



MOPP E-NEWS!

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(Join us now on Facebook and FreedomConnector for regular updates)

WELCOME to MOPP 'EM UP E-NEWS...this is the first newsletter of the Missouri Precinct Project (MOPP). We will be updating the newsletter regularly to help keep you informed of...**What We Have Been Doing and How You Can Help**, along with other information we hope you will find helpful. We have just completed our second round of volunteer training sessions this past weekend in St. Louis and St. Charles County. Our volunteer numbers are growing steadily, as are our county coordinators across the State. If you are already a MOPP volunteer...**THANK YOU!**

To join us as we network to win back America, see our "MOPP Contact Information" on page 2. If you are a group leader, we hope you will find the Missouri Precinct Project worthy of support and we invite your group members to join in this effort to work in their own neighborhoods to identify and promote conservative votes and conservative precinct committee involvement, so we help drive the agenda and successfully win back America in 2012. MOPP wants to serve as a clearinghouse to any persons or groups who wish to learn the precinct project strategy to work for a conservative win at all levels of government from school board to the POTUS in 2010. To educate and equip volunteers with the tools needed to accomplish these goals, we are looking forward to partnering with American Majority to present our MOPP Precinct Strategy and Training Seminar on October 1...more details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

NOTABLE QUOTES: "Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote." George Jean Nathan

"It's all about turnout in 2012" Laura Ingraham

"To achieve the changes they [conservatives] want and that voters endorsed in 2010, they need to win again in 2012. The deal that gets them closer to that is what they ought to be seeking now" Michael Barone

A FEW HOURS A MONTH IS ALL IT TAKES....

Do you spend a few hours a month at a Tea Party, or working with your local grassroots organizations? Do you have a couple of hours a month to spend on a weeknight and/or the weekend to take our country back? Is yours, and your children's, liberty worth at least that?

MOPPs goal to be the clearing house for interested individuals across the state to work on increasing voter participation and voter turnout. To that end we are looking for volunteers that agree to walk their neighborhoods or their precinct and identify individuals that will vote conservative and to help educate the voters on the candidates and other ballot issues. Remember, one of the principles that founded this country is for good government to have an educated electorate. These individuals will work with the voters in their neighborhood or precinct to encourage people to register to vote and to actually go to the polls on election day.

The conservatives won in 2010 because thousands of conservatives got involved by giving their time, a couple of hours each month, and got into the REAL political ball game. With 2012 looming, we need to once again get people off the sidelines and into the ACTUAL, REAL ball game to



(Get Out the **CONSERVATIVE** Vote!)

The Neighborhood Precinct Committeeman Strategy CAN work...BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

JOIN MISSOURI PRECINCT PROJECT (MOPP) as we help move Missouri, and the country, in the right direction, precinct by precinct, so we can MOPP 'em up in '12!...LET'S

ROLL!

MISSOURI PRECINCT PROJECT

"Let's MOPP 'EM UP IN '12"

MOPP CONTACT INFORMATION
(print for future reference)

- **On the web:** www.moprecinctproject.org
Just go to the "Contact Us" tab to join
- **Via email:** missouriprecinctproject@gmail.com
- **By phone:** 314-966-8724 – or – 314-916-0441
- **Facebook** <http://alturl.com/f4qja>
- **FreedomConnector** <http://alturl.com/o23hh>

Missouri Precinct Project is proud to be...

- a Missouri contact for American Majority's "Precinct Project US" at this link <http://precinctproject.us/states/missouri/>
- a member of the Missouri Conservative Coalition at this link... <http://moccnow.com/>

ORGANIZERS:

Frieda Keough

Anita Foelsch

Judy Sofka

(can be reached via missouriprecinctproject@gmail.com)

COUNTY COORDINATORS:

Our county coordinators act as the contact for their particular county for new MOPP volunteers in order to build a team in their county...inquiries can be directed to your county coordinator to find out more information on how you, or someone you know, can help. (see website "County Coordinators" tab for complete contact information). More county coordinators will be added as they come on board.

