



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin.

Feeling helpless?

Call your US SENATORS AND
REPRESENTATIVES

Get involved in State Recall Elections - even
if they are not your district

Find out how below.

FEDERAL DEBT CEILING CRISIS Click here for contact info for U.S. Senators Ron Johnson and Herb Kohl and U.S. Rep. Ron Kind. Don't get discouraged if their lines are jammed. They need to hear if you are for compromise or not.

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/legislators/>

TUES., AUG. 9 AND TUES., AUG. 16 RECALL ELECTIONS FOR STATE

SENATORS These recall elections have national implications. What can you do if a recall isn't in your district? Plenty.

- Make phone calls from your home - to get out the vote in one of the recall districts.
- Send money to one or more of the campaigns. If you've seen the TV ads you'll understand why the candidates need financial help.
- Canvass in a nearby district. The Fred Clark-Luther Olsen (Baraboo area) and Jen Shilling-Dan Kapanke (LaCrosse area) races are the closest. Click here for candidate contact info.

Democratic candidates: http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=224578394218870

Republican candidates: <http://www.wispolitics.com/index.html?Article=238683>

GRASSROOTS MEMBERS ARE ASKING. What is ALEC? This powerful right wing lobbying group is said to provide the blueprint for the Walker administration proposals to suppress unions, require photo IDs, privatize schools and public assets, and protect corporate tax loopholes. Click here to learn more about ALEC:

http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_8f26d924-b30c-11e0-ac6a-001cc4c002e0.html Or go to the Grassroots FACEBOOK PAGE for more info and to leave comments.

GRASSROOTS FACEBOOK PAGE

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grassroots-Citizens-of-wisconsin/174246405925559?sk=wall>

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - or know someone who might run? If so, you'll be interested in the draft redistricting map for the county which shows new boundaries for the supervisory districts. Click here: <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

LOOKING FOR THE TRUTH about controversial topics? Check out FactCheck.org Here's a great example of how this nonpartisan fact-checking website provides invaluable information about the topic of immigration. Wisconsin Senate Bill 137 (introduced by state Democrats) would penalize employers up to \$10,000 for each undocumented worker they hire. So do undocumented immigrants have an adverse effect on wages and jobs for documented workers? Most economists who have studied this question conclude that immigrants create jobs and increase average wages for American-born workers. There's an excellent discussion at FactCheck.org entitled "Does immigration cost jobs?" <http://www.factcheck.org/2010/05/does-immigration-cost-jobs/>

POLITIFACT WISCONSIN is another great fact source This nonpartisan website focuses on truth-telling in Wisconsin politics. Here's the link: <http://www.politifact.com/wisconsin/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Aug. 7, 7 p.m. (Governor Dodge State Park) ANNUAL LANTERNS FOR PEACE EVENT This annual event commemorates the 66th Anniversary of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings. Held at the Twin Valley Lake beach shelter at Governor Dodge State Park, lantern making, storytelling and singing begins at 7 p.m. At dusk the lanterns are floated on the lake - a breathtaking sight. Bring finger food to share. This event is sponsored by the Grassroots Citizens for Peace. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to join a children's choir at the event, contact Jane Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countriespeed.com.

Mon., Sept 19, 6 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) NEXT ESL TUTOR TRAINING PROGRAM BEGINS With a long waiting list of adult local students eager to learn English, we're starting our next tutor training program in September. CAN YOU HELP? Tutoring is one-on-one in the students' homes. The ten-hour tutor training will be held in three sessions the week of Sept. 19: Monday, Sept. 19 (6 to 9 p.m.); Thurs., Sept. 22 (6 to 9 p.m.); Sat., Sept. 24 (8:30 to 12:30 p.m.). Let us know by return email if you are interested. (Or if you have conflicts on these dates, other arrangements can be made.) You can also check out our website at: <http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/>

Sat., Oct 15, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) RUSS FEINGOLD HEADLINES

GRASSROOTS FALL EVENT He'll be talking about "The Exploding Corporate Influence in Washington".__Join your friends and neighbors for a fun evening of wine, cheese and lively conversation (after a day enjoying the *Fall Art Tour*.) At this free event, you'll learn about what the Grassroots organization is up to and how you can become involved in its community-changing work. To RSVP (requested but not required), email emma@mhtc.net or call 967-2375.

CITIZENS FOR PEACE MONTHLY MEETING DATES Fri, Aug 19 at 4 p.m. at the home of Joan Mish, 301 Virginia Court, Dodgeville. Fri., Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Avenue, Dodgeville. Fri., Oct 7 at 4 p.m. at the home of Judy James. Contact Jane Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryrspeed.com for more info about the group and its projects.

GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: grassroots@merr.com.

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