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Presidents' Message

Happy June! This month brings opportunities to reflect, celebrate, and engage. We join communities across the country in honoring **Pride Month**, recognizing the ongoing struggle for LGBTQ+ rights and reaffirming our commitment to building a more inclusive democracy for all. We also mark **Juneteenth**, a vital moment to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States and to recommit ourselves to the work of racial justice and equity.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the **LWV Virginia State Convention**, taking place June 21–23. This is a chance to connect with fellow League members from across the Commonwealth, share ideas, and help shape the future of our work.

On the Agenda

- LWVAAC needs a new Membership Coordinator! Interested? See details below.
- Check out early voting details for Arlington and Alexandria ahead of June 17.

Upcoming Events

- June 17: Election Day!
- June 17: LWVAAC voter registration at Wesley Housing's Annual Family Fun Day
- Juneteenth/June 19: Celebrate 2nd Annual Juneteenth Community Day;
 this event includes voter registration
- June 22: LWVAAC Book Club Tyranny of the Minority
- June 25: Congressional Constituent Services event at the Arlington Public Library
- July 1: Virginia Department of Elections Voter Registration Training (online)

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Juneteenth Celebration & Voter Registration Opportunity



Challenging Racism will once again host Juneteenth Community Day at Metropolitan Park in Arlington **on June 19th from 4-7pm**, in partnership with the NAACP Arlington Branch, Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy, the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington, and the Arlington Historical Society.

This family-friendly event commemorates the emancipation of Africans who were enslaved and honors African American culture and heritage. Join us to honor and celebrate the strength, determination, resilience, and integrity of those who weathered in the pursuit of liberation and freedom! June 19th will be a day of celebration and reflection at Metropolitan Park as we commemorate Juneteenth, a pivotal moment in American history. This in-person event will feature live music, cultural performances, delicious food, and activities for all ages. Kickoff will start promptly at 4:00 pm!! Don't miss our special guest speakers and more at 4:30!!! Please consider using public transportation. Be sure to register and invite a friend!

<u>Juneteenth Community Day (Free) Registration</u>

LWVAAC is registering voters at this event! If you would like to volunteer for

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Questions? Reach out to us at voterservices@lwvaac.org.

Volunteer Opportunity: Membership Coordinator

We're looking for a new Membership Coordinator! Lisa Backer will be stepping into the role of Vice President on July 1, and we're seeking a dedicated volunteer to carry forward her great work supporting our members.

As Membership Coordinator, you'll be the welcoming face of our League - connecting with new and returning members, using our Chapterspot roster to reach out to renewals and recently lapsed members, and helping everyone feel engaged and appreciated. You'll collaborate with the Board to create meaningful orientation experiences, plan member appreciation events, and help expand our reach into underrepresented communities through partnerships and outreach.

Interested in strengthening our League community? Reach out to us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Civics Education Series: How Congressional Offices Help Constituents

Join the Arlington Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City on **Wednesday**, **June 25 at 6:30 p.m.** for the next event in our civics education series.

Noah Simon, District Chief of Staff for Congressman Don Beyer (VA-8), will explain how congressional offices support constituents—from casework to community outreach—and how you can access these services.

This nonpartisan event is open to all constituents.

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CONGRESSIONAL CONSTITUENT SERVICES



Join us to learn about how and when to connect with your congressional office.

The District Chief of Staff for Congressman Don Beyer (VA-8) will talk about the services and support available to constituents.

In partnership with the League of Women Voters of Arlington-Alexandria City.











Voter Registration Opportunity

Join LWVAAC at **Wesley Housing's Annual Family Fun Day** to help register voters and share information about the upcoming November election. It's a great chance to connect with the community while enjoying food and festivities.

The event takes place on **Tuesday**, **June 17**, from **5 to 6:30 p.m.** at **Wesley Housing**. Sign up here to volunteer!

Voter Registration Training - Required for All Volunteers

All League members who participate in voter registration must complete annual training each July.

Monday, July 1 I 7:00-8:30 p.m. I Online

Hosted by the Virginia Department of Elections, this virtual training covers the basics of voter registration. To register for this session, <u>RSVP here</u>.

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on how to conduct nonpartisan voter registration events. To register for this League-only session, <u>RSVP here</u>.

Saturday, July 13 | Afternoon (Time TBD) | In Person

Join us for in-person training at the Unitarian Universalist Church, led by Arlington County Registrar Gretchen Reinemeyer. Final details coming soon.

Early Voting Has Begun in Arlington and Alexandria City!

Arlington Election Date: Tuesday, June 17

Details & Early Voting Info: Arlington County Elections

The Virginia Department of Elections has ordered primary elections for select state and local offices. Only races with more than one candidate will appear on the primary ballot. If a candidate is unopposed, they automatically receive the party's nomination and will appear on the November ballot.

Note: The Republican Primary for Lieutenant Governor was canceled on April 22, following a candidate withdrawal. The remaining candidate is now the Republican nominee.

Democratic Primary Voters: There are two different Democratic Primary ballots, depending on your district. To find out which one applies to you, check your voter record using the link above.

Alexandria Election Date: Tuesday, June 17

Details & Early Voting Info: Alexandria City Elections

Early voting began Friday, May 2 for the Democratic Primary Election. Voters will select nominees for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

Any qualified Virginia voter may participate in this primary.

Learn more about early in-person voting and voting by mail here.

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Plan Ahead! Explore Virginia's upcoming elections with the <u>six-year election</u> <u>calendar</u>.

Help Us Make Ranked Choice Voting a Success in Alexandria!



Want to support a more fair and representative election process? We're still looking for a few more volunteers to help with **Ranked Choice Voting Outreach in Alexandria.** It's a great way to get involved and make a real impact.

Interested? Email us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com to learn more and sign up!

Help Shape the Future of LWV-VA – Join the Fundraising Committee!



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We're looking for **1–2 volunteers** to join the **LWV-VA Fundraising Committee**. You'll play a key role in shaping statewide fundraising strategy and advising our LWVAAC Board on how to grow our local resources.

Interested? Email lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com to learn more or get involved.

¿Se habla español? We need you!



Are you a Spanish speaker who wants to make a difference? We'd love to have more bilingual volunteers at our voter registration events to help connect with and empower more members of our community. Your language skills can make a real impact!

Interested or have questions? Email our Voter Services team at voterservices@lwvaac.org.

LWVAAC June Book Club Pick: Tyranny of the Minority

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LWVAAC's next Book Club meeting is on Sunday, June 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. This month's pick is *Tyranny of the Minority* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt, which argues that America's outdated political institutions enable minority rule and threaten democracy, urging urgent reforms to preserve a truly multiracial democratic society.

Note: We're shifting our usual meeting date for June from Sunday, June 15 (Father's Day) to Sunday, June 22. This change is for June only — we'll return to our regular schedule of meeting every third Sunday every other month starting in July.

Are you interested in joining LWVAAC's Book Club? Email https://www.numer.com for more information and meeting details.

Look for the next newsletter 18 June!

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