



Northern News

Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County

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- The Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County shall build, organize and energize a strong Republican Party in northern Macomb County.
- We will work to elect Republicans at all levels of the Party, local, state and national with emphasis of effort given at the local level.
- The Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County shall always strive to uphold the conservative ideals that the Republican Party represents.

New Year Resolution - 'Continued Success'

Northern GOP Looks Forward to 2012 Elections

"Townships will be 2012 Focus"

Our April 2010 newsletter, prior to the 2010 election noted that "good government just doesn't happen, it takes preparation, active involvement and a network of support and collaboration at all levels" to elect quality candidates.

We invited citizens to assist in joining our effort to "retain and gain" common sense conservative candidates in northern Macomb County. Thanks to the grassroots efforts of members and friends we achieved our goal.

Our organization made major gains both at county and state levels. Two northern Democrats were unseated at the county level and all four northern county commission districts were filled by Republicans (Brown, Carabelli Sabatini & Vosburg). While at the same time a one term Democrat was unseated to secure all three northern State House districts. (Goike, LaFontaine & Lund). All while maintaining our single State Senate seat (Brandenburg).

Our mission is to "build, organize and energize a strong Republic Party in northern Macomb County... with emphasis at the local level..." All of this was achieved along with commanding victories by Congresswoman Miller; Governor Snyder; Secretary of State Johnson and AG Schuette.

Endorsement newspaper ads prepared and paid for by our organization (your membership dues) reached over 119,000 homes in northern Macomb County.

This now time to re-focus and build on the grassroots success of 2010 and now focus on 2012. Township elections will be the focus in 2012. We must unify, prepare and collaborate while we focus on our mission of building a strong Republican Party in northern Macomb County.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and working together for continued success!

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th
 At Hamlin Pub - 22 Mile & Hayes - 7 PM
Year in Review / Election of Officers

Your Involvement Will Result in Good Government

Want to get the best bang for your buck supporting common sense conservative candidates; know where every penny of your membership goes; and experience great results? JOIN THE NORTHERN GOP!

The success of our Northern Republican PAC (political action committee) is based on membership dues. Your membership and payment of dues is very important to our mission. (Please consider membership and/or increase membership as noted in the box below).

I would like to thank our board, our members and those that support 'good government'... because it just doesn't happen without your preparation and hard work.

Dues: \$10 Student Membership	
\$20 Individual	\$35 Married
\$50 Silver Individual	\$90 Silver Married
\$ 100 Gold Individual	\$150 Gold Married
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Our Republican Mission - Focus on 2012

National Mission Statement: (web site: <http://www.gop.com/>)

We're fortunate to live in America: The Republican Party believes that the United States has been blessed with a unique set of individual rights and freedoms available to all.

You can be what you are, and become what you are capable of becoming: The Republican Party is inspired by the power and ingenuity of the individual to succeed through hard work, family support and self-discipline.

Helping those around you is worthwhile: The Republican Party believes in the value of voluntary giving and community support over taxation and forced redistribution.

Small government is a better government for the people: The Republican Party, like our nation's founders, believes that government must be limited so that it never becomes powerful enough to infringe on the rights of individuals.

You know what to do with your money better than government: The Republican Party supports low taxes because individuals know best how to make their own economic and charitable choices.

Free markets keep people free: The Republican Party is supportive of logical business regulations that encourage entrepreneurs to start more businesses so more individuals can enjoy the satisfaction and fruits of self-made success.

Our Armed Forces defend and protect our democracy: The Republican Party is committed to preserving our national strength while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

VOSBURG FIRST GOP COUNTY CHAIR



9 Townships

Kathy Vosburg was elected the first Republican Chair of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners on January 5th.

Based on voter disapproval of the Bonior-Bruley Democrats in 2010 and the un-willingness of the Reagan Democrats to support the Bonior-Bruley liberal agenda (and candidate) Commissioner Vosburg was voted in as Board Chair (7-6).

We would like to congratulate Macomb County Commission Chairwomen Kathy Vosburg and thank the other five Republican Commissioners for selecting her as our first Republican Chair!

Special thanks go out to Commissioners: Don Brown, Jim Carabelli, Joe Sabatini, Roland Frascchetti and Ray Gralewski! We're off to a great start for 2012.

Thanks !



Jack Brandenburg
State Senator



Pete Lund
State Representative



Andrea LaFontaine
State Representative



Ken Goike
State Representative



Kathy Vosburg
County Commissioner



Don Brown
County Commissioner



Jim Carabelli
County Commissioner



Joe Sabatini
County Commissioner



Roland Frascchetti & Ray Gralewski
County Commissioners

State laws authorize townships to perform a wide variety of functions in two important categories: mandated and permissive. Mandated functions are activities that townships are required to perform. The three broadest mandated responsibilities are assessment administration, elections administration and tax collection, which are legally assigned functions of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer, respectively. State laws also specify details for performing these functions.

In addition to these broad mandates, there are other, more narrow state requirements. Procedures for the township's financial administration, such as budgets, accounting, investments and deposits, are closely regulated by the state. Township meetings must comply with Michigan's Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.261-15.275), and township records must be stored and made available in conformance with specific laws, such as the Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.231-15.246).

The Township Zoning Act (MCL 125.271-125.310) gives townships broad powers to enact and enforce ordinances. Zoning ordinances give townships the authority to regulate land use, while many other specific ordinances control activities that infringe on the rights of citizens.

The Michigan Constitution and state statutes also limit the amount of property tax millage that townships can levy for general township operations. General law townships are allocated at least 1 mill from the constitutionally limited 15/18 mills allocated among townships, the county, public schools and the intermediate school district. Charter townships, like cities, do not share in this allocated millage, but townships chartered by a referendum may levy up to 5 mills. Townships chartered by board resolution after November 22, 1978, must have a vote of the electors authorizing the levy of 5 mills. In either case, the 5 mill limit may be increased up to 10 mills with a vote of the electors.

Townships also utilize other sources of revenue to support services. User fees, permits, fines and special assessments on real property are the most frequently used sources.

Townships serve other governmental units by providing tax collection services. To avoid imposing an unnecessary burden on citizens to pay separate property taxes to the township, schools, special assessment districts and the county, Michigan townships provide uniform assessment of property values and collect all property taxes on behalf of the other units of government. Only a very small portion of the taxes collected are retained by the township for its own operating purposes.

Michigan townships, large and small, provide services tailored to meet the needs of their residents. Township officials represent the level of government closest and most responsive to the wishes of the people.

- State law authorizes townships to perform mandated and permissive functions.
- Mandated are 1)Assessment Administration; 2)Elections Administration and 3)Tax Collection as assigned to the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer respectively.
- Law also gives procedures for financial administration, such as budgets, accounting, investments and deposits and regulates them.
- State law also requires that townships comply with the Open Meeting Act and that records are made available and conform with the Freedom of Information Act.
- Townships are given powers to enact and enforce ordinances. To regulate land use and control activities that infringe on the rights of citizens.
- State statutes limit amount of property tax millage a township can levy. Limit is 1 mill for a General law township and 5 mills for a Charter township.
- Charter township by board resolution must have a vote of the electors to authorize the levy of 5 mills, while Charter townships formed by referendum can levy the 5 mills without a vote. (Both can increase to 10 mills with a vote of electors).
- Township philosophy is one of direct democracy and the brainchild of Thomas Jefferson.
- Townships embody the values of "grassroots government". In townships, citizens contribute their talents, skills and ideas to preserve the quality of life and deliver important programs and services.
- **"Efficient, Effective and Accountable" - Township Government**