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IMPORTANT INFO SESSIONS FOR ENROLLING IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

Mon., Oct. 21 and Wed., Oct. 30 in Dodgeville

For more information about all of the events listed below, check out our [website](#). Friend us on Facebook at Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin.



Mon., Oct. 21, 6 to 8 p.m. (Dodgeville) INFO SESSIONS ON THE FEDERAL ONLINE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE.

Local health care and social service professionals will address important questions about the NEW Health Insurance Marketplace at this free Dodgeville info session, in the Community Room of the HSS Building, 303 West Chapel Street. (A second session will be held on Wed., Oct. 30 from noon to 2 p.m. at the same location.) Learn where you can find local help to navigate the Marketplace, who is eligible for the Marketplace, how the Marketplace benefits small businesses, etc. "At these free information sessions we are hoping to help people cut through the misinformation about the Marketplace which is all over the news and the Internet," said Molly Zuelke, of the Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville.

More information about the online Marketplace The Dodgeville Public Library has put together an excellent list of resources about the Marketplace. Click to go to http://dodgevillelibrary.com/affordable_care_act_resources.html

Sun., Oct. 20, 7 p.m. (rural Dodgeville) A BOOK TALK: STORMS OF MY GRANDCHILDREN Join the local Citizens Climate Change Lobby group for a 30 min. tele-conference talk and Q & A from Dr. James Hansen, former NASA climate scientist and author of Storms of my Grandchildren. You don't need to have read the book. Location: Chuck and Karen Tennesen's home, 3893 Mill Creek Road, rural Dodgeville. Expect refreshments and good cheer. For more info, contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net or (608) 987-3835.

Fri., Nov. 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) THE GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE group meets to continue the conversation about how best to explore the Global Environmental Impact of War and Militarism. LOCATION: Joan Mish's home, 301 Virginia Court, Dodgeville. Contact: Jane H. Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryrspeed.com or (608) 935-3007 for more info.

Wed., Nov. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) "DARE YOU RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE? Of course!" Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin is sponsoring this panel discussion to encourage people to run for public office. You'll find out what the rules and regulations are, how to get started, and where to turn for help. Panel members will be current or past office holders. Light refreshment. Location: Stonefield Apartments meeting room, 407 East Madison, Dodgeville. For more info, contact grassroots@merr.com.



Tues., Nov. 12, 10 to 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) AN IOWA COUNTY FITNESS



CAMPAIGN? Obesity is Iowa County's number one health problem. So what can be done about it? Dana Churchill and Sarah Ritchie of RichlandFIT will tell Iowa County leaders about Richland's innovative four-year wellness campaign <http://richlandfit.co.richland.wi.us/> Grassroots and other partners are hosting the event. Can Richland and Iowa Counties work together on wellness? We'll explore the idea at this event.

FROM OUR EMERGING TOPICS TEAM

IS THERE TOO MUCH MONEY IN POLITICS? (Forum date and time to be announced). Tim Sager, of the South Central Wisconsin Move to Amend organization, will talk about the fallout from the U.S. Supreme Court Citizens United ruling which declared that money is speech and that corporations and unions have the same "personhood" constitutional rights as citizens. Sager will describe in detail what Wisconsin communities - from townships to counties - are doing. To learn more about the Move to Amend movement, check out <http://www.scwmta.org> or <http://movetoamend.org>.

FROM OUR ESL/IMMIGRATION REFORM task force

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TUTOR? Teaching English to adults eager to learn our language is a richly rewarding experience, according to tutors in our southwest Wisconsin English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring program. We are now seeking potential tutors in the Darlington area and in Montfort, Fennimore and Highland as well as Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Ridgeway. You do not need a foreign language. Contact grassroots@merr.com to learn more.

OTHER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Tues., Oct. 15, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) Iowa County Board Meeting Iowa County Board of Supervisors will meet in Regular Session in the Health and Human Services building, 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville. Watch for the agenda at <http://iowacounty.org/countyboard/committees/countyboard.shtml> Click 2013 to get the agendas.

Thurs., Oct. 17, 7 p.m. (Sauk City) Social Justice Lecture The Honorable Janine Geske, former Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, will speak on restorative justice, an area of the law in which she is a widely known international authority. LOCATION: Park Hall, 307 Polk Street, Sauk City. For more information go to <http://www.freecongregation.org> or email free_congregation@frontier.com.

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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