



# THE TORCH

*The Official Newsletter of Liberty Is Essential PAC.*



# LIBERTY IS ESSENTIAL



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## Our Most Valuable Natural Resource

What is the Hoosier State's most valuable natural resource? Is it a fossil fuel? Is it an agricultural product? Is it our forests or waterways? Is it our air? Nope, I believe that Indiana's most valuable natural resource is our children.

August brings the beginning of another school year for many of Indiana's children. Parents are usually buying school supplies, paying book fees, and updating wardrobes. However, this year parents seem to have added a new task to their annual back-to-school ritual...attending school board meetings. Many Hoosier parents have finally come to the end of their patience with how "public schools" are socially engineering their children. A plethora of grievances have become top priorities among many parents. I see and hear questions from parents related to how to change what is being taught in these "public schools".

First, let's level set some terminology. We don't have "public schools". We have government schools. The Republican-supermajority General Assembly dictates education policy and spending in the State of Indiana. The Governor appoints the new Secretary of Education and the Governor, Speaker of the House, and President Pro Tempore of the Indiana Senate appoint the members of the State Board of Education. So, at least the past ten years, the Indiana Republican Party has had overwhelming control over "public education" in Indiana...even when a Democrat was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Now that we have established who is making the decisions in Indiana's "public schools", let's state the obvious. Any issue that any Hoosier parent has with what is being taught in Indiana's "public schools" is a direct result of how we vote. The elected officials who have been making decisions for the past decade have brought us to where we are. These are government-accredited schools, teaching government-mandated curriculum. If we want how these schools educate children to change, we must change how we vote.

Here's the problem. We cannot change the complexion of the Indiana General Assembly overnight. The next election is November 8, 2022. Attending and commenting at school board meetings won't change much when the school boards know what will happen if they defy the demands of state government. Just ask the school boards in Gary and Muncie how much power they have against state government. Oh, wait, you can't because state government disbanded those school boards and handed those school districts over to entities who would comply with state statutes. Again, we don't have "public schools". We have government schools.

So, how do we make sure that our children receive the education that we, as parents, desire for our children? Remove our children from government schools. This will accomplish two very important objectives. First, it will allow you, the parent, to control your child's education. Second, it will send a much more poignant message to those making the decision in government education. While this is a necessary first step for the educational benefit of our children, the next step will become even more important. We must replace the current decision makers in state government with true representatives who will ensure that government education is truly of, by, and for the citizens of the Hoosier State. We must change why we vote for those for whom we cast our vote.

The Indiana Republican Party is not the solution to this problem. The Indiana Republican Party is the problem. They control education policy and spending in Indiana. They control curriculum in Indiana. They control Indiana. If there is a problem in Indiana, they have the power to solve it. If it hasn't been solved, they must not see it as a problem.

The Indiana Republican Party is working hard to blame Hoosier problems on the Democrats. Well, if the Democrats were in control in Indiana, that might work. The Indiana GOP wants you to focus your attention on the federal government, while they control the State of Indiana. They want you to blame the other guy for their abuse of power and poor decision-making in Indiana. They are pissing on us and telling us it's raining. I applaud those parents who are attending school board meetings and voicing their opinions. Now, let's get our children out of these government schools. Then, let's back up our voices with our votes and fix the problem once and for all.

In Liberty,  
*Donald Rainwater*



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## CarmelFest with

## Libertarian Party of Hamilton County



On July 4th, Donald Rainwater joined the Libertarian Party of Hamilton County [LPHC] along with several other notable members of the Indiana State Libertarian Party as they worked the party booth at the annual Fourth of July CarmelFest in Carmel, Indiana.

Thank you to LPHC Chair, Lauri Shillings, for inviting Don and Liberty Is Essential PAC to join the county party.

If you live in Hamilton County and want to learn more about LPHC or learn how you can get involved, visit <http://lpinhc.org>

## Lawrence County

## Liberty Bash

The Libertarian Party of Lawrence County [LPLC] recently held their Liberty Bash on July 10th. A huge thank you to Darin Kinser, Tonya Millis, and the LPLC for inviting Liberty Is Essential PAC out to share in a day of food, music, drinks, and a celebration of liberty!

If you live in Lawrence County, don't hesitate to visit <https://lawrencelplc.org> to learn more about the LPLC and how you can get involved.



### *Vision of Liberty Is Essential*

*The vision of Liberty Is Essential PAC is to elect and appoint government officials throughout Indiana who prioritize Life, Liberty, Property, and the pursuit of Happiness, as defined by the individual, instead of special interests and partisanship.*  
<https://libertyisessential.us>

## Tippecanoe County 4H Fair



Thank you Libertarian Party of Tippecanoe County for inviting Liberty Is Essential PAC to join you at the Tippecanoe County 4H Fair on July 17th to spread the message of liberty.

