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Monthly Newsletter

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Tuesday, June 13 is Election Day!

Many municipalities will have elections on June 13, 2023! Make a plan to either vote in person or by absentee ballot. (Contact your town clerk regarding absentee ballots.) Many town websites have also posted sample ballots and town meeting warrants.

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time to research the issues and candidates specific to your municipality! The League of Women Voters Education Fund's [Vote 411 website](#) is a great resource to help you register to vote; verify your voter registration; and find what's on the ballot.

For Camden voters, please note that FIVE candidates are running to fill TWO open Select Board seats, while THREE candidates are running to fill TWO openings on the School Board. The PenBay Pilot (link to <https://www.penbaypilot.com/>) has posed a series of questions to all candidates in its "On the Issues" series, and we encourage voters to learn about each of these candidates' priorities and viewpoints prior to Election Day.

For Friendship and Washington voters, please get out and vote for our Democratic candidate Wendy Pieh in the special election to fill the Maine House seat for District 45! Unlike her opponent Abden Simmons, who refuses to state his positions on the issues (See [Knox Village Soup](#)), Wendy Pieh has responded to the press's questionnaire and is clear in her commitment to representing the interests of the residents of District 45. Check out Wendy's [website](#) for more information.

June Monthly Meeting Details

KCDC will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 13, at 6pm, via Zoom.

Debrief about Election Day with your Democratic neighbors!

This month's agenda includes:

- Review and vote whether to approve KCDC's biennial plan
- Two proposed bylaws changes (See details at the end of this newsletter)
- Fall/Summer events

All Knox County Democrats and unenrolled progressives are welcome to attend KCDC meetings.

Pre-registration is required in order to receive the Zoom login and/or phone-in details.

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accommodate last-minute registrations. Participants will be able to join the meeting beginning at 5:30pm.



House Party for District 45 Candidate Wendy Pieh

If you live in the Knox County towns of Friendship or Washington and haven't had a chance to speak with Wendy Pieh, our Democratic candidate for House District 45, you'll have an opportunity at a reception in Friendship on Sunday, June 11, from 3:00-5:00pm! For location and details, please call 207-832-0474 or email David Souers at dasouers@gmail.com.

Your help is needed to help canvass or phone bank for Wendy during the remaining weekends before the election. If you can donate some time to the effort, sign up [here!](#)

UNION FAIR 
Maine's Wild Blueberry Festival

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KCDC to Sponsor Booth at Union Fair

Once again this year, KCDC plans to have a presence at the Union Fair. Our team is preparing something a little more interactive than you might recall from last year, and we need a few more volunteers! The Fair this year runs from Wednesday, July 26 through Sunday, July 30. Volunteer shifts are four hours, from 12-4pm or 4-8pm. If you can help out, please email knoxdems@gmail.com with your name, contact email, phone number, preferred day(s) and hours, and we'll be in touch!

Proposed KCDC Bylaws Changes

Two KCDC Bylaws changes will be discussed and voted upon at the June meeting.

Bylaws Change #1: Article IV, Sec. 2: Election of Members

Rationale: To remove barriers to KCDC at-large membership

Current language: If an enrolled Democrat who is a resident of Knox County wishes to become an at-large member of the KCDC, said person may, after attending three (3) KCDC meetings in the most recent six-month period, make a formal request to the Recording Secretary at least ten (10) days before a KCDC meeting, asking to become a voting member-at-large. The KCDC shall, by majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting, either accept or reject the request. Terms for members-at-large shall coincide with terms for regular KCDC members.

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Bylaws Change #2: Article VIII, Sec. 5: Duties of the Treasurer

Rationale: To permit the use of bookkeeping services as needed by the Treasurer

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