



## **League in Action**

June 3, 2020

### **President's Message**

Hi, I hope you are all doing well! We are kicking 2020 voter registration events into high gear with a **planning meeting of the Voter Access Committee on June 8 at 7:00 PM**. We have some terrific plans in place to make sure we register all eligible Arlingtonians for the November election. **Please join us** – it is all hands-on deck for November – and it starts now.

Please RSVP here to get the Zoom link. We need your brains and your time to make this happen!

Thanks,  
Joan

Don't forget to check our our new website and our cool shopping page!!! Virtual shopping!

<https://my.lww.org/virginia/arlington/lww-arlington-shop>

[RSVP](#)

Speaking of the election, many thanks to **Anna Weber** for her work on [Vote411](#).  
Candidate information for the July 7 election is now live. [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)

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**LWV-VA Stands with All Those Who Grieve the Loss of George Floyd**

[Read LWV-VA statement here](#)



Joan (as Darth Vader) at Unitarian Universalist **silent protest** on George Mason Boulevard on June 1

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## **IT IS TIME TO BEGIN OUR VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS FOR 2020**

As I have said before, Covid is no match for the League of Women Voters of Arlington! This summer we will go full-on to get people registered for 2020 and to, later, turn out the vote.

We have culled through the many great ideas our members have given us and now it is time to put those ideas into action.

**We need people** willing to make phone calls and safely deliver information to businesses. **We need design people** to develop posters and sandwich boards. **We need people to reach out** to groups for people for whom English is not a first language and groups for the disabled. Whatever your superpower, we need it!

This is just the first phase . We will be adding more efforts such as door hanging fliers later in the summer.

If you have an idea not listed, let me know!

**Please sign up** on this SignUp Genius. Times like this proved why the League is so needed – let's make this happen.

[Sign up](#)

We will also have to develop protocols and outreach programs **if people need to**

**have their July 7 County Board ballots witnessed.** Sign Up here to help with this phase of our elections efforts.

Thanks much!

[Witness SignUp](#)

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## Supervised Ballot Drop Locations

**We need to highlight this.**

Please post this to social media – and throughout your condos and civic associations....

One week before the next two elections, there will be supervised ballot drop locations in the late afternoon at 4 sites, one day each (<https://vote.arlingtonva.us/ballot-drop-off/>):

[Madison Community Center](#), **3829 N Stafford St, Arlington, VA 22207**

- [Monday, June 15, 3pm-6pm](#)
- [Monday, June 29, 3pm-6pm](#)

[Langston-Brown Community Center](#), **2121 N Culpeper St, Arlington, VA 22207**

- [Tuesday, June 16, 3pm-6pm](#)
- [Tuesday, June 30, 3pm-6pm](#)

[Walter Reed Community Center](#), **2909 16th St S, Arlington, VA 22204**

- [Wednesday, June 17, 3pm-6pm](#)
- [Wednesday, July 1, 3pm-6pm](#)

[Aurora Hills Community Center](#), **735 18th St S, Arlington, VA 22202**

- [Thursday, June 18, 3pm-6pm](#)
- [Thursday, July 2, 3pm-6pm](#)

[Read the Arlington County press release here](#)



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### **Information on the June/July Elections**

We will have a primary election on **June 23** and a general election for Arlington

County Board on **July 7**. To get an absentee ballot for July 7, you will need to have an "excuse" - Covid is an excuse - even though the election is after the new no-excuse law goes into effect. That is because you need to apply for the ballot by June 30 and the new law kicks in on July 1.

Ballots for the Republican primary on June 23 do not have to be witnessed. However, although we are hoping our lawsuit will prevail for other elections, as of right now, July 7 ballots will need a witness.

Attached are **two fliers**, one English, one Spanish with the latest information. **PLEASE** distribute them on social media, Nextdoor, community listservs, to your building managers, etc. Stay safe but do what you can to get the word out electronically.

Thanks so much to **Anne Hartzenbusch** for her Spanish translation.

[Covid Flyer - English](#)

[Covid letter - Spanish](#)

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## **Pandemic Postcarding Updates**

We are closing in at 8000 postcards sent on behalf of the NAACP - today, I have ordered another 3000.

