



Michigan Libertarian Newsletter

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Notice of Vacancies: District Representatives & Newsletter Director

Chairman Teagan has deferred the decision of our next Newsletter Director to the Executive Committee and one will be decided upon at the September meeting.

Additionally, the LEC has vacancies in both District 11 and District 12. If you live in either District and are interested in becoming a member of the Executive Committee please let us know.

Anyone interested in filling any of our vacancies should email info@michiganlp.org

Libertarian Party of Michigan Executive Committee Meetings

The LEC regularly meets on the second Sunday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 11 at 7:00pm.

All members are welcome to join this zoom meeting by [clicking here](#).

Videos of previous board meetings can be found on our [YouTube Channel](#)



The Michigan Porcupine - LPMI Substack is Live!

The Michigan Porcupine is an open page for debate, questions, and discussion.



It exists so LPMI members, national LP members, other libertarians, even people and organizations outside of the LP can publish pieces and then answer each other in public. Agreement is not required. A reply from a member, a critic, or a reader who is not in any party is the point.

To review our goals and guidelines please visit the initial [request for submissions](#)

Since launching in late September the substack has seen multiple submissions some of which are linked below:

- [Ending Citizens United Is Not a Libertarian Policy](#) by Auberon Molinari
- [Reopening the Golden Door to America](#) by Andy Evans
- [Refuting the Socialists](#) by Nancy O'Brien

Want to receive updates from The Michigan Porcupine? [Subscribe today!](#)



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Lydia Christensen: Updates from the Campaign Trail

We Spent This Month the front lines of the fight to protect our water at Thunderbird Nest Encampment Here's what we saw and what we are fighting for.

Off-grid. Fireside. No internet. No cell service. Just passionate allies from Illinois to Minnesota, sharing meals, music, and strategy in an 8th fire encampment protecting Gichigami and the Porcupine Mountains.

Thunderbird Nest Encampment is open to visitors. Set aside an afternoon.

<https://protecttheporkies.com/camp>

What Good Looks Like

We spent the last few weekends at the encampment raising awareness of the latest battles to protect Gichigami and the Porcupine Mountains. People showed up from as far away as Illinois and Minnesota. Most are concerned locals. All are passionate.

I cannot emphasize enough just how good it is for the soul to spend the weekend among allies like this, sharing meals, music, and strategies around the fire. If you can make it to the Western UP, set aside an afternoon over the next few weekends and see for yourselves. Learn what we're fighting for. We are demanding EGLE denies the Waste Water Permit for the Copperwood Mine. This is the magic of the burgeoning 8th fire as it grows.

Over the last few months, I've been raising awareness on the dire need to fight mass surveillance and protect our digital privacy rights. Communities across Michigan and the Midwest are coming together to fight Flock/ surveillance corporations and disassemble the systems of data harvesting popping up everywhere.

This is not a hydra. We fought FISA-702 and it failed to pass the Senate. The Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA)—which would decimate online anonymity and pose a grave risk to whistleblowers passed the House and is currently stalled in the Senate.

Keep chopping. We're winning.





Before You Vote

Look into your candidates' positions on Copperwood and Line 5. On mass surveillance and digital privacy rights. On helping the homeless. On gun rights the people's gravest safeguard against tyranny.

Why Your \$50 Matters

Our campaign is run entirely on volunteers and grassroots support from communities across Michigan and Sovereign Indigenous Nations. No shady millionaire funding. No corporate backing. Just people.

We're running our own ads. Printing our own materials. Showing up across Michigan. Every dollar contributes directly to the exponential growth this campaign continues to build.

Every unique individual donor reiterates to the establishment media that the candidates of the people will NOT be silenced in the upcoming debates. Your contribution is a statement of solidarity. It challenges the narrative that our people will continue accepting the status quo. We're fighting tooth and nail to undo decades of negligence and malfeasance in policy. Every \$50 says: I'm in.

Support grassroots. Support real change.

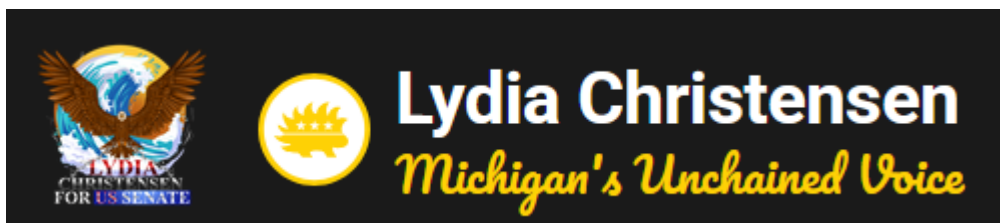
<https://www.lydialynnchristensen.com/donate>

We're not waiting for November to start the fight. It's happening now. At the encampment. In the communities. In every donation that says we're serious about taking power back.

