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## MOVE TO AMEND

### COMING TO DARLINGTON, BELMONT, LANCASTER AND PLATTEVILLE

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#### ESL Tutor Training is Sept. 17 in Platteville

Fri., Sept. 4, 4 to 5 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY CITIZENS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE TO MEET. The group will be sharing feedback about the recent Lanterns for Peace event at Governor Dodge State Park and planning several public education programs for the fall. All are welcome! Location: The home of Cathy Palzkill, 206 S. Level Street in Dodgeville. For further information, contact Jane Kavaloski at [jhkavaloski@gmail.com](mailto:jhkavaloski@gmail.com)



Sun., Sept. 13, 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY MEETING OF SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY AND THE CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY Everyone is talking about sustainability and climate change, but who is doing anything about it? Plenty of people right here in Iowa County! Find out what they are up to - and how you can join in their efforts to craft a more livable world - by joining them at their monthly meeting - Sun, Sept. 13, 2 p.m. at the Dodgeville Country Kitchen, 1202 N. Johns Street. For more details, contact Chuck Tennesen at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net)



Thurs., Sept. 17, 5 to 8 p.m. (Platteville) FREE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) VOLUNTEER TUTOR TRAINING CLASS IN PLATTEVILLE Teaching English to our new immigrant neighbors is a richly rewarding multicultural experience. That's what tutors are discovering. We are now seeking tutors in the Platteville, Fennimore, Cuba City and Darlington areas. Our next free English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor training class is scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the SWTC Outreach Center in Platteville. You do not need to speak a foreign language in order to tutor. A second tutor training class is coming up in Darlington in early October. We will keep you posted. To learn more about the ESL tutor training programs in Platteville or Darlington -- or to sign up -- contact [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com) or call Shirley Barnes at 608-623-2109.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RECENT FLOATING OF THE LANTERNS FOR PEACE at Governor Dodge State Park

From Jane Kavaloski, the chair of the Grassroots Citizens for Peace and Justice: "Just after sunset on Sunday evening, August 2, a long line of paper lanterns floated behind a silent canoe on the calm waters of Twin Valley Lake at Governor Dodge State Park. These lanterns signified our yearning for the end of nuclear weapons and our commemoration of the hundreds of thousands of lives lost in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that atomic inferno.

It was amazing that calm had descended upon an evening that began with very high winds and threats of a severe storm. Prior to the floating of the lanterns, Twin Valley Shelter was filled with the music of Rich Bauman and the voices of 80 children and adults sharing their visions of a healthy, sustainable and peaceful world. Now we watch as the glowing lanterns quietly encircle the lake and carry our wishes out into the wider universe."



Fri. Sept 11 to Sun., Sept 13 (rural Dodgeville) SUSTAINABILITY WEEKEND at Folklore Village Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin is one of the sponsors of Folklore Village's upcoming Sustainability Weekend, which celebrates many of the ways we can sustain our Driftless area and its traditions.

LOCATION: Folklore Village, 3210 County Road BB (just south of Hwy. 18 between Dodgeville and Ridgeway). The three-day weekend is crowded with fun and educational events - from tours of the Underhill energy efficient home, to prairie and land preservation sessions, homesteading practices and cultural sustainability with old-time music and dance calling workshops. Lay the logs of the historic Aslak Lie Cabin for an afternoon, take old-time guitar, fiddle, banjo or harmonica lessons or learn more about beekeeping. For the full weekend schedule and to register, go to <http://folklorevillage.com/t1/calendar#Cultural%20Retreats>



"MOVE TO AMEND" CAMPAIGN COMES TO DARLINGTON, LANCASTER, PLATTEVILLE AND BELMONT. Here is how you can help get the big money out of politics today. MOVE TO AMEND is a nationwide grassroots movement whose purpose is to amend the US Constitution to diminish the influence of the big money on our political system today. Sixteen states have already passed legislation calling for the amendment. Wisconsin hopes to be number 17. Strong nonpartisan support has been shown for this effort. AND NOW IT'S COMING TO DARLINGTON, BELMONT, PLATTEVILLE AND LANCASTER. Teams of supporters in each of these towns will be circulating petitions between September 1 and October 30 to get the amendment on the ballot in their April 2016 local elections. They need help! Better yet, learn how you can circulate similar petitions in your own city, town, or county. For more info or to volunteer, contact Ray Spellman at [Spellman@mhtc.net](mailto:Spellman@mhtc.net) In Darlington - Midge Steger, [midgesteger@yahoo.com](mailto:midgesteger@yahoo.com), In Platteville - Dick Rundell at [rrundell@centurytel.net](mailto:rrundell@centurytel.net), In Lancaster -- David Froemming at [frommdavid@yahoo.com](mailto:frommdavid@yahoo.com) and in Belmont Muz Aebersold at [marilynaebersold@yahoo.com](mailto:marilynaebersold@yahoo.com).

The MOVE TO AMEND resolution reads:

***We, the People of the United States of America, reject the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling and other related cases, and move to amend our Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights.***

Tues., Sept. 8 REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE

CONFERENCE Join Chuck Tennesen and other local people who will learn how to become effective, positive voices in slowing climate change at the Citizens' Climate Lobby Great Lakes Regional Conference, Sept. 26 and 27 in Frankfort, Illinois. Carpooling is available from our area. Contact Chuck Tennesen at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net) for details about the conference and to register:

<https://donate.citizensclimateeducationcorp.org/frankfort/events/great-lakes-regional-conference/e53970>

GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com).

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