



# June '09 WCDP News

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The next meeting of the Winnebago County Democratic Party is:

**May 13th, 2009**

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***The Delta***

**515 N Sawyer Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

## *Topics for Discussion:*

*Parade Season!*

*2010 Candidate Recruiting*

*2009 Membership Recruiting*

*2009 Budget & Activities*

*2009 Committees Meetings*

*Legislative Updates*

*Local Issue Updates*

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## **DPW Announces 2009 State Convention Theme: 'The Difference is Leadership'**

MADISON – The Democratic Party of Wisconsin (DPW) today announced the theme of this year's State Convention: 'The Difference is Leadership'. With Democrats in full control of government for the first time in more than two decades, the DPW will highlight the theme as Party members gather in Green Bay June 12-13 for State Convention.

This year also marks the 60th year of the modern Democratic Party in Wisconsin.

"Democrats are leading our state and nation forward, making the tough decisions every day to create jobs, stimulate the economy and balance the budget," said Joe Wineke, Chair of the DPW. "From the State House to the White House, Democrats are taking the lead and working hard to clean up the mess we inherited from George W. Bush and the Republicans."

Event details:

WHAT: Democratic Party of Wisconsin's 2009 Annual State Convention

WHEN: Friday, June 12 - Saturday, June 13, 2009

WHERE: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay

During State Convention, delegates, alternates and guests from across the state will gather to hear from a variety of elected officials, Party leaders, and keynote speakers. This year, delegates and alternates will also elect Party Officers, including DPW Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Guests interested in attending State Convention can find more details at our Web site: [www.wisdems.org](http://www.wisdems.org).

Even if you are not signed up as a delegate, you can be a guest. Call the hotel at (920) 494-7300 to get a room reserved at the DPW reserved rate.

Please join or renew your membership! See the form on back.

**Join the Party**

Send Check for \$25 to: Evelyn Rieckmann Treasurer - 9680 N Oakwood Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956-9337

Paid for by [the Winnebago County Democratic Party](http://the Winnebago County Democratic Party) – [Jef Hall](#), Chair

## WCDP Events!

**Sat Jun 6<sup>th</sup> – Town of Algoma Parade**

**Wed Jun 10<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Jun 12-13<sup>th</sup> – DPW Annual Convention**  
Convention will be hosted in Green Bay

**Sat Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Claytonfest Parade**

**Fri Jun 24<sup>th</sup> – Fox Valley Dems Unity Breakfast**  
7:00AM – BJ Clancy's - 3341 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Sat Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> – Neenah/Menasha Light Parade**

**Sat Jul 4<sup>h</sup> – Oshkosh & Omro Parades**

**Wed Jul 8<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Sat Jul 18<sup>h</sup> – Winneconne Sovereign State Days Parade**

**Aug 4-9<sup>th</sup> – Winnebago County Fair**  
Volunteers needed to staff the booth!

**Wed Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM – Delta Restaurant - 515 N Sawyer St, Oshkosh

**Sat Aug 29<sup>th</sup> – WCDP Annual Corn Roast**  
1:00PM – Winnebago Community Park - Oshkosh

**Mon Sep 7<sup>th</sup> – Neenah/Menasha Labor Day Parade & Celebration**

**Mon Sep 7<sup>th</sup> – Oshkosh Labor Day Celebration & Car Show**

## Algoma Parade Details

*6/6/09 - meet behind Mueller Lincoln-Mercury near the intersection of Hwy's 41 and 21 in Oshkosh.*

*Meet at 10:30 – Parade at 11:00!*

**Have an event the WCDP should know?**

Contact Jef to get it on the schedule!  
920.203.6883 – [jef@jefhall.com](mailto:jef@jefhall.com)

## Rep. Hintz: Legislators introduce Payday Lending Consumer Protection Act

Madison -- In three events around the state today, legislators announced the introduction of the Payday Lending Consumer Protection Act, a measure that will provide protections against predatory lending by limiting interest rates for consumer loans to 36% annually. Currently in Wisconsin, the average rate on a two-week payday loan amounts to an annual percentage rate of 525%, and in 2005 it was estimated that Wisconsin consumers paid \$124 million in predatory fees.