Audrain County:	Ron Beedle
Calloway County:	Jim Holland
Cole County:	Phil Todd
Jasper County:	John Putnam
Marion County:	Ron/Mart Staggs
Monroe County:	Ron/Mart Staggs
St. Louis City/County:	Frieda Keough
St. Charles County:	Anita Foelsch
Ste. Genevieve County:	Deb Varga
Warren County:	Bev Ehlen

A special thanks for our County Coordinators. If you or someone you know would like to serve as county coordinator for your county, contact Judy Sofka, MOPP State Coordinator at missouriprecinctproject@gmail.com for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, OCTOBER 1, 2011



Missouri Precinct Project (MOPP)




American Majority

Missouri Precinct Project (MOPP)  and American Majority 

will be teaming up to train and inform precinct coordinators, volunteers and other grassroots organizers on how to organize on a precinct by precinct level to win in November 2012.

The a.m. session will be presented by **MOPP**  to explain the precinct project relative to the State of Missouri.

The p.m. session will be presented by **American Majority**  to train and equip volunteers with the tools necessary to go out in their communities and make a difference.

WHERE: The Capitol Building in Jefferson City

TIMES: A.M. Session (9:30-12 noon)
(presented by MOPP)
P.M. Session (12noon-4 p.m.)
(presented by American Majority)

COST: Morning Session: Free
Afternoon session: *\$25.00 per person
(*includes box lunch and training materials)

RSVP: Morning session: None needed
Afternoon session: **RSVP requested

(**To RSVP: Go to www.moprecinctproject.org home page; click on the announcement; click on RSVP, complete and submit)

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Email: missouriprecinctproject@gmail.com

(Note: Depending on availability, walk-in registration may be available.)

Follow us at the following locations for more details as they become available...

Website: www.moprecinctproject.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Missouri-Precinct-Project-MOPP/103820183051754?ref=ts>

FreedomConnector: <http://connect.freedomworks.org/node/162860>

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE COPIES AND GIVE TO OTHERS TO INVITE THEM TO THIS VERY EXCITING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT AS WE LEARN THE STRATEGIES AND TOOLS WE NEED TO RESTORE GOVERNMENT BACK TO CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES AND TAKE BACK AMERICA IN 2012!... STARTING IN OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS.

Other MOPP Calendar Updates:

MOPP representatives will be presenting the Missouri Precinct Project strategy at the following locations in the coming weeks...if you are in the area, please make plans to attend to find out how we can join together to make a difference in 2012.

- **On Sun., August 14 MOPP reps were pleased to be invited to:** The Warren County Tea Party meeting, 3 p.m.-4:30 /5:00
Location: Scenic Regional Library, 912 S. Hwy 47, Warrenton, MO 63383
- **Thurs., August 25:** Capital TEA Party Patriots, Jefferson City, MO, 7 p.m. Details of meeting at <http://connect.freedomworks.org/node/39917>
- **Thurs., September 1:** Franklin Countywide Republican Club. For details of meeting: Ctrl + [click here](#)
- **Fri., September 19:** Lewis and Clark Pachyderms, 6 p.m., Culpepper's, 4401 Hwy. K, O'Fallon, MO 63368. For map: Ctrl + [click here](#).
- **September 21:** Northwest Republican Women's Club, 7p.m., at Bridgeton Community Center. For map: Ctrl + [click here](#)
- **September:** Ste. Genevieve County Conservatives (tbd)

FYI...other dates you may be interested in....

- **August 18:** Forum regarding repeal of the Missouri state income tax in Springfield, MO 7-9 p.m. at The Executive Conference Center, 910 W. Battlefield Rd. For more information: www.unitedformissouri.org Ctrl + [click here](#)
- **August 24:** "Standing With Israel Restoring Freedom and Courage Rally", Chesterfield Amphitheater, 631 Veterans Place Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63017, gates open at 5:30, program begins at 7p.m. For more information: Ctrl + [click here](#)
- **August 30:** Forum regarding repeal of the Missouri state income tax in St. Louis, MO 7-9 p.m. at Plaza Frontenac Hilton, 1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Frontenac, MO. For more information: www.unitedformissouri.org Ctrl + [click here](#)
- **September 19:** "Winning a Local Election" class at St. Charles Community College (Note: The last class was canceled due to lack of interest, so if enough people sign up early enough this time hopefully they will have the class). Ctrl + [click here](#) for more course details.

