



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin.

CALL YOUR IOWA COUNTY SUPERVISOR TODAY!

Tues., Aug. 16, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD TO DECIDE ON USE OF COMMUNITY ROOM IN NEW HSS BUILDING Controversy swirls among Iowa County Supervisors. Many of the new board members want to forbid or severely restrict non-profit groups from using the wonderful new Community Room in the new Health and Human Services Building. Does this make sense? We taxpayers paid for the building. Now some supervisors who opposed the building want to restrict its use. All kinds of community organizations - from the Iowa County Republican and Democratic Parties to the Uplands Garden Club to Trout Unlimited and many more must use the meeting rooms at Stonefield Apartments. There are no other low-cost facilities where volunteer groups that are the backbone of our communities can meet for a small fee - bringing their own refreshments. Such groups don't have the money to use restaurant facilities, which require serving a meal. Their members come from throughout the county, refuting some supervisors' claims that people from their towns would not use the building. **CALL YOUR SUPERVISOR TODAY or TOMORROW** to let him or her know what you think about such restrictions. The Board meets tomorrow at 7 p.m. (Tuesday) to make the decision.

DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR SUPERVISOR IS?

Check out the Grassroots website for a list of supervisors with phone numbers:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Legislators/Iowa%20County%20Board%20Members%202010-2012.pdf>

IOWA COUNTY NEEDS GOOD LEADERSHIP. Start thinking now about running for the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. Attend their monthly meetings (third Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m.) to understand the significant contribution you could make to our community. Applications will be due in January, 2012. Check out the Grassroots website to find out how to apply: <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

THURS., AUG 18, 7 P.M. (Belmont) RURAL BROADBAND: IT CAN BE DONE

High speed network access is vital to the economic future of rural America, but will it ever

happen? The answer appears to be yes! How soon it will come and how much it will cost is the subject of the upcoming BEST Wisconsin Quarterly Forums to be held at the Lafayette County General Store in Belmont. Speakers will include Joe Esbrook from Packerland Broadband/ CCI Systems and David Lois from WiscNet - Wisconsin's Research and Education Network. Dinner at 7 p.m. (\$15). Get your tickets online at <http://ruralbroadband.eventsbot.com> or call BEST at 608-558-0367

GRASSROOTS FACEBOOK PAGE

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grassroots-Citizens-of-wisconsin/174246405925559?sk=wall>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Sept 19, 6 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) NEXT ESL TUTOR TRAINING PROGRAM

BEGINS With a long waiting list of adult local students eager to learn English, we're starting our next tutor training program in September. CAN YOU HELP? Tutoring is one-on-one in the students' homes. The ten-hour tutor training will be held in three sessions the week of Sept. 19: Monday, Sept. 19 (6 to 9 p.m.); Thurs., Sept. 22 (6 to 9 p.m.); Sat., Sept. 24 (8:30 to 12:30 p.m.). Let us know by return email if you are interested. (Or if you have conflicts on these dates, other arrangements can be made.) You can also check out our website at:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/>

Sat., Oct 15, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) RUSS FEINGOLD HEADLINES

GRASSROOTS FALL EVENT He'll be talking about "The Exploding Corporate Influence in Washington". Join your friends and neighbors for a fun evening of wine, cheese and lively conversation (after a day enjoying the *Fall Art Tour*.) At this free event, you'll learn about what the Grassroots organization is up to and how you can become involved in its community-changing work. To RSVP (requested but not required), email or emma@mhtc.net or call 967-2375

CITIZENS FOR PEACE MONTHLY MEETING DATES Fri., Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Avenue, Dodgeville. Fri., Oct 7 at 4 p.m. at the home of Judy James. Contact Jane Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryrspeed.com for more info about the group and its projects.

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.

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