



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

SECOND HEALTH CARE MARKETPLACE INFO SESSION

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.

Wed., Oct. 23 (TOMORROW), 3 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) U.S. REP. MARK POCAN'S STAFF MEMBERS will be at the Dodgeville Library, Programming Room, to hear about your concerns. Please stop in and share what's on your mind.

Wed., Oct. 30, 12 noon to 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) SECOND INFO SESSION ON THE FEDERAL 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. Learn where you can find local help to navigate the Marketplace, who is eligible for the Marketplace, how the Marketplace benefits small businesses, etc. 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

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@countrysspeed.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.

ACTION



ALERT

LOCAL CONTROL OF AIR AND WATER QUALITY IS THREATENED in Wisconsin

Thurs., Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m. hearing and 12 noon rally (Madison)

IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION IS ON THE

DOCKET. A bill that would vastly diminish local government power to regulate mining is being introduced in the state legislature. Aimed at standardizing ordinances for frac sand mines, the legislation would override any local efforts to protect water, air or the use of explosives. Hearings are scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 24, 9:30 a.m. at the 411 South Hearing Room in the State Capitol. A protest rally is scheduled for noon. Contact [Senator Dale Schultz](#) and [Rep. Howard Marklein](#) to express your opinion. For more information about the legislation, see the Wisconsin State Journal article, [Rolling Back Local Powers to Regulate Mines and Blasting](#).

Sat., Nov. 2, 11 .m. (Mineral Point) IOWA COUNTY CITIZEN CLIMATE LOBBY

meets at the Gray Dog Deli (215 High Street in Mineral Point) to join the monthly CCL tele-conference call and discuss next local steps. This is a dedicated group lead by Chuck and Karen Tennesen, twotens@yousq.net or 608-987-3835. Learn more about this group and its mission by going to our [Sustain website](#).

Tues., Nov. 19, 10 to 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) KEEPING IOWA COUNTY HEALTHY:

It's Everyone's Job Obesity is a leading Iowa County health problem, with 30 percent of the population considered obese. 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 and we will talk about how Richland and Iowa Counties might work together on wellness. Sponsored by the Iowa County Health Care Coalition with an assist from Grassroots. <http://richlandfit.co.richland.wi.us/>

FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Tues., Oct. 29, 2, 3 and 5 p.m. (Dodgeville) THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN DONATION will be discussed at Upland Hills Health. Get answers to your questions before making this very generous and important decision. There are over 1,600 people on the organ donation list in Wisconsin. One donor can save as many as eight lives. Speakers will be from the Lions Eye Bank, RTI Donor Services and UW Organ and Tissue Donation. Presentations will cover organ, tissue, and eye donation.

Fri., Nov. 1; Sat., Nov. 2 and Sun., Nov. 3 (Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb and Mineral Point) ORAL PERSPECTIVES FROM THE SW WISCONSIN LANDSCAPE with author Susan Gilchrist. She will talk about the processes of oral history, its uses in community and applications to conservation. On Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon, Gilchrist will be in Dodgeville at the Cobblestone Coffee House, 237 N Iowa St. (the former Courthouse Inn). On Saturday, she'll be at the Mt. Horeb Public Library, 105 Perimeter, from 10 a.m. to noon. On Sunday, she'll be at the Gray Dog Deli in Mineral Point, 215 High Street from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 16, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) WRITER'S WORKSHOP with author Robert Wolf. Help us capture our community heritage through written stories. LOCATION: Dodgeville Library.

Sun., Nov. 10, 10 a.m. (Spring Green) GUATEMALAN SPEAKER FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION will speak at the Spring Green General Store. Anselmo Roldan Aquilar of the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala, will talk about the historic genocide trial against former dictator Efraim Rios Montt who was sentenced to 80 years in prison this year. Contact Melinda VanSlyke at 608-588-5223.

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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