



April 2025 News and Events

Friends, I hope you're hanging in there. National politics continue to be a whirlwind. If you haven't found a place to plug in locally yet, I really encourage you to do so. We will continue to highlight opportunities to get engaged! In the meantime, we have a number of big things happening locally this month:

1. At our meeting on April 23, State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti is our featured speaker and will be talking to us about money as it relates to state finances, your finances, and more. I always learn a lot when he visits our meetings, and I hope you will join us, either at the Marion Grange in Buckley or on Zoom. (See link below.)

2. Filing week is coming soon! The 31st District overlaps with 10 municipalities and 11 school districts, so we need your help in recruiting and connecting with candidates. Are you, or is someone you know, thinking of running for office this year? Please reply to this email or contact me at chair@31stdistrictdemocrats.org. I'd be happy to chat about the logistics of running for office and how the 31st Democrats can support you, as well as point you to trainings and other resources.

3. The 31st Democrats are offering two upcoming Zoom trainings for Tech Skills To Help The Resistance. We all come to the Democrats with different skill sets, and in these trainings, we want to help people get up to speed with things like posting to Facebook, searching their email, and making forms on Google forms and Signup Genius. These aren't sexy skills, but they are so helpful in working together with other folks to fight for our values. Bring your own questions too! (Note: we can't help you fix your computer during these trainings. These discussions are for general skills that everyone can use.)

Sarah Edwards
Chair



31ST DISTRICT DEMOCRATS APRIL HYBRID MEETING

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: MIKE PELLICCIOTTI, STATE TREASURER

VISITING ELECTED OFFICIAL: OFFICE OF REP. ADAM SMITH

CANDIDATES SEEKING ENDORSEMENT:

- KATE BALDWIN, AUBURN CITY COUNCIL
- MEGAN SHERIDAN, MILTON MAYOR

**WED APRIL 23, 2025 – 7PM - 9PM (6:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR)
HYBRID (ZOOM) & IN-PERSON (MARION GRANGE HALL)**

**MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS WELCOME
27725 SUMNER BUCKLEY HIGHWAY**

Call To Meeting - April 23rd

You are invited to participate in our next monthly meeting, which will be held Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 pm ON-SITE at the Marion Grange Hall in Buckley, AND on Zoom.

This month, we welcome WA State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, who will be joining us to talk about state finances and how it all impacts us. We always learn a lot from Treasurer Pellicciotti and we're excited to have him back.

We will be voting on candidate endorsements for Kate Baldwin (incumbent) for Auburn City Council, and Megan Sheridan, running for Mayor of Milton, and they'll both be with us to give us a glimpse into their campaigns and share info about themselves and their vision. Their candidate questionnaires can be found on our website and we encourage everyone to check them out in advance so you can be ready with any questions you might have for the candidates!

If you will be joining us virtually at the April 23rd meeting, the meeting link button below will allow you to pre-register in advance or join the meeting once it is in progress. A link to the meeting's agenda is provided below and will be updated prior to the meeting.

If you're available to join us in person, we can't wait to see you at the Marion Grange Hall, 27725 Sumner Buckley Highway, in Buckley. Social hour starts at 6:30pm and meeting at 7pm. Coffee will be provided and anyone who'd like to bring a snack or baked good to share, feel free!

[Register/Join April 23 Meeting Zoom](#)

[Click Here to View Agenda](#)

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity: Summer Fair Booths

In case planning ahead is your kind of thing and you're a fan of hanging outside with a fun likeminded crew, think about spending a couple of hours at a local community event, helping us staff our 31st LD Democrats booth! This is a very low key and fun way to meet people while enjoying a community event. Links to sign up will be on our website, Facebook, and here in our newsletter by late May! Save the dates:

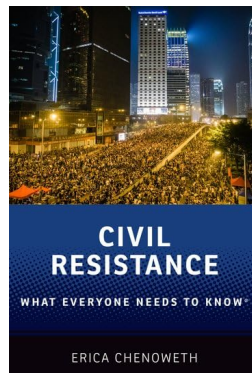
June 28-28 Buckley Log Show
July 4 Auburn 4th of July
July 19 Edgewood Picnic
July 26 Plateau Pride
Aug. 16 Milton Days

2nd Book Club Selection Announcement

Our first Book Club meeting of the year was a success and we had a great time reading and discussing On Tyranny! We have selected our book for the next Book Club meeting which will be held mid-to-late June, so everyone has plenty of time to grab a copy and dive in.

