



**WE ARE NOW OFFICIALLY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
ARLINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA CITY!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Our name change has been approved by LWV US!

We are in the process of updating the logo and banners!!!!

WOO HOO

League in Action

October 6, 2021

President's Message

October is such a busy month! This is candidate forums season (see below for the information on those in Arlington and Alexandria City.) We are also wrapping up voter registration – **the deadline to register to vote in this November's election is Oct 12.**

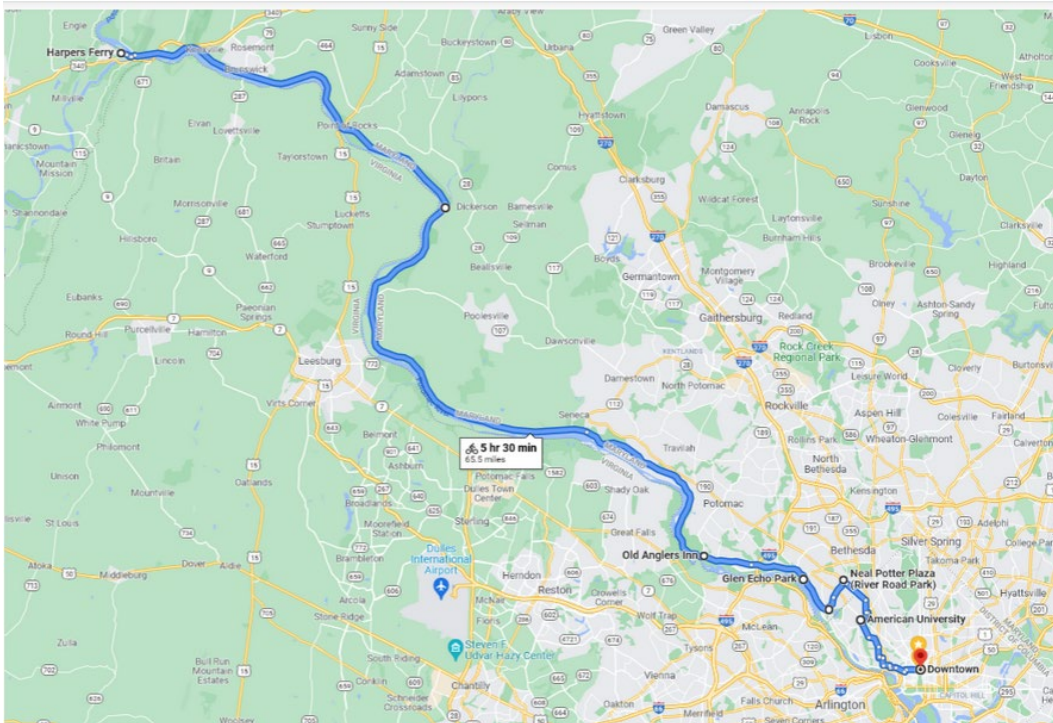
Here is the list of voter registration events we still have to cover. Please sign up if you can. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kycD_F6CSwbJgIbSNf5-

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Please share our special URL link for voter registration on your social media and listserv links. **This is good for anyone in Virginia**, not just people in Arlington:
<https://bit.ly/VoteArlington>.

In addition, **LWV US is planning a huge push for national voting rights** – from West Virginia to DC October 22-24. The rally runs through Maryland but **if you want to help out**, the Maryland League would love some support!

Contact us if interested.



The relay **will end with a rally** on October 23. See below -

Thanks for all you do! Happy Autumn!

Joan

Ready to register



Our new student member **Veronica** after her first voter registration

HELP WANTED!

We need a few people to write about 40 postcards to newly registered voters reminding them to vote. **Please email** lvarlingtonva@gmail.com if interested.

Join Outreach Circle

The League is utilizing Outreach Circle for advocacy purposes. This helps us not only reach members but easily record their responses. **To join** go to <https://outreachcircle.com/SWX266> and click on "view actions" to sign up.

November 2021 Election information

The next election will be a General Election **November 2, 2021**.

Deadline to register to vote is October 12, 2021 for the General Election Register to vote online, check registration status and see what's on the ballot for your district at locality voter information websites (below).

To vote by mail -

All voters are eligible to vote a mail ballot. Voters must request a mail ballot.

Voters can request a Mail Ballot until Oct. 22, 2021.

