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Editor's Note

As Greens look to the future, we see more people interested in the serious problems and serious solutions of our times. The concern and action by new people on climate change, LGBTQ rights, the murders of Black people by police, austerity policies, water shutoffs, education reform, immigration reform, the list goes on . . . transforms issues from mere words into flesh and blood. These people, from all levels of U.S. society but chiefly from the bottom may be, should be, some of the Green candidates in 2015.

People acting together, building trust, and beginning to think in a similar way about the world and what to do . . . they make change. We are not there quite yet, but the actions and concerns of people are starting to shift the public conversations.

On August 28, Detroit's Black Lives Matter called for people to protest the refusal of Wayne County prosecutor Kym Worthy to bring charges against an ICE agent for the murder of Terrance Kellom April 27 at his family's home.

Bernie Sanders draws the biggest crowds of any candidate, a fact seldom reported in the same story as the Trumpster's latest rant. See updates in this issue on the water struggle and check out website links for other updates.

The presidential campaign beginning so soon is an indication of a growing political crisis. The campaign serves as a distraction with its lack of content and clown contingent, but it is also the most public effort to address the main problem – the bleak economic future for the majority.

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Detroit to Philly Press Conference on Water

Video from the press conference held by the Peoples Water Board Coalition, bringing Roger Colton (economist and author of 2005 Water Affordability Plan), and Philadelphia City Council work on their water affordability plan..

[Watch video here](#)



Global Warming Worsens California Drought as July Becomes Hottest Month on Record

Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released a report Thursday showing that July was Earth's hottest month on record. Nine of the 10 hottest months since record keeping began in 1880 have occurred since 2005. Climatologists also expect 2015 to be the hottest year on record. This news comes as scientists from Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory released a report that shows that global warming has worsened the...

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Critical Point of Struggle: *Water*

A D-REM public comment on Michigan's State Water Strategy

"... access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights."

–Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (P. 23 ¶ 30)

The State of Michigan's attempt to formulate a water strategy suitable for the times we live in – and the context of water riches that define our state[1] – must reckon with some brutal realities. Broadly, these include the following conditions and obstacles to water...

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Affordability Plan for Detroit Water Doesn't Violate State Law

Close readers of News Hits are aware there's a water tug-of-war going on. At its center is how to best address the problem of ratepayers who can't afford to pay their bills. On one side is a majority of Detroit's officials, who insist upon a get-tough policy of shutting off service, coupled with charitable contributions to help customers pay their bills. On the other...

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Important Groups:

D- REM,
Michigan Welfare Rights
Organization,
PWBC
&
We the People, Detroit

Campaign Zero - A Comprehensive Policy Proposal to Reach Zero Police Murders

Black Lives Matter activists finally have an answer to critics demanding specific policy proposals.

This has been a central question posed to the movement, which aims to eliminate racial disparities in the criminal justice system, since it rose to national prominence following the police shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. A lot of groups — from supporters to media to Hillary Clinton — have challenged the movement to define its policy agenda.

“You’re going to have to come together as a movement and say, ‘Here’s what we want done about it,’” Clinton said in a meeting with Black Lives Matter activists last week. “Because you can get lip service from as many as white people as you can pack into Yankee stadium and a million more like it, who are going to say, ‘Oh, we get it, we get it. We’re going...

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Sierra Club
supports
The Committee to Ban Fracking



At Least 32,000 Wayne County Properties Likely Headed to Auction in the Fall

After months of outreach and efforts to avoid a massive foreclosure crisis, more than 32,000 Wayne County properties are still on track for the county’s annual property tax auction in the fall.

That’s 32,629 properties county-wide, according to the latest numbers from the Wayne County Treasurer’s office. 28,545 of those distressed properties are in Detroit, the heart of the delinquent property tax issues.

Just over 4,000 of the Detroit properties are owner-occupied homes, while another 6,300 or so are rental properties.

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News: *Worldwide*

Guatamalan Change of Government Under Mass Protest

As the sky dims over the Honduran capital, the streets are ablaze with the flames of thousands of torches, each one carried by a citizen outraged by the entrenched corruption and impunity in this Central American country.

Though the light from the bamboo torches gives the protest a festive air, the message the protesters are sending is serious. One handmade sign reads “The corrupt have ripped apart my country.” Another says: “Enough is enough.”

It is a scene that has been repeated every Friday evening for nearly three months, since the government party was linked to a fraud and graft scheme that nearly bled the national health service dry.

The route taken by hundreds of peaceful protesters on a recent Friday was particularly symbolic...

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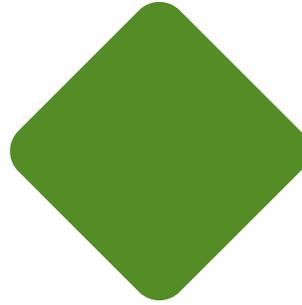
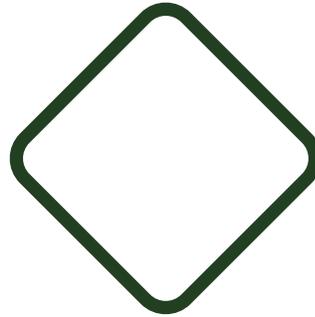
Ohio Green Party Opposes “Better for Ohio” and “Responsible Ohio” Marijuana Proposals

The Ohio Green Party has studied the five various marijuana legalization proposals that are currently being promoted in the State of Ohio.

We oppose two of these. The plans by “Better for Ohio” and “Responsible Ohio” both would create a limited numbers of growers in the state, in essence, both create a state-backed cartel. This is the wrong approach for our state.

The three remaining proposals are all worthy of...

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News:

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Green Party to Jon Stewart: Join Us in Protesting “Rigged” Debates

Green Party members have responded to a petition requesting an invitation for Jon Stewart of “The Daily Show” to moderate the presidential debates in 2016 with a challenge to Mr. Stewart and his fans to protest the “rigged” debates.

According to the petition’s Facebook page, “Jon Stewart: More Than 100,000 People Sign Petition for Comedian to Host a 2016 Presidential Debate. The petition, launched on Change.org by a group of fans, asks the Commission on Presidential Debates [CPD] to consider letting the former ‘Daily Show’ host question candidates during an upcoming debate.”

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Green Party
Candidates

Green Party of the United States

Go to gp.org to see who is running for office in 2015. Also, check out the new national logo and t-shirts in the store.

State Membership Meeting

September, 26
Grayling

*Information
RSVP*

GPMI Updates: *Events*

Coleman Young to Today - Black Political Power

Fall 2015
Detroit

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