BARROW REPUBLICAN NEWS

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MEETINGS

Our Next Regular Meeting – Mon., Mar 19	7:30 PM		
@ Winder Woman's Club (behind Winder Fire Dept.)			
Bethlehem Town Council Meeting – Mon., Apr 2	7:00 PM		
Winder City Council Meeting – Tue., <u>Apr 3</u>	7:00 PM		
Barrow School Board Meeting – Tue., Apr 3	7:00 PM		
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., <u>Apr 5</u>	7:00 PM		
County Commission Meeting – Tue., <u>Apr 10</u>	7:00 PM		
Statham City Council Meeting – Tue., Apr 17	7:00 PM		
Auburn City Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 19	7:00 PM		
Carl Town Council Meeting – Thur., Apr 19	7:00 PM		
County Commission Meeting – Tue., Apr 24	7:00 PM		

VOTING MEMBERS – COUNTY COMMITTEE (30)

Ken Young – Chr.	Scott Hang	Terry Raber
Larry Ballard – 1 st V.C	. Clay Pentecost	Teeny Hang
Ray Newman -2^{nd} V.0	C. Jimmy Lomax	Will Dunn
Deborah Golder - Sec.	Terry England	Phil Foil
Clay Kelley – Tr.	Mike Pentecost	Cal Neff
Bob Lanham – Asst. Ti	r. John Reavis	June Miller
John Stevens	Lynn Stevens	Shane Coley
Dan Blechinger	Linda Blechinger	Don Lloyd
Ellen Reed	Judy Doorn	Pat Graham
Michael Howington	DuWayne Anderson	Bill Sailers

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C.C. Dist. 6 Rep.	June Miller	770-867-5932			

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Reg. \$ 15, Adv. \$ 25, Barrow 100 \$ 100, Barrow 360 \$ 360

ALL LOCAL ELECTED REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP YEARLY. THANKS!

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March 19, 2012

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CAMPAIGN SIGN (& TAGGING) PRESENTATION RECOMMENDED FOR ALL CANDIDATES

MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON (as of 2/29/12)

Membership	'04	'05	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12
Regular	26	15	24	51	56	48	46	44	16
Advanced	74	55	50	61	75	68	58	59	30
Barrow 100	10	9	11	11	13	17	16	17	6
Barrow 360	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Total	110	79	85	123	144	134	121	121	52
Renewals	83	73	72	73	106	113	105	112	47
New	27	6	13	50	38	21	16	9	5

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WE''RE NOW TAKING 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERSHIPS

The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that religious groups have a broad freedom to hire and fire ministers and other personnel who transmit religious beliefs, and that anti-discrimination laws do not grant governments the authority to second-guess their decisions. No justice agreed with the Obama administration, which had argued that religious groups have no greater claim to autonomy that labor unions or other organizations – a position with no support even in the lower courts. It often seems that in the modern liberal view, being explicitly mentioned in the Constitution counts against the status of a right. (*National Review*)

REPUBLICAN: THE FREEDOM PARTY LOWER TAXES ******* LESS GOVERNMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar 6 (Tue)	Presidential Primary
Mar 10 (Sat)	Prct. Mtgs/Cty. Convention
Mar 19 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Apr 14 (Sat)	District Convention
Apr 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
May 18-19 (Fri/Sat)	State Convention
May 21 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
June 18 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
July 16 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting
Aug 18 (Sat)	Annual Barrow GOP BBQ
Aug 20 (Mon)	Monthly Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Change Clocks Ahead 1 Hour – <u>March 10</u> (Sat) PM Girl Scouts Founded – <u>March 12</u> (Mon)
National Medal of Honor Day – <u>March 25</u> (Sun)
Army Day – <u>April 6</u> (Fri)
Tax Protest Day – <u>April 15</u> (Sun)
Holocaust Remembrance Day – <u>April 19</u> (Thur)
Ulysses Grant Birthday – <u>April 27</u> (Fri)

2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Araminta Bythewood	Bill Brown	David Perkins
Ansel Garrett	Kathy Garrett	Bill Reinhardt
Ken Quick	Vicki Quick	Teeny Hang
Mitch Churchill	John Stevens	Lynn Stevens
Charles Powell	Scott Vickery	Bill Sailers
Ray McIntyre	Regina McIntyre	Cal Neff
Catharina Naff	-	

Catherine Neff

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Diana Raber James Moore Melanie Moore Charles Chase

2011 - 2013 BARROW PRECINCT CHAIRPERSONS

Bethlehem Community Center	Jimmy Lomax
County Line Fire Dept.	Terry England
Bramlett Elementary	John Stevens
Westside Middle School	Linda Blechinger
Statham Fire Dept.	Mike Pentecost
Winder-Barrow High School	Bill Sailers
Holsenbeck Elementary	John Reavis
Lions Club	Terry Raber
Barrow County Rec. Dept.	Robert Lanham
Apalachee High School	Kathy Hopkins
Auburn Fire Dept.	Ellen Reed
Winder Community Center	Scott Hang
Cedar Creek Baptist Church	Will Dunn
County Line Elementary	June Miller
Bethlehem First Baptist Church	Cal Neff

