



League in Action

August 4, 2021

President's Message

Happy August!

It may be the “dog days of summer” but we have yet another major election in Virginia this November.

We have postcards ready to go – to unregistered voters in Arlington and Alexandria City. These will not be mailed until September 7, but if you have some free time this month, please pick up a packet or two (each packet contains 20 postcards) and help get these folks registered! **Email me** LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com for pick up information.

We will also be planning candidate forums – we have many this year. **There are two meetings of the candidate forum group, Aug 4 (TODAY) at 4 PM and Aug 5 at 5 PM.** **Email me** if you want to help out.

Voter registration/information is one of the main roles of the League!

Thanks for all you do.

Joan

From LWV US - Upcoming for DC: Wednesday Action

TODAY!

Together with the Declaration for American Democracy, we are supporting the **#RecessCanWait week of action** through in-person and virtual trainings, activities, and actions.

Wednesday August 4 at 10am: March with Black Voters Matter

This Wednesday at 10am, we will be joining our comrades at Black Voters Matter to **march from the African American history museum to Lafayette Park.**

We are calling on President Biden to stand on the side of voting rights. Please email for more information.

Thursday August 5 at 6pm ET: Field Call!

On Thursday, we are inviting you all to a field call **to discuss an action that LWVUS is leading with our partners at People for the American Way on August 24 at 11AM at Lafayette Square.**

No More Excuses: Voting Rights for All! Rally and direct action to call on President Biden to take bold action in support voting rights and stand on the right side of history by helping pass the For the People Act. We will be providing additional details on a call this Thursday at 6pm—including an overview of the action, time and location, COVID protocols, and to gain your thoughts on how

you can show support (whether it in-person or online!). **To join, register for the field call here!**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-mtrTwsEtD2D3euFFMrVCEfydo3no58](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-mtrTwsEtD2D3euFFMrVCEfydo3no58)

This call will be recorded and shared afterwards. Please feel free to invite other League members you would like to join!

HELP WANTED!

Voter Registration Opportunities!

Food Bank Registration!

We have received a grant through LWV US to register people at food banks this summer and fall. This is a great way to reach people who are often overlooked in the voting process.

These will be outside!

We would like to have one fluent Spanish speaker on each shift - but even if you can't speak Spanish, sign up....as long as we have one person speaking Spanish per shift, we are good.

Also, if you haven't taken the Virginia voter registration class this year,

please watch the short video:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training-video/>

It is all hands on deck for another major election in Virginia!! Thanks for all of your help.

[FOOD BANK SIGN UP](#)

Farmers Markets and Community Events

Starting with the National Night Out on August 3, we are planning several voter registration events at farmers markets and other community events.

Here is the sign up sheet for these events.

If you haven't taken your yearly voter registration training, you can do so on line here:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training-video/>

Thank you for all you do!

[Farmers Markets - Community Voter Reg](#)



We Need Help with our sandwich boards at Columbia Pike Movie Nights

As we did last year, we are placing the sandwich boards at the entrance to the outdoor movie nights.

This is a great way to reach people to remind them of our important upcoming election.

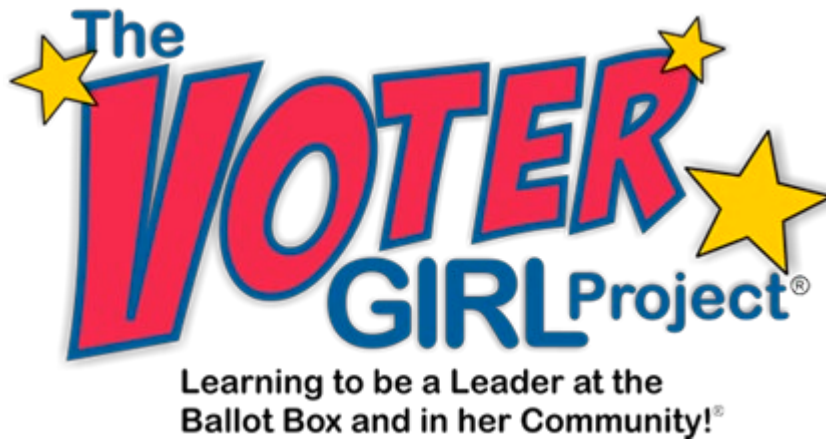
[Sign up here for Columbia Pike Sandwich Boards](#)

Volunteers needed for September Voter Girl project

Help girls learn how voting works!