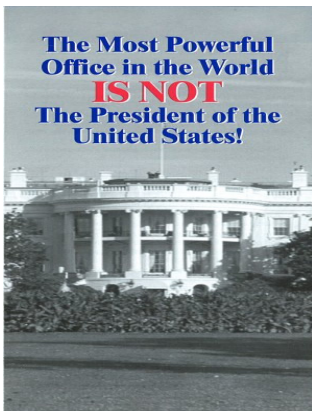
Winning a Local Election 5900011 Monday, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm; 1 session starting September 19, 2011, ending September 19, 2011

Tuition: \$25.00 Supply Fee: \$0.00 Location: **St. Charles Community College** Rm. HUM 112 Instructor: **Beth Elliott**

- **November 4 and 5:** TURN THE TIDE CAMPAIGN SCHOOL...organized by the St. Charles Young Republicans. For more information: Ctrl + [click here](#)
- **November 4 and 5:** LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, Columbia, MO. We all know of the importance of getting our youth involved in this movement. Topics for this training include...Building an effective student organization, Getting out the vote, Developing a public relations strategy and Launching a career in politics. Cost is \$30.00 and includes meals. To learn more or to register: Ctrl + [click here](#)

Does one vote count? Consider this....

- > In 1656 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.
- > In 1776 one vote gave America the English language instead of German.
 - > In 1845 one vote brought Texas into the Union.
- > In 1868 one vote saved... President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
 - > In 1875 one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
- > In 1876 one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the United States.
 - > In 1923 one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party
- > In 1941, one vote saved the Selective Service System weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked
 - > In the 2002 primaries, several candidates won by less than a dozen votes.
 - > In one election, Missouri Senator Jim Lembke, won his race by a mere 70 votes.
- > In Missouri, there are 114 counties, plus St. Louis City...in the race between McCaskill and Talent, if Talent would have gotten 420 votes per county he could have won!
- > In this same race, St. Louis County alone has 600 precincts, if only 2 more voters per precinct went to the polls it would have produced 1200 additional votes for Talent.



EAGLE FORUM, one of the most well-respected organizations in the conservative movement, founded by Phyllis Schlafly, believes that "THE MOST POWERFUL OFFICE IN THE WORLD IS NOT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES" but rather..."the Precinct Committeeman is the most powerful office in the world because Precinct Committeemen determine who gets the chance to be elected to office at every level of government. Remember, if your candidate is not on the ballot, he will not be elected"....

to read the complete article, [click here](#).

<http://www.eagleforum.org/misc/brochures/precinct-committman.shtml>

2012 Missouri Election Calendar

(2011: December 13, 2011 to January 17, 2012: Filing for Municipal Elections (City Councils, School Boards, etc.)

Official Election Day	Style of Election	Last Day to Register to Vote	First Day for Candidate Filing	Last Day for Candidate Filing	Final Certification Date
February 7, 2012	Presidential Preference Primary Available for public elections	January 11, 2012	October 18, 2011 [Presidential Primary & Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing October 25, 2011]	November 22, 2011	November 29, 2011
March 6, 2012 (see local charter)	Charter cities and charter counties ONLY	February 8, 2012	November 15, 2011 [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing November 22, 2011]	December 20, 2011	December 27, 2011
April 3, 2012	General Municipal Election Day	March 7, 2012	December 13, 2011 [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing December 20, 2011]	January 17, 2012	January 24, 2012
June 5, 2012	Available for public elections	May 9, 2012	February 14, 2012 [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing February 21, 2012]	March 20, 2012	March 27, 2012
August 7, 2012	Primary Election	July 11, 2012	February 28, 2012	March 27th, 2012	May 29, 2012
November 6, 2012	General Election	October 10, 2012	July 17, 2012* [Jurisdictions in Kansas City begin filing July 24, 2012]	August 21, 2012*	August 28, 2012

Note: February 28, 2012 to March 27, 2012: Filing for County and State offices in Missouri:

This includes the important positions of Committeeman and Committeewoman that constitute the County Committees for each party (Each party that will appear on the ballot elects a man and woman to fill these positions).

