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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

ICYMI: Nicole Galloway's Race is Upgraded Again!

We've gone from Solid R → Likely R → Lean R → and now, we're on our way to Toss-Up status! According to the latest rankings by U.S. News & World Report, Missouri is one of three competitive gubernatorial races this cycle and the only one where Democrats' chances of winning were upgraded again.

This is no longer Trump Country. Every move we make is part of a bigger strategy to reach every possible voter out there. And we're hiring dozens of organizers and recruiting hundreds of volunteers to do just that.

[Help us hire organizers and expand this operation by chipping in \\$10 bucks!](#)

Save the Date!

The 2020 Annual Truman Dinner is going all-virtual this year! Please mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, Sept. 12th for a voter outreach activity, an intimate VIP Q&A, and for the main program featuring a slate of statewide candidates and a special keynote speaker. This event is a long-time Democratic tradition that we look forward to every year - don't miss out!

Let's Shake Up Congress and send Vicky Hartzler into Retirement!

Lindsey Simmons is a dynamic, rural candidate challenging Vicky Hartzler to be the 4th district's next Congresswoman. In light of findings that Rep. Hartzler has taken a whopping \$500,000 in public relief funds for her own personal businesses, it's critical that we send her into retirement and elect a leader like Lindsey who's committed to actual transparency and

accountability.

Every contribution we receive through this link is split 50/50 with Lindsey, so your dollar will stretch even further to support a fantastic candidate and the MDP's statewide field and GOTV program at the same time. Chip in today!

Calling All Notaries!

We're organizing notary publics all around the state who want to volunteer their services in a coordinated effort to notarize every absentee ballot that requires it as we head into the August and November elections. Are you a notary and want to join our ranks? Please email your contact info to volunteers@showmechange.org.

#MaskUpMO

Several cities and counties have put mandatory mask orders in effect as our state is now breaking records for new coronavirus cases each day, along with many other states and metropolitan areas. Please wear a mask whenever you are out in public and whenever social distancing isn't possible. Protect yourself, your neighbors, and workers on the front lines. Check out www.maskupmo.com for more info.

MDP's Candidates' Corner Webinar Series

Rural Director Tara Logan will be joined by State Rep. Ian Mackey and Fmr. State Rep. Stacey Newman for a Running for Office Q&A next Wednesday, July 15th at 7PM. Candidates' Corner is open to Democratic candidates and their staff. If you would like to join us, please email: TLogan@missouridems.org.

Vote "Yes on 2" Today!

Absentee voting for this election is already open and you can ensure the Missouri GOP will lose their fourth ballot initiative in a row! [Request your absentee ballot and then text three of your friends to do the same](#). Requests are due back to your Local Election Authority by 5PM on 7/22. We have no time to spare, get yours in now!

Give the Gift of Voter Registration!

There are about 154,000 identified likely Democrats in every part of this state - rural, suburban, and urban potential voters that YOU can ask to step up and join the fight. \$2 is all it costs to send a tracked, postage-paid, pre-filled registration form to one of these potential voters and get one new person added to the rolls. [Make a huge impact in the next 100 or so](#)

[days - give to send new voters to the polls in November!](#)

Online Training Resources Available Now!

“The Portal” is an online library of resources provided by the MDP where you’ll find training docs, guides, and best practices for candidates, county committee members, volunteers, and staff. Get trained up today and make an impact in your community! To access the Portal:

1. Go to <https://missouridemocrats.org/portal-login/>
2. Click on Request Portal Access and fill in your info

Note: Please allow a couple of days to get approved as MDP staff vets all requests to make sure everyone accessing our materials is a Democrat in good standing.

Are You A Member?

If you’re not already a bonafide member of the Missouri Democratic Party, make it official today! [Let’s show our strength in numbers to the GOP - become a member!](#)

Know The Deadlines!

A graphic titled "2020 ELECTIONS DATES TO KNOW" listing key dates for the 2020 Missouri elections. The dates are arranged in two columns. The left column includes June 23, July 8, and July 22. The right column includes August 4, August 18, September 22, October 7, October 21, and November 3. Each date is followed by a description of the event or deadline. The Missouri Democrats logo is in the bottom right corner.

2020 ELECTIONS	
DATES TO KNOW	
JUNE 23	ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS FOR AUG. 4 PRIMARY
JULY 8	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN PRIMARY
JULY 22	ABSENTEE BALLOT MAIL-IN REQUESTS FOR PRIMARY DUE TO LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY (LEA) BY 5 PM
AUG. 4	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
AUG. 18	ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS FOR GENERAL ELECTION BECOME AVAILABLE
SEPT. 22	ABSENTEE VOTING IN GENERAL ELECTION BEGINS
OCT. 7	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN GENERAL
OCT. 21	ABSENTEE BALLOT MAIL-IN REQUESTS DUE TO LEA BY 5 PM
NOV. 3	GENERAL ELECTION DAY

We’ve created a handy graphic that includes all the important elections-related deadlines and relevant dates. Help us keep Missourians informed by sharing it on your social media! You can find a [version sized for Instagram stories in our Instagram story highlights](#), and you can download the [FB-sized version here](#). Share away!

Be Counted!

Filling out your census is the single most important thing you can do to ensure fair representation for your community for the next decade. It takes only TWO minutes online or

over the phone at <https://my2020census.gov/>. Remember, we lose or gain seats based on these numbers, so please check with your friends and family and share the link above!

MDP Data Resources & VAN Help

Have questions about VAN or any data and tech needs? Check out MDP's [Data Resources page](#) or email vansupport@missouridems.org. Interested in improving the data, analytics, and technology infrastructure for Democrats in our state? Get more info and sign up [here!](#)

Show Your Pride All Summer Long!

You can show your pride and support Missouri Democrats at the same time! [Check out our webstore!](#)



Missouri Democratic Party + "It Starts Today" = A Brand New Legislature

Your support can go twice as far and reach all corners of the state with the Blue Missouri project, a partnership between the Missouri Democratic Party and It Starts Today. You can fund every Democratic nominee running for the Legislature and support a strong state party at the same time with a single monthly contribution. [Our philosophy is to leave no Democrat behind - join us today!](#)

Black Lives Matter Organizing Resources

It's been just over a month since Minneapolis police officers killed George Floyd, and the outrage over his death and those of countless other Black Americans who have been unjustly killed has understandably not wavered. In order to make sweeping, lasting changes to our

structures, the work to undo systemic racism must be a life-long commitment. [We've compiled a list of resources to continue working toward racial justice.](#) The items on this list are not the end of our to-do list, but they're a good starting point. Please take a look and share with others.

Submit an Event!

Are you a Democratic club, county committee, or allied group that's hosting an event? Let us know so we can publicize it on our website. A sense of community is even more important these days as we're staying home and not gathering together in person. [Submit your event here!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- 7/22 - [Absentee Ballots for August 4th Election due by 5PM](#)
- 8/4 - Election Day! (Medicaid Expansion's on the ballot)
- 8/17 - Democratic National Convention - Milwaukee, WI
- 9/12 - 3rd Quarter State Committee Meeting
- 9/12 - Truman Dinner
- 10/7 - [Last day to register to vote for the Nov. 3rd election](#)
- 11/3 - Election Day!

As cases are again skyrocketing in Missouri and all across the country, protect yourself, your neighbors, and your fellow workers by always wearing a mask when in public.

Solidarity,

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