Ballots must be mailed be delivered in person by Nov. 2, 7pm or mailed with a post mark of Nov. 2nd and received by Noon on Nov 5th.

To vote early in person -

Early voting is open 45 days before all elections. All voters can vote at any early voting location. **Early voting for the November General Election is in process.**

Vote Election Day -

**On Election Day, all Arlington polling places are open from 6 AM to 7 PM.
You must vote at your assigned location.**

Vote Arlington - 2021 Election Guide

[See Arlington voter information here](#)

Vote City of Alexandria - 2021 Election Guide

[See Alexandria voter information here](#)



Virginia Voters!

R E M I N D E R

A witness signature IS REQUIRED on all absentee ballots for the November 2nd 2021 General Election!

The LWV of Arlington is here to help! If you or someone you know needs a witness for their ballot, please reach out to us! Send an e-mail to [**LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com**](mailto:LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com)

Virginia Election Information: elections.virginia.gov

Who is that monster?



It's too early for Halloween!
Could it be the voter registration monster?

The New Arlington DEI Committee

We are happy to announce the formation of the Arlington DEI Committee! Our goal is to assure that Arlington does all of its work through a DEI lens. Our first step is to develop what that DEI lens is!

We can use your ideas and dedication to full Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for our League.

Meetings are the second Mondays of the month at 11:00 AM. Email

LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com for more information or to join!!

TODAY!

October 6: Racial Equity Listening Session



You're Invited! Virginia Statewide Racial Equity Listening Session

Sponsored by Amazon

The Leadership Center for Excellence is hosting four, separate, regional listening sessions in October across the Commonwealth of Virginia to discuss diversity, inclusion, and racial equity. Special remarks will be made by **Dr. Janice Underwood**, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The goals of the regional sessions are to create a brave space for local leaders to hear about statewide programming, while at the same time listen to one another's hopes, realities, and challenges around achieving racial equity in their local communities.

The listening sessions will bring together elected officials, economic development and chamber leaders, statewide leadership programs, volunteer centers, and civic engagement leaders. *These events are by invitation only.*

October 6, 2021 - 10am- 12 noon

Virtual (Zoom)

Questions: Contact communications@leadercenter.org

[Register to get the Zoom link here \(password is racialequity\)](#)

EVENTS

Oct 7

League of Women Voters of Arlington - Candidate Forum

Thu, October 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ED

Online event

Join the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City and their partners, AAUW of Arlington, the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for a virtual forum introducing you to the candidates for election in Arlington.

Meet the candidates from Arlington who will be on the ballot in November. (There will be a separate forum with LWV of Fairfax for the 49th district on Sept 21. All other candidates will be present.)

You will be able to ask your questions to candidates in breakout rooms.

[Register here](#)

Oct 9

**League of Women Voters of Arlington - Alexandria City
Council/Mayoral Forum**

Sat, October 9, 2021 -2:00 PM – 5:00 PM ED

Online event

Public forum of candidates running for Alexandria City Council and Mayor

Join the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City and their partners, AAUW of Arlington, the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for a virtual forum introducing you to the candidates running for Alexandria City Council and Mayor. You will have the opportunity to ask your questions directly in breakout rooms.

[Register here](#)

Oct 10

League of Women Voters of Arlington - Alexandria City School Board Forum

Sun, October 10, 2021 - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT

Online event

Public forum of candidates running for Alexandria City School Board

Join the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City and their partners, AAUW of Arlington, the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for a virtual forum introducing you to the candidates running for Alexandria City School Board. You will have the opportunity to ask your questions directly in breakout rooms.

[Register here](#)



October 20

Legislative and Litigation Priorities

LWW's federal and state legislative and litigation priorities for the 2021–2022
fiscal year

Oct. 20 - 3 PM ET

Find out what the Legislative and Litigation Priorities are of LWV US on this zoom meeting.

[RSVP to get your link](#)

Oct 20-22

**Freedom to Vote Relay - West Virginia - Maryland -
Washington DC**

Oct 23

Freedom to Vote Rally - Washington DC

[For more Relay/Rally information and to sign up click here](#)



Nov 14

LWV Virginia Advocacy Training

Sun, November 14, 2021 - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST

Brush up on your advocacy skills with LWV Virginia Advocacy Chair, **Denise Harrington**. Get ready for the 2022 General Assembly!

