



JULY 2025 NEWS & EVENTS

We find ourselves in the middle of summer, and I hope we're all enjoying the weather and finding ways to relax and have some downtime with friends and family. It's a lot of work to stay focused and keep track of everything that's going on, so don't forget that time to breathe and self-care are important, too.

To that point, you're invited to join us for a no-stress, no-pressure, no-work afternoon/early evening of friendship and fun at our Annual Picnic, which will be on Saturday, August 9 at 5pm at Sunset Park in Auburn! More details are below under the colorful picnic graphic -- we hope you'll join us!

We also have our regular meeting on Wednesday, July 23rd at 7pm, where we will hear from special guest speaker Mariana Hyke, the Chair of the Pierce County Democrats, as well as the continuation of qualified Democratic candidates seeking endorsement for important local races. Details about the meeting, and our new mid-meeting break/social time format that everyone seems to really enjoy, are in the next section of the newsletter!

And of course, Democracy Summer continues with the remainder of our municipal fair booths -- chill in the shade, chat with interested folks, and share information. Help others get plugged in, too! See our full list of fairs [here](#).

The primaries are right around the corner, friends -- relax, refuel, and get ready.

Michelle DePorter-Bratt
Communications Chair



31ST DISTRICT DEMOCRATS JULY HYBRID MEETING

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

MARIANNA HYKE, CHAIR, PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRATS

SEEKING ENDORSEMENT:

KELSEY BARRANS, PIERCE COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION, DISTRICT 1 POS. 1

**WED JULY 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 - July 23rd

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

We will hear from Mariana Hyke, the Chair of the Pierce County Democrats, who will speak to us about the importance of the Pierce County Charter Review Commission and how this election and the candidates for those seats could shape the governance of our county for years to come. We will also be meeting Kelsey Barrans, candidate for the Charter Review Commission! Kelsey is seeking endorsement as have some other Democratic candidates in these important Charter Review Commission races already this year. The questionnaires for these endorsements can be found on our website, so make sure to visit our [Seeking Endorsements](#) section and read up on them and bring your questions!

In our meetings, we've instituted a new mid-meeting break where both in-person and online we share different things we've been doing in our lives and in the community to make a difference, and then socially mix and mingle (or join a breakout room, if you're with us virtually on Zoom) for a bit to chat with other attendees and get to know your likeminded neighbors. It's become a highlight of our monthly gatherings and a great way to remind ourselves that we're not alone and come away with some gas in the proverbial tank and some new friends!

If you will be joining us virtually at the July 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.

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 July 23 Meeting Zoom](#)

[Click Here to View Agenda](#)



Join the 31st District Democrats for our
ANNUAL PICNIC!
Saturday, August 9th, 5pm
Sunset Park, 1420 69th Street SE, Auburn

We Provide the Burgers/Dogs/Veg Options
You Provide the Sides/Drinks/Desserts Potluck Style!

WHAT TO BRING -- BY FIRST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME:
A–D: Fruit or Salad -- E–H: Appetizer
I–M: Non-Alcoholic Beverage to Share
N–S: Chips or Side Dish -- T–Z: Dessert

Members, Families & Friends Invited!
Not yet a member? Stop by for a bite
and some fun, and become a member
while you're there!

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ANNUAL PICNIC SATURDAY AUG 9 5PM

It's almost August and that means we're ready to have a picnic! It's our tradition to have NO MONTHLY MEETING IN AUGUST and instead to get together and enjoy each other's company and have fun. The picnic is open to members of the 31st LD, families and friends! If you're receiving this newsletter and you'd like to attend, please do join us and bring any friends or family you think would enjoy the gathering!

This year our picnic will be held on Saturday, August 9th, at 5pm at Sunset Park, 1420 69th Street SE, Auburn.

The 31st LD Dems provide the burgers/dogs/veggie options for the grill and

someone to do the cooking, and we just ask that you bring a complementary dish as appropriate according to the first letter of your last name:

A-D: Fruit or Salad
E-H: Appetizer
I-M: Non-Alcoholic Beverage to Share
N-S: Chips or Side Dish
T-Z: Dessert

We invite and are often joined by local candidates and electeds who might update us on their campaigns, and we'll have some general updates from the 31st LD too, but for the most part this is an afternoon for us to enjoy each other's company, make friends, break bread and have a good time.

Come on out and have some fun! See you there!

Summer Fair Booths: Volunteer Sign-Ups Open!

For those folks looking for a way to participate with the 31st LD and hang out with a fun, likeminded crew, it's time again for our summer fairs! Everyone's always welcome to at least stop by and visit with us or volunteer on-the-spot but in particular, we could use some volunteers at Milton Days in August! We've had a ton of fun at different events already this summer, and are hoping we can get a few more folks to come help us with outreach! Spending a couple of hours at a local community event is a very low key and fun way to meet people while enjoying yourself and having a great time! Just click the links below to volunteer for shifts, come meet new people and enjoy getting to know the communities in the 31st LD.

Plateau Pride July 26 - we are a sponsor of this one and it returns to Donald Eismann Elementary School in Tehaleh!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449AEAC22A7FE3-50040233-plateau#/>

Milton Days August 16

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449AEAC22A7FE3-50040976-milton#/>

Exploring New Meeting Locations!

The 31st LD is still 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!

[Be a](#)

[Volunteer!](#)

DONATIONS Make the Difference!

While dues have historically made up the 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](#)

Important Links

[Our website](#)

[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.

[Washington State Democrats](#)

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.

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](#)

[Information](#)

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

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[Washington State Legislature](#)

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