CAMPAIGN YARD SIGN & TAGGING PRESENTATION

MONDAY, **MARCH 19, 2012** REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

7:30 PM - WINDER WOMAN'S CLUB

RECOMMENDED FOR ALL INCUMBENTS & CHALLENGERS

Common mistakes can be avoided. The yard sign can be a critical tool in building name recognition. There will also be a look at a house-to-house distribution technique and mistakes to avoid. Make plans to attend and invite potential candidates!

FROM THE CHAIR

We now need your 2012 membership renewals and new memberships. You can bring them to our next monthly meeting, mail them to our P.O. Box 1054, Winder, GA, 30680-1054, or use on **on-line payment option** on our web site as soon as possible. Thanks for your continued support! We have set a new first 2 month record with 52!

SPECIAL CHALLENGE TO ALL MEMBERS! Please recruit one new member this month. If necessary, please pay for a guest membership for someone you have been trying to get active for some time. We need to set a record for memberships this year. So much is at stake!

Voting members of the County Committee are reminded that their dues must be paid by **March 31, 2012** to continue to have voting privileges this year. This is a local Party rule.

Candidates for the 2012 elections no longer go through the local elections office for their processing. In setting up your campaign, you will have to go to the new State Ethics Commission (under a new name) for your disclosure reports, etc. online. Check the Secretary of State's web site.

Our 2012 Precinct Meetings will be held in the Winder Woman's Club at 9:00 AM on Saturday, **March 10, 2012**. Registration starts at 8:00 AM and ends promptly at 9:00 AM. You must be registered or in line by 9:00 AM, or you can not participate. The 2012 County Convention will begin at 10:00 AM after the Precinct Meetings. We will be electing delegates and alternates to the District Convention and State Convention (**May 18-19, 2012** in Columbus).

For those who are elected as delegates and alternates to the District Convention on Saturday, **April 14, 2012**, the cost will be \$ 30.00 in Greensboro at the Spotlight Theater Parkside Main 8, 1050 Parkside Main. It will include a continental breakfast and a lunch buffet.

We had a great meeting last month with great attendance. Current 10th U.S. District Rep. Paul Broun spoke to us about his campaign for the new 10th U.S. Congressional seat. The date for our annual Holiday Dinner was set for Monday, **December 3**, **2012** at 7:00 PM. The location and cost details will be announced later. The annual Barrow Republican BBQ is set for Saturday, **August 18**, **2012** at 5:00 PM in the Winder Lions Club. Please mark your calendar!

Our next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:30 PM in the Winder Woman's Club. There will be a Campaign Yard Sign (& Tagging) Presentation. This is very informative and highly recommended for all incumbents and challengers. We will go over the Do's and Don'ts of yard sign design (and some material distribution). Be early for a good seat. It will be worth your time! Make plans now to attend.

Ken Young

ADDITIONAL LINKS

"Economic Freedom for Black Americans" – U.S. Rep. Allen B. West – *The American Spectator* – 11/08/2011 http://spectator.org/archives/2011/11/08/economic-freedom-for-black-ame

"Debt – A Moral Issue" – Paul Johnson – *Forbes* – 6/6/2011 http://www.forbes.com/forbes/2011/0606/opinions-paul-johnson-current-events-debt-moral-issue.html

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE 2012 PRECINCT MEETINGS AND COUNTY CONVENTION

Many of our newer members may not be aware of the significance of the upcoming Precinct Mass Meetings and County Convention set for Saturday, **March 10, 2012** at the Winder Woman's Club, 15 W. Midland Ave.

At 9:00 AM on March 10, 2012, Precinct Chairpersons or Temporary Precinct Meeting Chairpersons will call the 16 individual precinct meetings to order. All participants at these meetings must be duly registered in accordance with State Republican Party rules and Georgia State Election Code. Precincts without Chairpersons will elect these officers. All Precinct Chairpersons will then conduct the rest of the precinct meetings. Each precinct meeting will elect delegates and alternates to the 2012 Barrow County Republican Convention. All delegates will receive name tags for Convention usage.

When all of this is completed, the paperwork (in triplicate) will be processed and routed to the appropriate local Party representatives. Other precinct business may take place at this meeting.

At 10:00 AM on **March 10**, the current local Party Chairman Ken young will call the 2012 County Convention to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Presentation of the State Call, and Introduction of Dignitaries, Convention committees will be appointed and dismissed to conduct their work (Credentials, Nominations, Rules). During this time, there will be announcements and speeches in the convention hall.

