



League in Action

7 August 2024

Presidents' Message

This coming election season is rapidly approaching! Even *before* Labor Day – the traditional 'start' of the electoral season – we are experiencing a surge in volunteers and registration opportunities! This is fantastic! To that end, there will be some relevant information below about voter registration and other events!

General Voter Registration Information:

There's a number of voter registration activities – from farmers' markets to art exhibits – that we're receiving this year. We're going to be sending out regular voter registration volunteer calls throughout this election cycle.

If you're new to registering voters, a good way to get started is to select an event that already has volunteers signed up and go as an observer. This will give you an opportunity to see how it's done and get a little more comfortable with the process. You can also request to be put with an experienced volunteer. Email us at lwwarlingtonva@gmail.com if you would like to make arrangements for these options.

Here is the current LWVAAC voter registration sign-up sheet; you can sign up for events now and more will be added as they emerge.

[LWVAAC Voter Registration Sign-Up](#)

We already have number of voter registration events scheduled through October. **We plan to start the fall High School Voter Registration Drive in mid-September and to conduct a number events on National Voter Registration Day on 17 September.** We expect to schedule these and additional events into the fall, so **stay tuned for more details** and get ready to 'power up' for these important events. **Plan ahead and sign up now for registration event(s) you like.**

Additionally – and *new this year* – **is the possibility of post-registration presence and messaging efforts.** Our voter registration efforts traditionally end on the last day that people can register to vote or update an existing registration (15 October this year). After that, people can use Same Day Voter Registration to either vote early or vote on Election Day. We may have some opportunities to engage in public events to encourage people who might have missed the 15 October deadline that they can *still vote* in this election by using Same Day Voter Registration. We'll be monitoring this situation and send out requests for volunteers if this looks like a viable action.

REMEMBER: **You need to complete the Virginia Department of Elections Voter Registration Training *before* you sign up to volunteer.** To complete the training (about 45 minutes), click here:

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

Civic Federation Hosting Public Forum 19 August; 7:00pm; Bozeman Government Building

The organization will host **a forum on possible governance changes** on Monday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. in the County Board room on the third floor of the Ellen Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Information about this forum is located here:

[Arlington Gazette Leader \(24 Jul 2024\) Article](#)

Task Force in Governance and Election Reform (TiGER) Report here:

[ACCF TiGER Report \(2022\)](#)

The LWVAAC does not have a position on this material; posting here for information only.

More Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Training!

This is a small group session (10/12 slots) designed as a 'train-the-trainer' opportunity. **The training will take place on Wednesday, 28 August, 3:00-**

5:00pm; Room 318 at the Bozeman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard; Arlington. You'll learn about ballot counting and how to talk about RCV. This training is being provided by the Arlington Office of Elections. If we have turn out that exceeds the 10/12 slots; we can add an additional training for 27 August.

[Small Group RCV Training \(Sign Up\)](#)



LWVAAC Educational Partnership with Arlington County Library

LWVAAC, in partnership with Arlington County Library, will be hosting a number of public educational programs over the next year. **Our first event will be Thursday, 12 September, 6:30-7:30pm, Arlington Central Library;** 1015 N. Quincy Street; Auditorium.

Our first event will be on Elections in Arlington and it will be an overview of the roles of Arlington's Registrar and the Board of Elections. This is a great learning opportunity and a great way to be an informed voter.

Sign up here:

[Elections in Arlington \(Registration\)](#)

CALLING ALL POSTCARDERS!!

That time of year will soon be upon us! We'll need volunteers for GOTV!

GOTV = Get Out The Vote

This is an important element of the voter registration effort! It's the follow up. All of the folks that we register will be sent a postcard in advance of the November election to remind them that they (1) *registered* to vote and (2) they should make a plan to vote!

We need volunteers willing to do this work and we'll start taking volunteers now. Please email me at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com and I'll put your name on the list for the 2024 Postcarding Group.

Got questions? Email me at above address.

Update!

Additional Information and Volunteer Request for GOTV Postcarding:

The last two newsletters included a request for folks to sign up for postcarding

as part of the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) campaign. I inadvertently left out an additional requirement! We also need **data entry people!** The data entry component of this effort is to go through our list of newly registered voters and enter names and addresses (typed) in order to facilitate the postcarders' capacity to address and write postcards with great ease.

