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For a smile, click to see a *cute animal picnic here*. Then sign up for *OUR* summer picnic below!

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# Indivisible HoCoMD Update

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## Memorial Day - Kicking off our Democracy Summer

*"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." - Alice Walker*

Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, is the national holiday of remembrance to honor all those who have died serving in our military.

This weekend we need to pay special attention to the idea of service to country. In 2022 every week's news has been worse than the last.

Last week, Republican hate speech killed 10 people in Buffalo. This week, 19 MORE children and two adults were killed in a horrific school shooting. The Republican response is to block action by the Senate while they parrot NRA talking points.

Meanwhile, as more evidence comes to light about the Republican attempt to overthrow the 2020 election, we see how deeply self-styled autocrats have penetrated into democratic institutions we counted on and thought were incorruptible.

So when you see American flags this Memorial day, think for a moment about the lives that have been given to secure our freedom. And realize that now WE must step up and commit ourselves to giving something back so that our democracy will extend into the next generation.

No one has to do this alone. But if everybody does a little, just a few hours, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Indivisible proved in 2018 that there is *enormous* power in grassroots action. Together, WE CAN DO THIS.

IndivisibleHoCoMD has activities planned for summer to impact the November Midterm elections. We'll be sending you information regularly about actions you can take to help. Please read our emails and please join us!

***Wanda Prather***

IndivisibleHoCoMD Communications Team



**Register for our summer potluck picnic!**

Time to recharge relationships and energize to save our democracy!

**June 10 6-8pm**  
**Owen Brown Interfaith Center**

Come hang out in-person (both indoors and on the OBIC patio) for a fun time with fellow Indivisibles, get reconnected, see what the different Action Teams are up to, and chat with various candidates that may show up. Bring a friend and both you and they get a free IndivisibleHoCoMD t-shirt!

CLICK TO  
REGISTER  
HERE!



Click the link below to see the Democracy Summer events already scheduled for the month of June.

Check back often, we may add more! There are tabs at the bottom where you can look ahead to July and August.

[Click for Democracy Summer Event Schedule](#)

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## Defend Democracy

### Are you ready to Rock the Vote?

Maryland has confirmed this **year's primary date will be July 19th**. Are you ready? It's a redistricting year, so election officials have made changes to **County, State, and Congressional districts**.

Make sure you are registered to vote and check your voting districts [here](#)

The voter registration deadline for the primary is **JUNE 28**.

If you are not going to be able to vote in person, request a mail-in ballot [here](#)

If you are going to be in town, volunteer to be an Election Judge (many are needed, in all districts). Being an Election Judge is a long day, but informative and rewarding. Sign up [here](#).

Protect the Vote 2022 Campaign: Common Cause Maryland will provide all the training and resources you need to assist voters, and there's a supportive community of fellow volunteers that'll have your back the whole way. There's a role for everyone – whether it's helping voters from home, assisting voters safely in person, or tracking online disinformation. Sign up [here](#).

Check Vote Smart's website for free, factual, unbiased information on candidates and elected officials: <https://justfacts.votesmart.org>

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## General Membership Meeting

### Did you miss our spring meeting?

**Dr. Rachel Bitecofer** - political scientist, election forecaster, messaging strategist, and founder of Strike Pac - talked about the midterms and how we can win the messaging battle.

You'll want to watch the replay! It's on the home page of our website:  
[www.indivisiblehocomd.org](http://www.indivisiblehocomd.org)



On the same page you'll find a personal video message recorded for us by Maryland's own JAMIE RASKIN!!!

We also raffled off three signed copies of Jamie Raskin's new book, "Unthinkable". Congratulations to our three winners, **Judy Schiffer**, **Arthur Spilkia** and **Bob Lisk** !



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## Communications

### Help us with Messaging!

What we heard from Dr. Bitecofer at our spring meeting is to SPEAK UP AND PUSH BACK with our messaging!

So if you use **social media** of any type, and you see someone complaining about "Congress doing nothing about gun violence/gun control",

PLEASE CHANGE the narrative to:

**"REPUBLICANS** in Congress are doing nothing about gun violence/gun control!!



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