After the Convention committees return and report, the Convention will then elect delegates and alternates to the 10th U.S. Congressional District Republican Convention to be held Saturday, **April 14, 2012** (Greensboro). Delegates and alternates will also be elected to the State Republican Convention to be held Friday and Saturday, **May 18-19, 2012** in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia.

At the District/State Conventions, delegates and alternates will be elected to the Republican National Convention, Monday through Thursday, **August 31-September 3, 2012**, in Tampa, Florida, to nominate the next Republican President.

MEXICO CITY IS NOT A "SANCTUARY CITY" FOR ILLEGALS - BUT WASHINGTON D.C. IS

D.A. King, October 21, 2011 (edited)

If there were only one way to sum up the illegal immigration crisis in the United States, the people who run the government in the nation's Capital may have found it: Washington D.C., where our laws are made, where there the words "Equal Justice Under Law" are displayed over the Supreme Court Building and where the Chief Executive of the Republic resides . . . is now a sanctuary city for illegal aliens.

Read it and weep. This is from the Website of NumbersUSA in Washington, from multiple news sources:

The District of Columbia became a sanctuary city on Wednesday after Mayor Vincent Gray signed a new order forbidding D.C. police to ask about an individual's immigration status.

Furthermore, Mayor Gray said District police will not help Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents execute federal warrants unless the individual has committed another crime. The new order also forbids D.C. police from contacting Immigration and Customs Enforcement to inquire about an individual's immigration status.

"Law enforcement agencies that honor ICE detainers help protect public safety," ICE spokeswoman Cori W. Bassett said.

For future lawbreakers, Mayor Gray and Police Chief Cathy Lanier say it will be up to the FBI and ICE to decide on whether to check a detainee's immigration status. However, D.C police don't fingerprint offenders of less serious crimes, which will prevent the FBI and ICE from checking individuals charge with minor crimes.

Should an individual jailed by the D.C. police be suspected by ICE as an illegal alien, ICE will have 48 hours, excluding holidays and weekends, to pick up the suspect. The new city policy prevents detaining a suspected illegal alien for more than 48 hours.

You may want to refrain from asking "Who's country is it anyway?" The answer might not be one you can bear to hear.

For those who may be wondering: No, Mexico City is not a sanctuary city for illegal aliens. And Mexico quite logically enforces its immigration laws. In part, they go like this:

Foreigners are admitted into Mexico "according to their possibilities of contributing to national progress." (Article 32)

Immigration officials must "ensure" that "immigrants will be useful elements for the country and that they have the necessary funds for their sustenance" and for their dependents. (Article 34)

Foreigners may be barred from the country if their presence upsets "the equilibrium of the national demographics," when foreigners are deemed detrimental to "economic or national interests," when they do not behave like good citizens in their own country, when they have broken Mexican laws, and when "they are not found to be physically or mentally healthy." (Article 37)

The Secretary of Governance may "suspend or prohibit the admission of foreigners when he determines it to be in the national interest." (Article 38)

Federal, local and municipal police must cooperate with federal immigration authorities upon request, i.e., to assist in the arrests of illegal immigrants. (Article 73)

A National Population Registry keeps track of "every single individual who comprises the population of the country," and verifies each individual's identity. (Articles 85 and 86)

A national Catalog of Foreigners tracks foreign tourists and immigrants (Article 87), and assigns each individual with a unique tracking number (Article 91).

Foreigners with fake immigration papers may be fined or imprisoned. (Article 116)

Foreigners who sign documents "with a signature that is false or different from that which he normally uses" are subject to fine and imprisonment. (Article 116)

Foreigners who fail to obey deportation order are to be punished. (Article 117)

Foreigners who are deported from Mexico and attempt to reenter the country without authorization can be imprisoned for up to 10 years. (Article 118)

Foreigners who violate the terms of their visa may be sentenced to up to six years in prison (Articles 119, 120 and 121). Foreigners who misrepresent the terms of their visa while in Mexico – such as working without a permit – can also be imprisoned . . .

They seem to make a lot of sense. Did I mention they are enforced?