If you are in Tippecanoe county, you can learn more about the Libertarian Party of Tippecanoe County by visiting their website:  
<http://tippylp.org>

### Mission of Liberty Is Essential

*The mission of Liberty Is Essential PAC is to promote individual liberty and constitutionally-limited government in the state of Indiana and it's 92 counties.*



## Podcast Update How Independent Are You?

Donald Rainwater sat down on the Fourth of July to ask the question: "How Independent Are You/We on this Independence Day?"

To listen to this podcast and hear what he has to say, click on the video image below or visit:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=yXjmDQ6noqY>



**Happy Independence Day from Donald Rainwater and Liberty Is Essential PAC**

## Your Ad Here

Advertising in our monthly newsletter, *The Torch*, is not only a great way to get your message out to liberty-minded Hoosiers, but it also provides a valuable form of fundraising for Liberty Is Essential PAC.

We have many very generous monthly donors. However, the cost to continue to grow our outreach is extensive. When you advertise in *The Torch*, it is a win-win situation.

Please consider advertising your business, organization, or event in *The Torch*. Contact Stephanie Dasbach at [stephanie@libertyisessential.com](mailto:stephanie@libertyisessential.com) for more information.

# Have you joined the new Liberty Is Essential online community?

Over the past several months it has become evident that the social media technology companies are only interested in providing social networking to people with whom they agree, which leaves liberty-minded people who want to reduce the size and scope of government in a precarious position.

This is one of the main reasons why we launched this platform. This platform will be a place where you are welcome to express your thoughts and ideas without fear of being cancelled. Not everyone who joins our social network community will agree on every issue. I believe that the exchange of ideas and respectful debate are healthy. I hope that our members will refrain from the personal attacks and vicious rhetoric that have made other social media platforms so unpleasant and counterproductive.

With that said, I want to make it really clear that I believe in preserving the right to unabridged speech. Liberty Is Essential will not censor or cancel speech with which we disagree or do not like. I may send you a chat telling you that I am disappointed in your tone or that I personally disagree with your opinion, but I will also work tirelessly to defend your right to speak freely on this platform.

I hope that this social network community will entertain, inform, and educate us all. To become a member of our online community, please visit: [https://liberty-is-essentl.mn.co/share/L9Ppr3Z94ZtRQ6Jy?utm\\_source=manual](https://liberty-is-essentl.mn.co/share/L9Ppr3Z94ZtRQ6Jy?utm_source=manual)

Thank you for joining us. I look forward to our interactions together.

*Donald Rainwater*

## We Need Your Help!

We are seeking individuals who are looking to write content, fund raise, and assist with outreach projects.

If interested, please connect with us at:

<https://libertyisessential.us/contact>

We can't wait to meet you!

## Become A Loyal Torch Bearer!

**The August 2021 online fundraising goal is \$3000.**  
**To sustain our work and to continue to provide resources for candidates in upcoming election cycles, Liberty Is Essential PAC needs your financial support.**

Let's not waste another moment saying,  
"If only we had started earlier".

**Donate today!**

[www.libertyisessential.us/donate](http://www.libertyisessential.us/donate)

**Your Support Is Essential!**

"SUCCESS SHOULD BE MEASURED ON  
HOW FREE YOU ARE."

# UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE STATE

## AUGUST 8-10, 2021: MOORESVILLE OLD SETTLERS PICNIC & FAIR

Location: Pioneer Park

Venue: Pioneer Park

Address: 1101 Indianapolis Road, Mooresville, IN 46158

Time: 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Libertarian of Morgan County will be participating.

Visit <https://signup.com/Group/57824872057/> to sign up for volunteer opportunities

## AUGUST 14, 2021: KOSCIUSKO LIBERTY FEST



### 1ST ANNUAL KOSCIUSKO LIBERTY FEST

SATURDAY 8/14 NOON-5PM

DEWAMAC PARK, WARSAW (IN FRONT OF LSC COMMUNICATIONS)

FACE PAINTING, BOUNCY HOUSES, CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT, FREE BBQ MEAL



### SPEAKERS:



Donald Rainwater:  
2020 LP  
Gubernatorial  
Candidate and  
Liberty is Essential  
PAC Founder



Evan McMahon:  
Chairman of the  
Libertarian Party  
of Indiana



Jason Torpy:  
Executive  
Lead of Better  
Ballot Indiana

We will also be hosting a food and toiletry drive for our local pantry

For more information, to register a table, or to sign up a corn hole team:

Email: [Kosciusko@lpin.org](mailto:Kosciusko@lpin.org)

## SEPTEMBER 3-6: PARAGON HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

Location: Town of Paragon

Address: Union Street, Paragon, IN 46166

Time: 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM

Price: Free

Libertarian Party of Morgan County will be participating.

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## SEPTEMBER 11, 2021: EMINENCE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Location: Eminence, Indiana

Libertarian Party of Morgan County will be participating.

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## Stay Connected



\*Contributions by corporations and labor organizations are limited to \$5,000 annually; contributions by individuals, LLCs and political committees are unlimited. Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions. Contributions from foreign nationals are prohibited. You may also contribute by check made out to "Liberty is Essential PAC" and mailed to 151 N Delaware Street, Suite 1900, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

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