediate halt to the work. They estimate the cost at \$300,000.

"I am absolutely astounded that the governor's administration would

authorize such a flagrant waste of taxpayer money at a time when our state is already \$1.7 billion in the hole," said Lund, R-Shelby Township. "How about instead of spending money on signs to tell drivers we are fixing the roads, we use the money to actually fix the roads?"

The signs, which are an optional state expenditure, read "Putting America to Work. This project funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor." Because federal funds are used, it is a violation of federal regulations for Granholm's name to appear on the signs. MDOT announced it will stop using the governor's name in the future after House Republicans raised concerns, but will not remove it from signs currently in place.

"I'd like to know how the governor can possibly justify this unnecessary, extraordinarily wasteful expenditure on what essentially amounts to a publicity stunt when she just fired 100 state police troopers to save money, and now the governor is talking about raising taxes on gas," said Meltzer, of Clinton Township. "Talk about priorities that are out-of-whack. For every \$100,000 the state spends on these signs, a state trooper's job could be saved."

The head of MDOT recently proposed raising taxes on gas and threatened to cancel 137 road improvement projects due to lack of funding. Michigan has the fifth highest taxes on gas in the nation.

Lund and Meltzer also renewed their call for the state to create a publicly-searchable website to show taxpayers how their money is spent. Granholm has so far rejected calls to increase government transparency by posting expenditures online.

"Nobody knows exactly how much MDOT is spending on these signs, and the administration has refused to disclose to lawmakers the exact amount. That's a problem. Taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent," Lund said.

Lund figured his \$300,000 cost estimate based on the number of stimulus-related projects where the department plans to use signs. MDOT says the overall cost is only \$15,000, but Lund questioned the accuracy of that number, noting that figure does not factor in all the projects where signage has been called for in the bid specifications and in which the contractor has worked the cost of the signs into the overall project. Each custom sign costs approximately \$1,000 to fabricate and install, and two signs are used per project to alert drivers in both directions.

Bonus Content at

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Read additional articles online at macombgop.com. This month's articles feature:

- Political columnist George Weeks contrasts the styles of the Chairman of the state political parties, Ron Weiser of the Republican Party and Mark Brewer of the Democratic Party.
- Pam Weiss, legislative assistant to State Rep. Kim Meltzer, talks about her personal experiences with government run health care and why it is not a model we should be adopting nationwide.

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MCRWC Labor Day Peach Festival Picnic

The Macomb County Republican Women's Club is inviting all good conservatives to the Romeo Peach Festival Family Picnic on Labor Day.

The picnic will be held on **September 7**, following the Romeo Peach Festival parade and will be located at the home of Marianne Weiss. The parade starts at 1 p.m. so come walk in the parade with your favorite candidate/elected official and join the picnic afterward. The picnic will feature live music, volleyball, games for the kids, friends and fun! Hamburgers, hot dogs, pop, juice and water will be provided. Bring lawn chairs. **OPTIONAL:** Share your favorite recipe by bringing a side dish or sweets.

Please RSVP and obtain location information by calling 586-752-4763 or email to macombrepublicanwomen@usa.com.

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