These committees control the philosophy and direction of the state and national parties, i.e., Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Constitution and all other political parties.

HAT TIPS: Thanks to bloggers/journalists, Lisa Payne-Naege (examiner.com) and Darin Morley (RebootCongress.com) for their articles in support of MISSOURI PRECINCT PROJECT'S efforts.

Community organization works for conservatives, too

[Lisa Payne-Naege](#)

June 3, 2011 Examiner.com

What's good for the goose is good for the gander, at least as far as three conservative ladies from the St. Louis region are concerned. Frieda Keough, Judy Sofka and Anita Foelsch have created the [Missouri Precinct Project](#), MOPPS, in hopes of taking a page from the Obama community organization playbook. They plan to identify conservatives, precinct by precinct, to encourage their participation in the upcoming 2012 election cycle. Not only are they interested in increasing voter turnout, but they are also heavily recruiting volunteers to walk communities and educate their neighbors on issues and candidates that will be of importance in the coming elections. The main objective of the project is to restore constitutional principles and conservative values by engaging conservatives in grassroots politics.

Frieda Keough, the St. Louis County coordinator said, "We want to encourage people to attend school board and fire board meetings. Pay attention to who runs your sewer and water districts. Who raises your taxes? We want you to know who runs your life."

While a primary goal of the project is to increase voter turnout, on election day, it also is designed to inspire and motivate conservatives to run for local political offices such as township committeeman/woman, school board and aldermanic seats. As the project grows, across the state, they also hope to link with other such organizations across the country.

Conservative grass roots organization is an idea that has gained interest across the state. Keough noted there are similar drives across the state, such as Campaign for Liberty and a group in Jasper County.

"I know there are various groups working on this already and we do not want to compete with anyone else, we just want to compliment the efforts of other groups."

MOPPS will be holding training sessions for interested volunteers to learn how to effectively identify and engage like minded conservatives in grass roots political activity.

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GALVANIZING THE GRASSROOTS by Darin Morley

July 25, 2011 11:30 AM

Last Wednesday Big Government ran a post by Dan Riehl entitled: [Ann Wagner Bests Ed Martin in Missouri's 2nd District on All Fronts](#). Riehl lays out the case for Ann Wagner which boils down to the fact that Wagner raised over \$500,000 in the last quarter while Martin only raised about \$100,000. After that, the article takes a detour through the fever swamp of FiredUpMissouri. Riehl, who lives on the east coast, was obviously not aware that [FiredUp is the propaganda outlet for the Carnahan clan](#).

The fundraising numbers for the last quarter should concern Martin; however, it is a bit of an apples and oranges comparison. This was Wagner's first quarter of fundraising in her first non-party political campaign, so she presumably plucked most of the low hanging fruit. Wagner has been active in the Missouri GOP for decades, so she's had to raise money and campaign before. She's not a neophyte. Martin originally announced for the US Senate in January and then bowed out when Todd Akin (R-MO) announced he would run to unseat Claire McCaskill (D-MO). The money that he raised during his short-lived Senate campaign was used to seed his bid to be a US Representative. That said, it will be hard, but not impossible, for Martin to close the money gap.

That money gap says more about the strategies that each of their campaigns will pursue to win the Republican nomination in Missouri's 2nd CD. Wagner will have the resources to mount an effective air campaign. Martin will be forced to fight on the ground. In other words, voters in the 2nd will see and hear Wagner more on TV and radio while they're more likely to meet Martin or one of his many volunteers at their front door.

In the 2010 election, [Martin was able to mobilize a lot of volunteers](#). He built that base by attending events like the candidate debate held by the [St. Charles Young Republicans](#) last week and this past weekend's Lewis & Clark Pachyderm Club picnic. While Martin was at both of those events building his ground game, Wagner was unable to make either because she's focused on her air campaign. That campaign has her deployed to Washington, DC this week where she has a noon fundraiser today (7/25) and an evening one on Tuesday (7/26). I've received no word on whether she'll be visiting Todd Akin's (R-MO) office to measure for drapes, but she seems intent on buying that office.

