



# The Republican

Newsletter of the Macomb County Republican Party



## Message from Chairman Jared Maynard

Greetings Fellow Republicans,

Well here we are with another summer in the books. I wanted to thank all the volunteers who have helped this summer. Together, the party has done several projects we have not done before and it could not have been happened without all the volunteers.

In the month of October we have two events. The first is the Secretary of State Debate on October 12, 2009. This event will be at the Gazebo in Warren. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the debate starting soon after. The debate will feature the candidates for Secretary of State. Anne Norlander, Sen. Michelle McManus and Sen. Cameron Brown are all going to be in attendance (for information on these candidates, see the links in this newsletter or

on the MCGOP website). I hope you will be there.

On October 3, 2009, the Macomb County Republicans are sponsoring a Michigan-Michigan State Tailgate Phone Bank for Sen. Mike Nofs, the Republican candidate in the 19th Senate District special election. We will have food, fun, phone calls and afterwards, watch the Michigan vs. Michigan State game together.

Our next Executive Committee meeting is on October 1, 2009 at the Washington Township Senior Center. I look forward to seeing everybody then.

Sincerely,

Jared Maynard  
Chairman, Macomb County  
Republican Party

## Next Executive Meeting of the Macomb GOP

Thurs., Oct. 1, 2009 at 7 p.m.  
Washington Twp. City Hall  
57900 Van Dyke Rd.  
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## Welcome the Newest Members of the MCGOP

- Christopher Gold (Clinton Twp.)
- Roger Lonsway (Sterling Heights)

## Secretary of State Candidate Debate

The Macomb GOP is having our second Eat and Greet on **Monday, October 12** at the Gazebo in Warren. The event will feature a debate between GOP candidates for Secretary of State: Sen. Cameron Brown, Sen. Michelle McManus and Anne Norlander. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the debate starting soon after.

If you have any questions, please call 586-731-6217 or email the party HQ at [info@macombgop.com](mailto:info@macombgop.com).

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## Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Events

By Jean Uhl

On Saturday, September 19, eighteen volunteers gave their time and talent to participate in a phone bank for Republican Mike Nofs' race in State Senate District 19, located in Jackson and Calhoun Counties. The phone bank was a huge success as these volunteers completed 1,850 calls in four hours! A big "thank you" to all who participated. Just think how many more calls could have been made with more volunteers.

Some ask why we, in Macomb County, should donate our time to this election many miles away. This seat is critical in maintaining our slim edge in the State Senate. Also, the greater good is served by working for his election. It sends an early message that Republicans are tired of the status quo and are ready and willing to fight back.

As the election cycle moves forward, we will need more volunteers than ever before. Making phone calls, going door to door, greeting visitors, passing out lawn signs and answering incoming phone calls will all be needed for both local and statewide candidates.

We are in the process of obtaining a central location to house these activities. We'll keep you informed.

If you have a question or to have your name placed on the "VIV" (Very Important Volunteer) list, please contact the Macomb County Party at (586) 731-6217.

## Appointments to Boards and Commissions

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is responsible for filling positions on various boards and commissions which are established by federal, state and local laws, and resolutions adopted by the County Board. There are three methods of appointment: by vote of the board, selection by the chair with board approval and direct appointment by the chair.

Please consider filling one of the current openings. Find openings online at [http://www.macombcountymi.gov/MACOMB\\_GOV/boc\\_committee\\_position\\_vacancies.htm](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/MACOMB_GOV/boc_committee_position_vacancies.htm).

## Senior Outreach Day in Chesterfield Twp.

The Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services with the support of County Commissioner Kathy Vosburg will coordinate a Senior Outreach Day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, in Chesterfield Township.

The clinic will be held at the Chesterfield Senior Center in the Chesterfield Township Offices building located at 47275 Sugarbush Rd.

For more information, please see full details online at <http://macombgop.com/2009/09/22/senior-outreach-day/>.

## Next Meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> District Republicans

Thurs., Oct. 8, 2009 at 7 p.m.  
National Coney Island  
30140 Van Dyke  
(btwn. 12 Mile Rd. & 13 Mile Rd.)  
Warren, MI 48093

Contact Jean Uhl with questions at (586) 264-1304 or [jauhl@att.net](mailto:jauhl@att.net).