Arlington's LWV is working collaboratively with the local Girl Scouts on Voter Girl. **On September 26, 2-5 PM, 100 girls from 2nd - 8th grade will learn about how voting works, participate in a mock election, hear from a local female elected official, and earn a civics badge.** We could use some help! If you've worked with kids as a teacher, coach, through scouts, through your church school, or

otherwise, let us know if you can help with our breakout groups on September 26. Questions? Email: claudiascott.va@gmail.com; text or call 703-608-4232.



We Will Have Several Candidate Forums This Fall!

Volunteers Needed!

Almost all of the State delegate incumbents in our area have challengers, and there will be challengers to incumbents for local Arlington and Alexandria City offices. **We will need to have at least two perhaps three forums.** If you are interested in helping out on our forum committee please email Joan at lvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

EVENTS

August 10, 6:30 PM

LWV-VA Legislative Debriefing

Be in the know about the 2021 Session of the Virginia General Assembly. LWV Virginia Advocacy Chair, **Denise Harrington**, will get us ready for the session with a look back on what we accomplished last year and a look forward with where we need to continue our fight.

Expanding voting rights, preserving drop boxes and vote by mail, increasing voter registration opportunities and more.....we have much to do.

Become an advocacy warrior!

[RSVP here](#)

Thurs., Aug. 19, 7 PM

VPAP: Your Window into Virginia Politics

David Poole, Executive Director and founder of **Virginia Public Access Project** (VPAP), will talk about the history of VPAP and show us around the site.

[Please register to learn about this useful resource for advocates](#)

Sat. Sept. 18 and Sun. Sept 19

Building a Just Commonwealth

Two-day virtual event examining justice and its intersection with many of the issues in

which the League's involved. Event will include keynote speakers and breakout sessions.

[For more information and to register, click here.](#)

Centennial Corner revisited

Women of Lafayette Park: Stories of resistance, equality, and preservation

Lafayette Park, the seven-acre area of land directly north of the White House, contains the looming statues of four European-born Revolutionary War heroes, along with the equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson as its centerpiece. Most visitors who enter the park for a closer look at the White House are likely unaware of the park's remarkable past — particularly the pivotal role that women played here in resisting slavery, pursuing equality, and preserving history.

[Read the story in The Hill here](#)

The Women's Suffrage Centennial: Impact and Legacy

- **Date:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021
- **Time:** 6:30 pm
- **Location:** Online

Presented in Partnership with the 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative

During the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020, a wide range of activities occurred around the country. How effective were these commemorations in raising public awareness of women's fight for equality? How has the centennial impacted the telling of suffrage history and women and minority history more generally? Has the centennial provided impetus for further social action? And how well did it succeed in telling the stories of the women before us and in creating momentum for the work still to be done? **Colleen Shogun**, former Vice Chair, Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, leads a discussion with panelists **Karen Hill**, Executive Director, Harriett Tubman House; **Page Harrington**, author of *Interpreting the Legacy of Women's Suffrage*; **Rebecca Roberts**, co-author of *The Suffragist Playlist: Your Guide to Changing the World*; and **Shannon Browning-Mullis**, Executive Director of the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace.

[RSVP here](#)

News from National

LWVUS CEO Arrested While Advocating for Voters

LWVUS CEO **Virginia Kase Solomón** was arrested alongside advocates like **Representative Sheila Jackson Lee** (D-TX) and other [Black leaders and allies](#) on Thursday, July 29, while protesting in support of the voting rights. She and others participating in civil disobedience were taken in for "crowding or obstructing" the front of the Hart Senate Office Building. The "Speak Out" was organized by the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and the Black Women's Roundtable.

"We do not want to look back on this moment and wish that we had done more," Kase Solomón stated. "Now is the time to act. **Now is the time to pass**

the *For the People Act* and the *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.*"

Watch the [Speak Out and arrest](#).

