

The Concord Courier

A tri-annual newsletter from your Delaware County Republican Central Committee Member

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Welcome to the first edition of *The Concord Courier*! As your newly-elected representative to the Delaware County Republican Central Committee, I want to provide you with occasional updates about the work we're doing and the issues affecting our Concord A precinct. I plan to send out three newsletters each year: Spring, Summer, and Fall/Winter. You can also sign up for more regular email updates on my website, **AdamHeadlee.com**.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It's an honor to be your voice on the Central Committee and my door is always open to you. My cell number is **(614) 542-9096**, my email address is **adamjheadlee@gmail.com**, and most Saturday mornings between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. you can find me having breakfast at Hellas in Shawnee Hills.

Stop on by soon to say hello and we'll get a cup of coffee together.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Adam'.

New Housing Development May Be Coming

Several of you reached out to me recently about a housing development project currently under consideration by the township. Hollybrook is a proposed residential development of 140 single-family homes on 94 acres off Dublin Road between Moore Road and Duffy Road. The property is currently used for crop cultivation, and is up for a rezoning hearing before the Board of Zoning Commission (BZC) on **June 11 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Concord Township Administrative Building (6835 Home Road). At 6:00 p.m., the BZC will also meet to discuss changes and updates to the Planned Residential District section of the Zoning Resolution.

In talking with so many of you these past few months, the most frequent concern I hear is regarding development. I've consistently said that the growth we're seeing in our part of the county is a good thing, but we must manage it in a responsible way that makes sense for our community. With Hollybrook specifically, I share the concerns many of you have raised about how it will impact the already-heavy traffic on Dublin Road. I'll be attending the rezoning hearing to learn more about the proposal and see what else we need to know.

I encourage all of you to look at the Hollybrook application on Concord Township's website, **<https://www.concordtwp.org/zoning/index.html>**, and join me on June 11 to share your feedback with the Board of Zoning Commission.

March in Review, November in Focus

Concord A had great participation in the primary this year, and **I'd like to sincerely thank each of you for coming out to vote.** Here's a quick look at how we did by the numbers:

Out of 904 registered voters in our precinct, 307 voted in the March 19 primary election. That's a 34% turnout rate, higher than both countywide (30%) and statewide (22%).

255 of us (83%) voted in the Republican primary. Of those 255 voters, 235 of us (92%!) went all the way down the ballot to the County Central Committee race. This was the highest Central Committee turnout since 2014 (88%), and higher than any year since at least 2006.

Whether I earned your support or not, I intend to represent **all** of you faithfully as we work together to build a strong and sensible future for Concord Township and Delaware County. And whatever your reason for choosing the Republican primary ballot this year, we're glad to have you here with us in the G.O.P. **I hope you'll stick around and stay engaged.**

Of the 20 Republicans who made it out of the primary, more than half will have no opponent in November. **But we can't assume the contested races are safe too!** Delaware County is changing rapidly, and Democrats will be laser-focused where they know they can win with enough money and effort. **We all need to do our part to outwork them.** These Republican candidates need our support to keep the county, state, and nation on the right track:



President Donald J. Trump
for President of the United States



Bernie Moreno
for U.S. Senate



Rep. Jim Jordan
for U.S. Congress



Judge Megan Shanahan
for Ohio Supreme Court



Justice Joe Deters
for Ohio Supreme Court



Judge Dan Hawkins
for Ohio Supreme Court



Rep. Brian Lorenz
for State Representative



Commissioner Gary Merrell
for County Commissioner



Recorder Melissa Jordan
for County Recorder

Why Our Judicial Races Matter So Much

One of the most common complaints I hear during election season is how difficult it is to figure out which judicial candidates to support. **The three judges listed here are who you want to vote for in November.** Here's why.

Our judicial races are incredibly important. The role of the legislative branch is to enact laws, while the role of the judicial branch is to interpret the law. But not everyone sees it that way.

The left is doing an end run around legislative branches across the country by handing down radical policy changes from the bench as judicial mandates. **We can't let that happen here.**

Outside of our U.S. Senate race, the Ohio Supreme Court elections are where you'll see the most out-of-state dollars being spent this campaign cycle. National dark money groups poured **millions** into Wisconsin's Supreme Court race last year just to elect a single liberal justice – and now the focus is on us.

Our judges currently have a majority on the court, but we're only hanging on by a thread: **the balance is just 4 to 3** in favor of constitutional conservatives who respect the rule of law and separation of powers. In fact, we're the only Supreme Court in the country where the liberals can take control this November, and that's exactly what they're angling to do.

Remember, "conservative" and "liberal" don't have the same traditional partisan meanings when we talk about the judiciary. A conservative judge is simply one who sets their personal opinion aside, looks at the letter of the law, and rules impartially on its meaning – **no more, no less.** That consistency is why it's so important to keep the court in conservative hands.

Here's one example of what happens when judicial activism takes over: in 2022, a liberal majority on the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that judges could no longer consider threats to public safety when setting bail. This ruling was spun out of thin air and defied decades worth of precedent, all to the detriment of our communities. Ohio overwhelmingly rejected that ruling at the ballot box, with 77.5% of our voters approving a constitutional amendment **requiring** judges to include public safety as a factor while determining bail.

We have strong Republican leadership at every level in Ohio – but four liberal activists in black robes can undo years of accomplishments in an instant. **Judge Megan Shanahan, Justice Joe Deters, and Judge Dan Hawkins** are principled, conservative jurists who will protect the integrity of the court for years to come, but they need our help to win.

Volunteer. Donate. Spread the word. Tell your friends and neighbors who you're supporting in this year's Supreme Court races, and why. And most importantly – **VOTE!**



Judge Megan Shanahan



Justice Joe Deters



Judge Dan Hawkins

Get Involved!

There are plenty of opportunities to engage with the Delaware County Republican Party this summer as we ramp up our efforts for the 2024 campaign cycle. I hope to see you out and about at one – or all! – of these great events:

- **Mondays at McClellan’s**

Every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

McClellan’s Pub (6694 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH 43235)

Join us for a great evening of food, drinks, and conversation with like-minded Republicans from all over central Ohio! Candidates and featured guests from across the state take the stage to share updates about a variety of topics impacting our party and our communities.

- **Delaware County Republican Central Committee Meeting**

June 13 and September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Northgate Church (51 Fourwinds Ct., Sunbury, OH 43074)

We’re open to the public so you can come watch your county party in action! We meet throughout the year to conduct necessary party business and discuss ways to support Republican candidates and elected officials across Delaware County.

- **Powell Festival**

June 21 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and **June 22** from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Powell Village Green Park (47 Hall St., Powell, OH 43065)

Stop by the Republican Party tent to meet our volunteers! Learn about our candidates running for office, the work we’re doing as a party, and more ways you can get involved.

- **Delaware County Fair**

September 14 – 21

Delaware County Fairgrounds (236 Pennsylvania Ave., Delaware, OH 43015)

Stay tuned for more information about the 2024 Delaware County Fair – and don’t miss the Little Brown Jug on September 19!

For more information about the Delaware County Republican Party, visit **DelawareGOP.org**



Quote of the Month:

“Being a politician is a poor profession. Being a public servant is a noble one.” – Herbert Hoover