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# Porter County Republicans— The Eagle Eye

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## Comments from the Chair

### Fellow Republicans —

Filing has closed and we are set for the 2019 Primary Elections. We have a great slate of candidates excited to meet the voters and share their goals and aspirations. Every member of this group of outstanding Republican candidates is committed to effective, efficient quality government. I encourage all of you to get to know the candidates, offer to assist and more importantly get out in your precincts and engage the voters and make sure they VOTE!

The ideals of self-governance, limited government restrained by the people from overreaching, and limited taxation are cornerstones of our Party. You only have to watch the nightly news or read the paper to see the continual degradation of our freedoms and our system of government.

Our opponents call for “Medicare for All” (single payer socialized medicine); they call for financial support for those “unwilling to work.”

They want instantaneous change in the way we use energy, which will cause the loss of over a million jobs; they want you to retrofit your home, and your business so they meet their standards of energy efficiency and they want you pay for it. The cost nationwide — in the Trillions!

Don’t be fooled, the Democratic party at all levels wants the United States of America to become a socialist nation where BIG Government runs your life. When I say BIG Government, I mean a select few elitist Democrat leaders who want to dictate how you lead your life and especially how you use your money. These folks don’t believe you are capable or smart enough to make the proper decisions, they are going to do it for you.

On top of all that, they want open borders so hundreds of thousands of immigrants can come over the border for what they call a better life and what we call very cheap labor taking jobs away from American citizens, and more folks to add to the burgeon-



ing welfare rolls that are unaffordable now.

Though this is a Municipal election year, don’t think for a minute that the local Democrats aren’t in full support of these ideals and many more. This is where we take a stand, build the momentum into 2020 and educate the voters on what the issues really are and why we want a free market system and freedom from government interference.

We need to continue the effort to keep our Cities and Towns a place to raise our families in safety, comfort and free from government interference. A place where opportunities exist for economic expansion, wage growth and jobs for everyone. Please get engaged, get involved, volunteer and advocate for our ideals and our country. Thank you for being a part of our party and **God Bless All of You.**

*Michael Simpson*  
**Chairman, Porter County  
Republicans**

**LINCOLN DAY DINNER—APRIL 25, 2019**

**United States Senator Mike Braun**  
**Featured Speaker**

**Sand Creek Country Club — Chesterton**  
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## Candidate Profile

### Matt Murphy—Mayor—City of Valparaiso



**Matt Murphy**

Matt Murphy is a candidate for Mayor of the City of Valparaiso. Matt grew up in the Center Township of Valparaiso and is a lifelong Valpo resident. He and his wife Polly, a nurse, and their four children reside on Valpo's northside. Matt has a deep love for everything our community has to offer. After earning a degree from Indiana University, Matt worked in the steel industry for 10 years at ArcelorMittal in Burns Harbor and while there earned his M.B.A at Valparaiso University.

Matt was elected to the Porter County Council in 2006 and served in that office until later appointed to the position of Economic Development Director for the City of Valparaiso in 2007. Matt played a vital role in the renewal of the historic downtown while Economic Development Director and under the leadership of Matt Murphy the Department of Economic Development successfully created a business friendly environment that attracted many businesses to invest in creating new jobs in Valpo. In 2013 Matt joined the family business his step-father George Tamalunas founded, Jifco Products.



**Matt and Polly**

In 2016 Matt was elected to the Valparaiso City Council where he has championed infrastructure improvements, safer neighborhoods, and economic development. In addition to serving on the City Council, Matt was appointed to the Board of Public Works and Safety by Mayor Costas in 2013 and served in that role until 2018. Matt was appointed by his colleagues on the City Council to serve on the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission in 2016. As the next Mayor of Valparaiso, Matt will continue to use his business experience in the private sector and background in economic development to build on the progress of Mayor Costas and keep Valpo moving in the right direction.



**Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 2019**



## Republican Candidate Profiles—Clerk/Treasurers



### Valparaiso—Holly Taylor



Holly Taylor, the City's Deputy Clerk Treasurer, is running to become the City's next elected Clerk-Treasurer. Sharon Emerson Swihart, the retiring Clerk Treasurer, is serving as Taylor's campaign chairwoman.

Ms. Taylor is a lifelong resident of Porter County and holds a bachelor's degree from Purdue University. She and husband, Ryan, a captain with the Porter County Jail, live in Valparaiso and are parents of two children, Lainey, 14 and Jackson, 6 who attend Valparaiso schools.

### Town of Chesterton — Stephanie Kuziela



Stephanie Kuziela has been a Porter County resident for the majority of her life. Growing up in Jackson Township, she moved into Chesterton in 2010. Stephanie has served the Town of Chesterton since 2009, initially working for the Duneland Chamber of Commerce. She worked part time as the Town Manager's Administrative Assistant, while attending college full time for her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Ms. Kuziela also serves on the Porter County Republican Central Committee Executive Committee as Chair of District 1.

While working for the Town Manager, Stephanie's duties were expanded to assisting the then Clerk-Treasurer, Gayle Polakowski with the town's budget and annual reporting. When Clerk-Treasurer Polakowski retired half way through her term, Stephanie was caucused in as Clerk-Treasurer effective January 1, 2014 and won re-election in 2016. A few months into her first term, she completed her second Bachelor's degree, this time in Organizational Leadership and Supervision. Stephanie enjoys serving her community and works continuously to streamline and update processes keeping the town up-to-date with current technology and reporting.