LWVUS Announces New Executive Team

7/28/2021

The League of Women Voters of the United States is pleased to announce a new leadership structure and executive team that will guide the organization into its second century.

[Read the statement here](#)

Seventh Circuit Upholds Ruling Against Indiana's Faulty Voter Roll Purges

7/20/2021

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in *League of Women Voters of Indiana v. Sullivan* (previously called *Indiana NAACP v. Lawson*) that Indiana's purge law was inconsistent with the National Voter Registration Act.

[Read the press release here](#)

LWV US July Highlights

[Read the Highlights here](#)

Quilts4DC Statehood Quilt Challenge



[Click here to learn more about the Quilts4DC Statehood Quilt Challenge.](#)

LWV VA August Virginia Voter

What has the League done lately?

by **Deb Wake**, LWV-VA President

Redistricting News

by **Sara Fitzgerald**, LWV-Falls Church

Shining a Light on Virginia's New Redistricting Commission!

by **Fran Larkins** and **Chris DeRosa**, Co-Coordinator LWV-VA Redistricting Committee

Four studies at the same time? Unheard of! How are we going to make this work?

by **Carolyn Caywood**, LWV-VA Program Director

Get involved in political leadership with *REFLECTUS*

The Best Kept Secret in American History is Out!

by **Nancy Sargeant**, Chair, Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

OBSERVE

August 9 - **International Day of Indigenous People** by visiting or learning about Virginia's recently opened Machicomoco State Park dedicated to honoring Native Americans and their history in the area.

[Read the Washington Post story about the opening of the park here](#)

Meetings

September 12 - 2 PM - **Book Group**

Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World

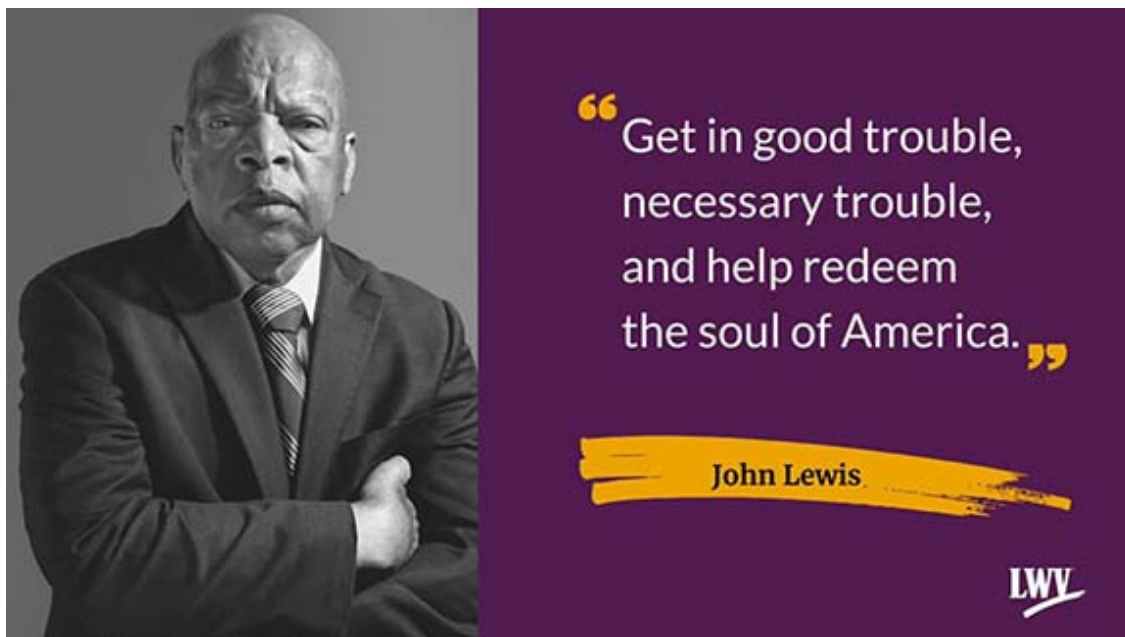
by [Simon Winchester](#)

contact Joan Joan@joanporte.com

September 20 - 7 PM - **Redistricting** - subject to change -
Redistricting meets quarterly but we are following the commission

contact Ann Sharp sharpab2828@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter August 18





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