[RSVP here](#)

-from LWV-Arl member **Julie Rosenberg** - Thanks Julie!!

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM INVITES YOU
Unheard Histories: Understanding Racism in our

Communities

WEDNESDAYS

SEP 29 - OCT 20 - NOV 10

7:00-8:30PM

This three part webinar series is intended to help us learn about Black communities where we live and to see how these neighborhoods, and our neighbors, have been and remain subject to racist policies. Each session will provide historical context, dynamic storytellers and, importantly, calls to action to combat racist policies.

[See the flyer here](#)

Building a Just Commonwealth

Sat, Sept 18, and Sun, Sept 19



LWV Virginia Justice Weekend - **Lisa Koteen Gerchick** hosting the voting rights segment. With **Paul Smith**, **Jennifer Carroll Foy**, **Eric Claville** and

Allison Riggs.

Arlington/Alexandria members include **Pam Berg** with **Chris DeRosa** and **Janet Boyd**, co chairs of the LWV VA Voting and Elections Committee.

In case you missed it

Sep 23 Update on Redistricting in Virginia



Chris DeRosa, Co-Coordinator, LWV-VA Redistricting Committee and **Sara Fitzgerald** (LWV-Falls Church), author of the LWV-VA redistricting blog, presented an update on the process so far in drawing new maps for redistricting in Virginia. They demonstrated for viewers the tools the mapmakers can use and explained the navigation of the Virginia Redistricting Commission [website](#) - how to view the maps being considered and how to submit comments on them.

[Watch the update on redistricting here](#)

News from National

Advocates and Voters Ask to Join Election Review Lawsuit Against the PA Senate to Defend Voters' Privacy Rights

On 10-4 LWV of Pennsylvania filed a petition to join Pennsylvania's Attorney General lawsuit against state Senate Republicans' attempt to obtain private information about registered voters.

[Read the press release here](#)

LWV Expands Calls for Filibuster Reform: 'It is time to fix or nix the filibuster to save our right to vote'

This week, the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States voted unanimously to support filibuster reform, and as necessary, elimination of the filibuster.

[Read the statement here](#)

Federal Court Blocks "Proof of Citizenship" Voting Requirement

A federal court ruled that a former US Election Assistance Commission official violated federal law in 2016 when he allowed three states – Alabama, Georgia, and Kansas – to require documentary proof of citizenship on the federal voter registration form.

[Read the press release here](#)

LWV Files Amicus Brief in Voter Intimidation Case Before SCOTUS

LWV of the United States, along with the Leagues of New York and Florida filed an amicus brief in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, a US Supreme Court case examining New York laws regulating the right of individuals to carry guns in public places.

[Read the press release here](#)

LWV US September Highlights

[Read the Highlights here](#)

Redistricting News

Take Action Now!

The Virginia Redistricting Commission has completed their last meeting before consideration of your comments at the public hearings that began Monday, October 4. They have said **your comments are vital for them to reach consensus** on a House and Senate map to forward to the General Assembly. The latest versions of the [draft](#)

[maps](#) are available through the Commission’s web page. There are three tabs – House, Senate, and Congressional – which now also include maps submitted by citizens so the list is changing rapidly. The maps submitted by the Democratic map drawers begin with the letter “B”; the Republican maps begin with “A”. Don’t delay in commenting **on what you do and don’t like about any of the maps!** **There is also a [public comment form](#) for more general questions.**

[For more information see the LWVVA redistricting blog here](#)

Supreme Court of Virginia sides with communities in win for LWV-VA

In Adkins et al., v. Virginia Redistricting Commission et al., the petitioners asked the Court to find the 2020 law eliminating prison gerrymandering in Virginia to be unconstitutional but the Court refused.

[Read the press release here](#)

LWV VA October Virginia Voter

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by **Deb Wake**, LWV-VA President (president@lww-va.org)

Gerrymanders in Virginia

by **Brent Tarter**

An Informed Voter is a Powerful Voter

by **Madeline Doane**, Campus Vote Project, Virginia State Coordinator

The Governor's Challenge for High School Registration is off and running!

by **Janet Boyd**, LWV-VA Voter Services

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

Meetings

October 17 - 2 PM **Book Group**

Our next book is the *The Color Of Law*, by Richard Rothstein

contact **Joan** – Joan@joanporte.com

Look for next newsletter October 20



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