TOP 10 PREDICTIONS FOR 2012

by Human Events

- 1. **GOP Wins Presidency** Despite all the bickering among the Republican presidential candidates, one will emerge to beat President Obama, who will be sunk by the bad economy, high unemployment, out-of-control deficits and ObamaCare. His performance in office has been so terrible that Obama would lose even if his opposition were Ru Paul.
- 2. **GOP Wins Back Senate** Republicans win back the Senate with room to spare, gaining a 54-to-46 majority by taking back Democratic seats in Florida, Nebraska, North Dakota, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Wisconsin and Virginia. Alas, GOP Sen. Scott Brown loses in Massachusetts as the Bay State reverts to its liberal ways by electing consumerist Elizabeth Warren.
- 3. **ObamaCare Overturned** The Supreme Court will overturn the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. ObamaCare) on a 5-to-4 vote, declaring the individual mandate unconstitutional. The four votes to uphold the healthcare aw will come from the two Clinton appointees (Breyer and Ginsburg) and two Obama appointees (Sotomayor and Kagan). Don't forget to thank former President George W. Bush for appointing John Roberts and Samuel Alito to the high court.
- 4. **Russia Crackdown** Vladimir Putin cracks down on Russian protestors, using military action reminiscent of Tiananmen Square. The action only inspires unrest throughout the nation and Chechen rebels resume their conflict with a spate of violent activity.
- 5. **Greece Defaults** Greece defaults on its financial obligations, sending the Euro into a tailspin. By year's end the entire European Union teeters on collapse as the balance sheets of Italy and Spain worsen. The turmoil helps keep the interest rate on U.S. Treasury bills near record lows as investors seek a safe haven from uncertainty.
- 6. **Arizona Immigration Law Upheld** The Supreme Court unanimously upholds SB 1070, the strict Arizona immigration law. With the constitutionality of the matter finally settled, numerous other states rush to enact similar laws with the resulting political furor aiding Republicans on Election Day.
- 7. **Syria Regime Change** The second year of the Arab Spring brings regime change to Syria, as President Bashar al-Assad flees to neighboring Iran. Unfortunately, anti-Western Islamists seize control of the nation as well as taking over the new governments in Egypt and Libya.
- 8. **Inflation Kicks In** The Federal Reserve's qualitative easing and the nation's massive budget deficits kick inflation up a notch. Watch for the inflation rate to hit 5%, with a rise in prices at the grocery store higher than the official Consumer Price Index.
- 9. Occupy Goes Away Democrats suffer another blow as 2012 sees the Occupy Wall Street movement fizzle out as Winter weather and cities' enforcing local ordinances drive the motley crews back to their parents' basement. Good riddance to that group of misfits, ruffians and professional radical activists.
- 10. **Temperatures Stay Flat** Global-warming continues its hiatus as world temperatures remain flat. Still, Al Gore and Hollywood movie stars push their alarmism while UN officials and climatologists gather at a plush conference in an exotic locale to discuss how to handle the fallout from Climategate 2.

TOP 9 MOST NEEDED REFORMS

by Human Events

- 1. **Repeal ObamaCare** Get rid of this monstrosity before it infects our entire healthcare system. Costs keep rising and employers (those unlucky enough to get waivers from the Obama Administration) are starting to dump their workers' health plans. By the time it is fully implemented in 2014, there will be far more patients and a decrease in the number of doctors. Expect lengthy waits for reduced care.
- 2. **Simplify the Tax Code** Whether a flat tax or a fair tax, anything that brings simplicity to the tax code will be an improvement over the current Byzantine system in which corporations hire armies of accountants to take advantage of loopholes drafted by high-priced lobbyists. Tyranny begins when the average citizen can't fill out his own tax form.
- 3. **Enforce the Border** With an invasion of illegal immigrants taking up needed spaces in U.S. schools and hospitals, America needs to take control of its borders. The cost of illegal immigration, from services provided to criminal behavior, are coming at a time when the country is in dire financial straits. And millions of unemployed Americans shouldn't have to compete for jobs with those who have no right to be here.
- 4. **Entitlement Reform** If the major federal entitlement programs aren't reined in, it won't be long before they overwhelm the rest of the federal budget. Raise the retirement age, block-granting Medicaid to the states, slow down the Social security cost-of-living increase or means-test benefits or move toward a private system. Just do something. Waiting is no longer a viable option.
- 5. **Reduce Regulations** America is drowning in red tape, which is choking the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses and hampering job creation. The best way to get the economy moving again is to relieve the regulatory burden dumped on the private sector by overbearing federal bureaucrats. Do we really need the Environmental Protection Agency to start regulating workplace dust?
- 6. **Energy Production** It is far past time for the federal government to get out of the way and let America's vast energy resources be developed. With large coastal oil reserves and shale oil potential in the heartland, it is a crime that America can be held hostage for its energy needs by Middle eastern madmen. Drill, baby, drill!
- 7. **Dump Federal Agencies** From corporate welfare doled out by the Commerce Department to the Department of Education's meddling in local affairs, the federal government is treading in areas where it has no business being. It is time to start cutting back entire agencies, beginning with the two above, along with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy.
- 8. **Balance the Budget** State governments, corporations and the average household all need to balance their budgets, so why not the federal government? Strengthen the push for a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget and start slashing the deficit by cutting spending in a meaningful way in the meantime.
- 9. **Public-sector Union Reform** Government is bloated at every level and public-employee unions have made it worse with their high salaries, expensive healthcare plans and lucrative pensions. Why should taxpayers continue to foot the bills for such extravagances?