We will be reading Civil Resistance: What Everyone Needs To Know by Erica Chenoweth. One of the world's leading scholars on the topic explains what civil resistance is, how it *works*, why it sometimes *fails*, how violence and repression *affect it*, and the *long-term impacts* of such resistance. Featuring both historical cases of civil resistance and more contemporary examples such as the Arab Awakenings and various ongoing movements in the United States, this book provides a comprehensive yet concise overview of this enormously important subject.

If you need to purchase a book, please check out our only independent bookstore in the district, [A Good Book](#) down on Sumner's Main Street.



Exploring New Meeting Locations!

The 31st LD is in the process of considering a new location for our in-person monthly meetings. The ideal location would be available to us on the 4th Wednesday of every month between 6pm and 9pm; be easily accessible for residents of our sprawling district; have heat, A/C, and good, stable wi-fi internet connection for our hybrid meetings; and enough space to comfortably seat up to 100 attendees. Our budget for rental of meeting space is reasonable and if anyone has any suggestions or a space that they'd like to offer, please reply to this newsletter or [email our Chair, Sarah Edwards!](#)

2025 Membership - Join or Renew!

One of our most important resource streams is memberships and recurring donations, and membership definitely gives you a lot of bang for your buck! In exchange for your \$31 per year (or as low as \$5 to accommodate all types of circumstances) you get to have a vote and voice on different decisions that the 31st LD makes such as which candidates we endorse, candidates or initiatives we support with money or other resources, what types of membership projects we undertake, you get access to local and national candidates and elected officials at meetings and events, and you get to have a role in driving progressive priorities in our district! Renew your membership or join today to enjoy full membership for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year, and please help spread the word about the benefits of membership to your likeminded friends and neighbors that live in the 31st District.

[Renew or Become a Member Today!](#)

Looking for Volunteers!

The 31st District has all kinds of projects that could use your help, with a variety of different time commitments and activity levels. Interested in working together, giving back, and making a difference? Click below and let us know -- we'll help you find a volunteer opportunity that matches your schedule!

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[Volunteer!](#)

DONATIONS Make the Difference!

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[Find your representatives](#), including your PCO (and what precinct you are in).

[Young Democrats of Washington](#)

Seeking to "empower young people through voter registration, campaign activities, petitions, and grass-roots lobbying efforts."

[League of Women Voters Washington](#)

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate. Empowering voters. Defending Democracy.

majority of our budget, we are stepping up our fight to make the 31st District a truly inclusive, equitable, and welcoming place to live. Please consider helping us achieve our goals by contributing today!

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Precinct Committee Officers Needed!

PCO's are the "boots on the ground" for the 31st District! If you are interested in volunteering to help GET OUT THE VOTE and spread the word about initiatives in your neighborhood, click below to learn more about Precinct Committee Officers and how to help!

[PCO](#)

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If you have info or events you'd like included in the monthly newsletter, please let us know!

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The official web resource for the Washington State Democratic party. Browse for events, elected officials, platform positions, news, and more!

[Pierce County Democrats](#)

The 31st Legislative District is interesting in that it spans two counties! For those of you residing in Pierce, here is your county party's official web resource.

[King County Democrats](#)

The 31st Legislative District is interesting in that it spans two counties! For those of you residing in King, here is your county party's official web resource.

[Washington State Legislature](#)

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A great source of upcoming events and information!

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