## GOP Candidates

### Governor

- Mike Bouchard  
[www.bouchardforgovernor.com](http://www.bouchardforgovernor.com)
- Mike Cox  
[www.mikecox2010.com](http://www.mikecox2010.com)
- Tom George  
[www.georgeforgovernor.com](http://www.georgeforgovernor.com)
- Pete Hoekstra  
[www.hoekstraforgovernor.com](http://www.hoekstraforgovernor.com)
- Rick Snyder  
[www.rickformichigan.com](http://www.rickformichigan.com)

### Attorney General

- Mike Bishop  
[www.mikebishop.com](http://www.mikebishop.com)
- Bill Schuette  
[www.billschuette.com](http://www.billschuette.com)

### Secretary of State

- Cameron Brown  
[www.cameronsbrown.com](http://www.cameronsbrown.com)
- Michelle McManus  
[www.michellemcmanus.org](http://www.michellemcmanus.org)
- Anne Norlander  
[www.annenorlander.com](http://www.annenorlander.com)

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## State Budget Update from Reps. Lund and Meltzer

We are cautiously optimistic as we update you on progress of the 2010 state budget crisis. Target agreements have been reached (a process normally completed in May or June) and House Speaker Andy Dillon, a Democrat, agreed with the leadership of House and Senate Republicans that raising taxes on Michigan families would be devastating.

This is setting up a showdown between the Legislature and governor. The governor has said publicly that she will not support an all-cuts solution, calling again for “revenue enhancements”, her fancy word for tax and fee increases.

These decisions will be tough, and as we get closer to the Oct. 1 showdown, negotiations are likely to stay heated and there will probably be a lot of confusion and partisan fighting in the media, so it is important to be clear where Republican lawmakers stand.

House Republicans absolutely do not support “revenue enhancements.”

Republicans are willing to work with Democrats to get this problem solved, but not create a bigger one in the meantime by raising taxes. Early on in negotiations, Republicans proposed a detailed plan to balance the budget without raising taxes. We stand by this plan, which may be viewed online at [www.gophouse.com/plan](http://www.gophouse.com/plan).

Two years ago, the governor said raising taxes was a comprehensive solution that would put the state on a

stable fiscal footing for the long term. It should be evident by now that that wasn't true. Raising taxes wasn't a comprehensive solution because lawmakers didn't make any corresponding government reforms and the state continued to spend more than it could afford. Michigan's unemployment rate has doubled since taxes were raised two years ago and we simply do not believe families or job providers can afford another tax hike.

By reforming state government, we are moving our government back in line with the needs of the people. This is a long-term approach that will help put Michigan in a better position to grow and be prosperous in the future.

It is an embarrassment to our state that we push this Oct. 1 deadline so close to the wire every year, and is yet another example of the governor's lack of leadership. It only does more harm than good to Michigan's already tarnished national image and credit rating.

We need to get the budget done so that lawmakers can focus attention where it should be – on fixing the economy. If, however, we get to a point where it is near midnight on Sept. 30 and there still isn't a budget in place, Republicans absolutely do not support a government shutdown. Should we be forced to pass a continuation budget, funding for essential public services like police protection will still be provided.

We bring this news back home with cautious optimism, and will continue to work for a better Michigan.

## Rep Miller Sponsors Unemployment Benefits Extension

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (MI-10) is an original cosponsor of a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that will extend unemployment benefits for 13 weeks to those who live in states with 8.5% unemployment rates and higher. With over 400,000 workers projected to exhaust all of their unemployment benefits at the end of September and over a million by year's end, the vast majority live in states with unemployment rates over 8.5%. Miller's home state of Michigan has the highest unemployment rate in the country, at 15%, and 100,000 uninsured individuals in the state will see their benefits run out at the end of this year if Congress does not act. The Congresswoman said that

these challenging times call for assistance from the federal government to those in the most need.

“One hundred thousand Michiganders will see their unemployment benefits run out at the end of this year if we do not act,” said Miller. “With the highest unemployment rate in the nation, we must do all we can to help those who are in the most need. These are challenging times for job seekers, and it is vital that they have the resources necessary to stay above water while they continue to look for work. The economy will improve and our talented workforce will find jobs, but in the meantime we need to

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extend the benefits for those who live in states that have been the hardest hit.”

While some indicators show that the economy is slowly improving, figures show that one-third of the unemployed have been out of work for longer than six months. There are six unemployed Americans for every job available.

Miller said that even though her state has the highest unemployment rate in the nation, she is hopeful that things will improve in the near future and voiced faith in her state’s workforce.

“Michigan has the most talented pool of workers in the country, and they have worked hard for us,” said Miller. “We cannot turn our backs on them in challenging times when they need our help the most.”

#### Bonus Content at [www.macombgop.com](http://www.macombgop.com)

Read additional articles online at [macombgop.com](http://macombgop.com). This month’s articles feature:

- Simon Haddad talks about how Clinton Township is talking about cutting services and increasing revenues to support lavish benefits for city employees.
- Congresswoman Candice Miller recently addressed the House of Representatives regarding national healthcare legislation.

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