This is an incredible accomplishment; however, it doesn't come cheaply. To process and mail 3000 cards cost upwards of \$1800. Stamps alone are more than \$960. Frankly, **I need more money if we are to continue.** I have received many generous donations, but we are still short. Either that, or writers will have to purchase their own.

Many members have been very, very generous – but we need more money. **Email me** if you can help financially. This is NOT being funded by LWV as we are writing outside of the area.

Thanks, Joan [joan@joanporte.com](mailto:joan@joanporte.com)

### Postcard update from Reclaim the Vote



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## LWV VA Task Forces on Current Issues

**Julia Tanner**, our state advocacy chair, has established state task forces to deal with the many issues that we work on.

Whatever your interest, housing, voter education, domestic violence, etc. sign up to be a part of change.

[Find a task force and sign up](#)

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## LWV VIRGINIA SKILLS SURVEY

Covid-19 has highlighted the importance of League work. Now more than ever we need volunteers to support our efforts throughout the state. **The LWV-VA Board is asking members to complete the LWV-VA SkillShare Survey.** By completing the survey you will be sharing your skills and interests with LWV-VA leadership and will further your engagement in LWV-VA activities and advocacy work.

**Help LWV-VA empower Virginia's voters** by sharing your skills, complete the LWV-VA SkillShare Survey today! Contact Andrienne at [membership@lwv-va.org](mailto:membership@lwv-va.org) with questions.

[Fill out the survey](#)



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## Directory of Arlington/Alexandria City Officials

We would like to add a Directory of Arlington/Alexandria City Officials to our new website. Many Leagues do this for citizens – some print them out and give to libraries etc. However, for the obvious reasons, digital is better.

**We need one or two people** who can root out emails and addresses of **Arlington** officials for the Directory. So if you like researching and have some time to spare in this “down town” **please email us**

[LWVArlingtonVA@gmail.com](mailto:LWVArlingtonVA@gmail.com) Thanks – this is a great service to Arlington residents.

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ANOTHER WAY YOU CAN SUPPORT THE 2020 ELECTION EFFORTS  
BE A SQUINTER!!!

### **Help Us Eliminate False Election Information This Year!**

**We are all aware** of the tremendous amount of misinformation on social media, including election misinformation. For example, in a recent primary, there was a rumor on social media giving the wrong factual advice that anyone over 60 should not go to the polls due to the coronavirus. So how do we get control over this, and make sure our election officials can combat this dangerous disinformation?

Easy, become a SQUINTer.

MITRE Corp, has developed an **election misinformation tracking and reporting system** called **SQUINT** to assist state and local elections officers with combating deception and misinformation on social media. **To be a Squinter, you add an app to your PC browser** (Chrome or Firefox) or to your iPhone or Android. When you see false election information, you capture it with the app. That is it!

Partisan information is not in the scope of this program, only incorrect information about voting.

[If you want to be a Squinter or to learn more about it fill out the Sign-Up Genius](#)

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**We won!**

**The Webby Awards - Honoring the Best of the Internet  
People's Voice Winner - Government & Civil Innovation**

[Vote411 - Election Information you need](#)

[See the press release here](#)



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## EVENTS

**June 6**

### **LWV Virginia Council Meeting**

Our state-wide Council meeting begins at 9 AM.

Our keynote speaker is **Allison Robbins** – Director of Elections & General Registrar for Wise County, VA. There will be time to hear about our two state policy studies.

Other Topics Will Include:

- Ranked choice voting
- National Popular Vote Compact
- 2020 Election Voter Education Plans
- The Constitutional amendment affirming that the right to vote in Virginia that cannot be abridged by law

[RSVP for Zoom link](#)

**June 20**

### **Arlington County Board Candidate Forum**

We are hosting our second student-run candidate forum on **June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM**. All three candidates running in the July 7 special election for Arlington County Board will be with us. We will break into private rooms so that you will have the chance to question each candidate individually.

[RSVP for Zoom link](#)

**June 22-25**

### **LWV US Convention – and 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration**

While we would have loved to congregate at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, the anniversary party will still go on! You don't want to miss this one!

The Convention begins on June 25; however, caucuses will start on June 22.