The erosion of consumer protection laws has led to a significant growth in the number of payday lending operations in Wisconsin. In 1995, two licensed payday lenders operated seventeen offices in the state. In 2004, there were 346 licensed payday lenders in Wisconsin. By 2008, the number of licensed payday lenders jumped to 530, and there are currently more payday lending storefronts in Wisconsin than McDonald's.

“At a time when more and more families are living paycheck to paycheck, we can't stand by while Wisconsinites get trapped in a cycle of debt,” said Representative Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh), Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection and lead author of the bill. “Wisconsin families deserve basic consumer protections, and right now there is no bigger consumer protection issue than limiting the ability of predatory loan operations to take advantage of our citizens.”

After the Pentagon reported that widespread abuse by predatory lenders was hurting military families and undermining military readiness, Congress enacted the Military Lending Act in 2007. A 36% cap, twice the limit for federally chartered credit unions, is the same rate cap that protects our military service members and their families. Fifteen states and the District of Columbia either prohibit payday lending completely or have established two-digit limits on interest rates. Wisconsin is currently the only state in the country where there is no rate cap for licensed lenders.

“Over the past decade we watched the number of payday lenders in our city and our state grow exponentially,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “Predatory lending has taken a serious toll on our community, and this legislation is long overdue. I look forward to swift passage of the Payday Lending Consumer Protection Act on behalf of Wisconsin families.”

President Obama proposed extending the same 36% cap included in the Military Lending Act to all payday lenders as a part of his plan to strengthen our nation's economy and help working families.

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Dear Wisconsin Democrat,

I wanted to take a moment to once again thank you for all of your hard work leading up to last years' election. I couldn't be more pleased to be working with a President who understands what is needed to get our country moving back in the right direction. There is a lot to be done to fix the problems we face as a nation, but I have faith that President Obama and his administration will do everything they can to bring our country through the current situation so that we can come out stronger on the other side.

While I continue my legislative work in the Senate, my reelection campaign is already in gear looking ahead to Election Day 2010. We have an office in Middleton and we recently expanded our Milwaukee office (207 E. Buffalo St., Suite 302). We also plan on opening an office in Green Bay next month – taking another bold step in putting together a strong campaign structure. We have a newly redesigned website – [www.russfeingold.org](http://www.russfeingold.org) – where supporters can sign up to volunteer, see what issues I'm working on, what is happening with our campaign, and be kept up to date on what we'll be doing next.

But none of this can happen without your support. I've relied on Progressives like you in each campaign I've ever run and this time is no different. We need you involved in our race and all of the different aspects of a strong grassroots campaign. To get involved, you can sign-up on our website – [www.russfeingold.org](http://www.russfeingold.org) – or contact my Field Director, Paula Zellner, by email at [zellner@russfeingold.org](mailto:zellner@russfeingold.org), or by phone at 715-735-7811.

Thank you again for everything you have done and will continue to do on behalf of Progressives across Wisconsin. I look forward to seeing you and working with you in the weeks and months ahead.

Take care,

Russ Feingold - United States Senator - [www.russfeingold.org](http://www.russfeingold.org)

### **Health Care Reform Talking Points:**

- President Obama is committed to supporting meaningful health care reform that:
  - Reduces costs for families, businesses and government;
  - Protects people's choice of doctors, hospitals and health plans; and
  - Assures affordable, quality health care for all Americans.
- Democrats are committed to supporting health care reform legislation this year that protects what works about health care and fixes what's broken.
- Health care reform cannot wait another year. For American families, the status quo is unacceptable.
- Democrats are committed to health care reform that guarantees Americans their health care choice.
  - President Obama has consistently said that if a family likes what they have, they will be able to keep it under health care reform.
  - Democrats will support health care reform that builds on the existing employer-based system and strengthens it.
- Democrats will support reform that:
  - Assures quality, affordable health care for all Americans.
  - Takes on the status quo and makes sure that Americans are not denied coverage because of a pre-existing medical condition.
  - Offers insurance security for Americans who lose their job or want to switch jobs.
  - Offers Americans who want insurance, but can't afford it, help that will allow them to purchase the quality, affordable health care that is so important.