The response I saw to Dan Riehl's post convinced me that Martin still has that base of committed volunteers that he built in the 2010 election cycle. I saw people I know in real life, commenting on Dan's article. I saw many tea partiers who had chosen to remain neutral in that race jump to defend Martin. But what really surprised me is that one person emailed me to say that they were so incensed that they planned to walk their neighborhood this weekend handing out Martin's literature. When someone is willing to canvas for a candidate a year before the primary in sweltering heat you know that the grassroots are on fire.

But it will take more than a brush fire to unite the grassroots. Tea Party and 9-12 groups need to make a concerted effort to take over the machinery of the Republican Party. This means getting involved in Republican Party politics, becoming a precinct committeeman/woman, and planning now to attend the 2012 Republican Caucus in your town. One grassroots group working to change the Republican party is the ****Missouri Precinct Project**. Another one is [Campaign for Liberty](#). C4L has experience and a bitter taste in their mouth from 2008.

That bitter taste is one reason it's important for Tea Party and 9-12 activists to get involved in Republican Party politics: [the GOP has a habit of leaning on the scale to ensure the success of its preferred candidates](#). We can see this in the race between Wagner and Martin. Currently, [Wagner is serving as the Vice Chairwoman](#) on the [Missouri House Apportionment Commission](#). In that capacity she will help redraw Missouri's state house districts in the coming months. However, in her capacity as a candidate, she has contacted many of the state representatives in Missouri's 2nd Congressional District to ask

them to endorse her campaign for the US House of Representatives. That puts each of those State Representatives in an awkward position. In fairness to Wagner, she is one of eighteen people that serve on the Apportionment Commission, so while this is a clear conflict of interest, it's unlikely that she would be able to act on that conflict.

You can make a difference in Missouri's 2nd Congressional District by volunteering for the candidate that best represents your Tea Party and 9-12 values, but if you want to transform the Republican establishment with those values, you must get involved in the Party.

Groups like the ****Missouri Precinct Project** and Campaign for Liberty are jumping off points for that involvement. Activists should seek out roles within the GOP with the goal of shepherding the establishment toward conservative ideals. We will know that the grassroots have succeeded once the party has been transformed.

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To learn more about the precinct project strategy visits these websites...

- **What is The Precinct Project?**

<http://precinctproject.us/2011/04/what-is-the-precinct-project/>

- **A Trifecta of Tools for Victory (Part I of III)...**An entire suite of exciting new tools have become available to Republicans, and if deployed, will mean a much wider margin of victory in 2012.

<http://precinctproject.us/>

- **Setting Forth the Strategy**

<http://precinctproject.us/2011/05/setting-forth-the-strategy/>



Some recommended WEBSITES...

- Moprecinctproject.org
- Precinctproject.us
- Americanmajority.org
- cwfa.org (Concerned Women For America)
- eagleforum.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MISSOURIANS...tell your neighbors

BEWARE OF "YOUR VOTE COUNTS" INITIATIVE BY HSUS...Join Missourians Defending Liberty, a campaign committee, representing a broad coalition of Missourians working to DEFEAT this dangerous ballot initiative Your Vote Counts which sets out to destroy our Missouri Constitution by changing and amending our Missouri state Constitution from a Republic to a democracy, "mobocracy" mob rule. See video link to learn more about the difference between a Republic (which our Founding Fathers specifically chose for our nation) vs. a Democracy. To see video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPwnFt_m-RE&feature=related... Ctrl + [click here](#)

Missourians Defending Freedom...

Our Founding Fathers gave us a Republic, N O T a democracy!...A democracy is simply a dictatorship by a single vote...In other words, the minority has no rights. The minority only has those privileges granted by the dictatorship of the majority..BEWARE the dangerous ballot initiative by the HSUS in Missouri, "YOUR VOTE COUNTS". Instead please support Missourians Defending Liberty.

To join the Missourians Defending Liberty Facebook page: Ctrl + [click here](#)...

Note: Website to launch soon...