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING SO WE CAN SHARE IDEAS - AND CAUCUS NOTES.

[To find the full schedule and to register click here](#)

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## Committees

### **Book Club** – June 14 – 1p

The book is the *Adams Women* by Paul C. Nagel – for Zoom link and information contact **Joan**, [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

### **Redistricting** – June 15 – 7p

For Zoom link and information contact **Ann Sharp**, [Sharpab2828@gmail.com](mailto:Sharpab2828@gmail.com)

### **Election Integrity** – June 17 – 7p

For Zoom link and information contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**  
[lkoteengerchick@gmail.com](mailto:lkoteengerchick@gmail.com)

### **Affordable Housing** – June 22 - 7p

For Zoom link and information contact **Carol Brooke**  
[changetheclimate555@gmail.com](mailto:changetheclimate555@gmail.com)

### **LWV VA – 2021 Convention Committee**

We will be co-hosting the 2021 Convention with LWV Of the Fairfax Area. Our next planning meeting will be June 22 at 3p. For more information on how you can help this exciting program, contact **Kathy Matusiak**,  
[kmatusiak@comcast.net](mailto:kmatusiak@comcast.net)

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## Centennial Corner - early June

### Films

PBS's series "The American Experience" is set to feature a suffrage documentary, "**The Vote.**" It premieres on July 6 and July 7, at 9 pm. See the trailer [here](#).

### Online Exhibits

The COVID-19 crisis has shuttered or caused the postponement of many suffrage-related programs. However, some exhibits exist in some form online. Here are a few, with more to be added in forthcoming Centennial Corners.

The National Archives. "[\*\*Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote\*\*](#)"

National Women's History Museum. "[\*\*Crusade for the Vote.\*\*](#)"

Alice Paul Institute. "[\*\*For Democracy: Celebrating 100 Years of the 19<sup>th</sup>\*\*](#)"

## **Amendment.”**

See **Deb Wake**, president of LWV of VA, in Library of Virginia “**Agents of Change**” [centennial recreation of a famous 1915 photo](#) of the Virginia suffrage movement celebrating a century of women’s activism in Virginia and the positive changes they created. [Read more.](#)

**Carol Simon Levin**, *Remembering the Ladies*. The author has made available a free electronic version of this book, which profiles 69 women who fought for women’s political inclusion and participation.

## **It’s Arlington’s Centennial, Too**

The County has launched a [webpage](#) to showcase news of the County’s “naming centennial” and associated events. Be sure to sign up for email updates.

Meanwhile, check out this “[story map](#)” from 1920, courtesy of the Arlington Historical Society.

## **Resources**

Twitter users are getting ready to share thoughts and information on the suffrage centennial. Here are some accounts to follow. (We will add more as we learn of them.)

@WomenVote 100

@DailySuffragist  
@WomensVote100  
@SuffCentennials  
@2020centennial  
@Suff\_Postcards  
@CentOfSuffrage  
@AlicePaulInstit  
@100thSuffrageDC  
@INSuffrage100  
@Suffragist

**Encore learning** joins a year of women's suffrage celebrations with a virtual lecture by economist **Jim Grefer** -

**The Industrial Revolution's Influence on American Women's Rights Movements**

Monday, **June 15**, 2020 from **3:00 PM until 4:30 PM**

Speaker **Jim Grefer** posits that throughout human history, gender roles have been determined by a confluence of factors such as economics, religion, and law. These produced varying degrees of social egalitarianism and dominance. But, for much of American history, the result was the nearly complete subjection of women, especially married women, to men.

The emergence of the industrial revolution altered this course, modifying the roles of women in families, product markets, education, and social norms. Within a few generations, women came to influence society in powerful ways, leading to the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848 and a trajectory toward basic civil rights.



Advance registration is not required, and **this event is open to all**. When joining the meeting **you may be prompted to enter your name and email address before being admitted to this free event**.

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[For more information and for Zoom link click here](#)

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[Read the June Virginia Voter here](#)

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**Look for next newsletter June 17**

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Chester can't join us but you can!

Renew or join us! We need you in this busy, crazy year!

<https://my.lwv.org/virginia/arlington/join-us-0>





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