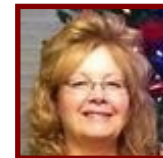
### City of Portage — Deborah Lee



Deborah Lee is a lifelong resident of Portage. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Indiana University Northwest and for the last 29 years has worked in the field of public accounting. Ms. Lee understands the importance of deadlines as well as money management which are crucial to running a successful business or government department.

Ms. Lee's life experience and accounting skills support all of these functions.

### Town of Kouts — Laurie Tribble



Laurie Tribble is currently the incumbent Clerk Treasurer in the Town of Kout, having taken on that role in 2001. She has served as Clerk Treasurer for 18 years and with a productive record of accomplishment, is now running for another term.

Ms. Tribble is a native of Gary Indiana and prior to becoming the Clerk Treasurer for Kouts was the Camarero at Shoops Hamburgers in Michigan City. She attended Boone Grove Junior-Senior High School graduating in 1982.



## For Our Candidates And Their Campaigners!

### From the Indiana Secretary of State

#### Agenda

- Basics of campaign finance
- Conflicts of Interest
- Disclaimers and disclosures
- Government property for campaigning
- Resources
- Security



### Candidate School Webinar

This 30 minute video is filled with valuable information for the first-time candidate or as a refresher course.

Connie Lawson, Indiana Secretary of State covers topics from campaign finance reports to cyber security that may impact your campaign efforts.

Watch it today for a successful tomorrow!

Click [here](#) to begin the course.



# PORTER COUNTY LINCOLN DAY DINNER 2019



## Honoring Republican President Abraham Lincoln

With Malice toward none,  
with charity for all, with  
firmness in the right, as God  
gives us to see the right, let us  
strive on to finish the work we  
are in, to bind up the nation's  
wounds.



**Abraham Lincoln**

16th U.S. President  
(1809-1865)

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## Guest Speaker — United States Senator Mike Braun



### **Sand Creek Country Club — Thursday, April 25, 2019**

1001 Sand Creek Drive, Chesterton

Invitation Only VIP Reception 5:00pm

Doors open for dinner 6:15pm — seating for dinner and program 7:00pm

Tickets \$50.00 per person

Tickets may be purchased online at: [www.portercountyrepublicans.com](http://www.portercountyrepublicans.com)

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## ELECTION CALENDAR MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION May 7, 2019

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**DEADLINE** for the county election board to mail primary election absentee ballots to voters who have previously filed an approved application with circuit court clerk.

**Monday, April 8, 2019**

**VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS**

**DEADLINE** at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

First day a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

**Friday, April 12, 2019** End of pre-primary campaign finance reporting period.

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

**Monday, April 22, 2019**

**DEADLINE, by noon**, for filing pre-primary campaign finance reports for primary candidates (including unopposed primary candidates where no primary is conducted).

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for inperson absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for in-person absentee voting.

**Monday, April 29, 2019**

**DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm**, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of an absentee ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours for inperson absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for in-person absentee voting.

**Monday, May 6, 2019**

**DEADLINE, by noon**, for circuit court clerks to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

**DEADLINE, by noon**, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.



## ELECTION CALENDAR (Continued)

### MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

May 7, 2019

**DEADLINE, by noon**, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in person at the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

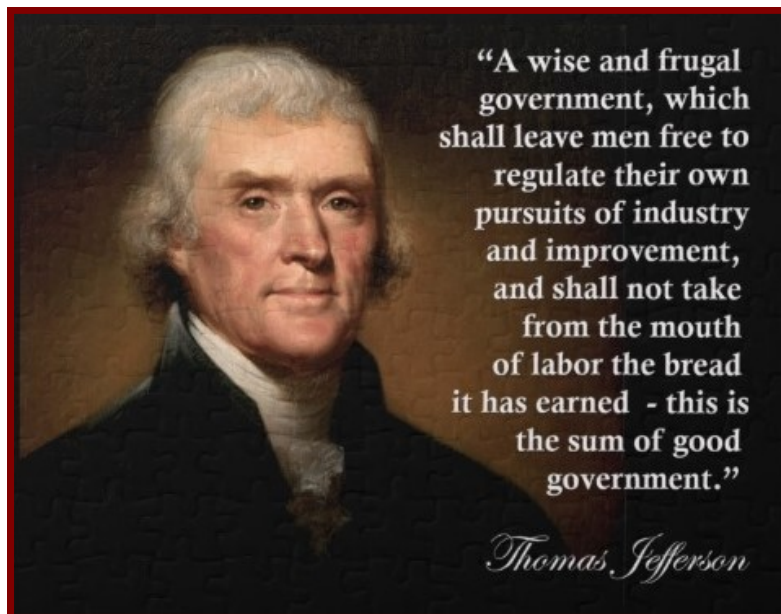
**DEADLINE, by midnight**, for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY** Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time, in certain cities and towns.



#### Words To Live By . . . .



“A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government.”

*Thomas Jefferson*