Interested in Fighting Mis/Disinformation? Now you can actually GET INVOLVED!! The League of Women Voters of Virginia in partnership with [VerbaAI](#) has established a fact checking website which uses AI to find political statements and then check them against known and trusted sites. These include Snopes, PolitiFact, LeadStories, and Fact Check.org.

[VerbaAI Election News](#)

The website will be active through the November general election and beyond.

League members are also active in locating and submitting questionable stories for review. If you want to join in, go through LWWVA website (here):

[LWWVA Combat Mis/Disinformation](#)



LWVUS Messaging on Project 2025

LWVUS has provided messaging guidance on Project 2025 here:

[LWVUS Guidance on Project 2025 Messaging](#)

The guidance provided here reflects the non-partisan stance of LWVUS.

Voter Registration Opportunities August

Farmers Markets

August 10, 14, 22, & 31

For Farmers' Markets questions contact **Faye Pritchard**

at feungerpritchard@gmail.com, 703-931-2168 (home) or 703-989-5750 (cell). She is handling the scheduling and has the supplies needed for setting up. The locations for below are on the sign-up sheet (inside the link below).

Courthouse on **Saturday, August 10**

Rosslyn on **Wednesday, August 14**

Ballston on **Thursday, August 22**
Lubber Run on **Saturday, August 31**

Sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kMO55NNQuHYpF5mn7i9OEL6WQT4jBuNb/edit?mc_cid=ac27fbb123&mc_eid=3788cf359c&mc_cid=9f8ac8042e&mc_eid=a9a4be1002&gid=759689192#gid=759689192

Crystal City/Pentagon City Locations

For Crystal City/Pentagon City events contact Suzanne Weiss at suzanne.b.weiss@gmail.com, phone 847-975-0154. She is handling scheduling. Location is Market/Good Company Donuts - corner of 14th & Eads Street; more information in the sign-up sheet.

Saturday, August 17

Saturday, August 31

Sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kMO55NNQuHYpF5mn7i9OEL6WQT4jBuNb/edit?mc_cid=ac27fbb123&mc_eid=3788cf359c&gid=759689192#gid=759689192

Shiloh Baptist Church Back-to-School Giveaway Event

For questions on this event, email lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Saturday August 17, 10:30-3:30

Sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kMO55NNQuHYpF5mn7i9OEL6WQT4jBuNb/edit?mc_cid=ac27fbb123&mc_eid=3788cf359c&gid=759689192#gid=7596891

Two notes:

1. Want to take photos on your phone of your registration event? Please **do**, with the following provisions: (1) no children/minors included and (2) ask the person if it's okay to post on our (LWVAAC) website and social media. Send the photos to lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com and we'll get them up on social media.

2. New people and/or anyone who wants to get in on the registration action and you're not sure where to start: consider *coming as an observer* to an event that already has sufficient sign-ups. This will give you an opportunity to get a feel for how it works. It would be helpful if you let us know you're coming (via email below) so that we can give the registration team a heads up that you'll be observing. Additionally, feel free to reach out to us at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com if you want to be sure you're paired with an experienced person.

3. Now...go sign up!

REMINDER: In order to register voters with LWVAAC, you need to have completed Virginia Department of Elections training if you haven't done so already:

[Virginia State Voter Registration Online Training](#)

George Mason Exhibition July 26



Jane Weber and **Don Gurney** registering voters

Don Gurney puts the "I" in Civics



Interactive piece of art where anyone, including Don, can provide the I in
CIVICS

National Night Out at John Robinson Square in Green Valley



LWVAAC members promote voting at [National Night Out](#) on 6 August

Faye Pritchard is representing LWVAAC as a member of the Arlington Re-Entry Council; **Chris DeRosa** is representing Spread The Vote also as a member of the Arlington Re-Entry Council.

Faye and Chris registered voters and provided information on restoration of rights.

News from National

Your LWVUS Democracy Update

[July's Democracy Highlights](#)

LWV VA August Virginia Voter

[August 2024 Virginia Voter](#)

LWVAAC BOOK GROUP

After a bit of a hiatus, **LWVAAC is looking to restart the Book Club to a bi-monthly (mostly) online (zoom) event.** Are you interested? Contact us at

lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

Look for next newsletter August 21



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