All we need to do is take it.

Lydia Christensen

Libertarian Party of Michigan Candidate for U.S. Senate





Jackson Mayoral Candidates Face Off in Forum Hosted by Libertarian Party

Jackson voters heard directly from all three mayoral candidates during a debate hosted by the Jackson-Hillsdale Libertarian Party and moderated by Justin Miramonti. The forum featured Republican-endorsed John Wilson, Democrat-endorsed Derek Dobies, and Independent Trent Woodard addressing fiscal policy, public safety, housing, and civil liberties.

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- **Fiscal Policy & Government Scope:** John Wilson advocated for strict fiscal discipline, prioritizing core services like roads and public safety while cutting regulations. Derek Dobies defended targeted public investments in infrastructure and community amenities to spur revitalization. Trent Woodard called for a non-partisan audit of city spending to ensure total contract transparency.
 - **Public Safety:** Dobies proposed a comprehensive model pairing police with crisis intervention specialists. Wilson emphasized full funding for police recruitment and competitive pay. Woodard focused on rebuilding trust through decentralized neighborhood advisory panels.
 - **Housing & Zoning:** Woodard urged reducing code enforcement burdens on property owners, Wilson supported market-driven zoning reform, and Dobies backed land bank partnerships for affordable housing.

The debate remained focused on actionable municipal solutions, providing voters with a concise look at each candidate's vision ahead of election day. In their closing statements, all three candidates thanked the Jackson-Hillsdale Libertarian Party for organizing an accessible, open platform for civil public discourse:

John Wilson concluded with a call for business-friendly leadership focused on fiscal restraint, growth, and fundamental municipal responsibilities.

Derek Dobies reiterated his vision for an inclusive, vibrant Jackson built on public investment, strong community programs, and neighborhood renewal.

Trent Woodard urged voters to break free from partisan political labels and support an independent voice dedicated solely to the Jackson community.

With election day approaching, Jackson voters are left with three distinct choices for the future direction of municipal government.

The JHLP meets at Steve's Ranch in Jackson on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm.



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Upcoming Events

- Hillsdale County Second Amendment Rally - Join us at the Hillsdale Courthouse as we work Hillsdale Courthouse Saturday October 10th

**3rd annual
HILLSDALE COUNTY
2ND AMENDMENT RALLY**

HONORING OUR RIGHTS, OUR HERITAGE, AND OUR DEFENDERS

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776...
The unanimous Declaration...
UNALIENABLE RIGHTS...
LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS...
A WELL-REGULATED MILITIA...

STAND WITH THE MILITIA

2ND AMENDMENT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**HILLSDALE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
HILLSDALE, MI**

FEATURING:

- KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (LOCAL & NATIONAL)
- 2A ADVOCACY GROUPS
- PATRIOTIC MUSIC & SINGING
- FOOD VENDORS & MERCHANDISE
- COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

A DEFENSE OF LIBERTY SINCE 1791

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MILITIA | DEFEND OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS | ALL PATRIOTS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFO: [Event Website or Social Media] | #Hillsdale2A #DefendTheSecond #MichiganPatriots

Rain or Shine Event | Bring Your Own Chair



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- **Capital Area Candidate Meet & Greet**

October 11, 2026 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm | 1600 Lake Lansing Rd. Lansing, MI

SOCIAL & 'CANDID'
CANDIDATE MEET
Capital Area Libertarian Party

Jennifer Long
MI House 77

Ben DeJong
MI House 78

Brandon Crabill
MI Senate 28

Sunday, October 11, 2026 • 3:00 PM

Calendar & Time

1600 Lake Lansing Rd, Lansing, MI 48912

Jennifer Long • Ben DeJong • Brandon Crabill • and most importantly, YOU!

OPEN TO EVERYONE – NOT JUST MEMBERS

- **Cadillac Gun and Knife Show**

Join the LPMI on October 17th and 18th at the Wexford Civic Center. We'll have an informational booth and some of our candidates on site to talk to voters.

<https://gunshowtrader.com/gun-shows/cadillac-gun-knife-show/>



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The Libertarian Party is committed to America's heritage of freedom: individual liberty and personal responsibility, a free-market economy of abundance and prosperity, a foreign policy of non-intervention, peace, and free trade.

Are **you** inspired by our ideals?

- **Click here** to join the party today, and consider running for office under our banner to get these ideals enacted in your community.
- **Click here** to donate to the party.