



League in Action

November 2, 2022

President's Message

Hey, did you know we had an election coming up next week? Really! Seriously, there is still time to do some Get Out the Vote Work (GOTV). **It is also vitally important that everyone knows their rights when voting. The Fair Elections Center has produced "Know Your Rights Guides" for several states including Virginia. Please tell your friends and family about these fliers for the states of Michigan, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin.**

Oh, and please remember to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram so you can resend all our helpful election information to your friends.

AND LWV is partnering again with Lyft for discounts good only on Election Day for rides to polls

<https://ride.lyft.com/invite/VOTE22>

Thanks for all you do.

Joan

Know Your Rights Guides

Ranked Choice Voting – Presence at the Polls

We can use some people still for Nov 5 in Alexandria

The League is partnering with UpVoteVirginia for presence at the polls to garner support for Ranked Choice Voting,. It will take place in Alexandria on the last day of early voting: **Saturday, November 5th** at two sites: Elections office (8 AM - 5 PM) and Beatley Library (10 AM – 5 PM)

Our goals are:

1. To encourage voters to respond to the County's RCV survey before the November 4th deadline
2. To introduce voters to UpVoteVirginia
3. To ask voters to indicate their support of RCV on a sign-up sheet

UpVoteVirginia will provide yard signs, sign-up sheets, and information ("grip") cards. There will also be buttons and stickers for volunteers.

Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca8ac2ea3ffc70-alexandria2>

If you know someone who has NOT yet registered, they can still do so. Virginia has "same day voter registration". If someone needs to

register, they need to go to an early voting site or their polling place on election day and register. They will then be required to fill out a provisional ballot. That ballot will be counted once the registration is validated. **If you have any questions**, please email us. Our crack voter services team will help.

If you want to protect the vote on Election Day, the LWV of Virginia is partnering with several groups to have people on the ground to report problems. You do not have to be a lawyer and you will be trained. For information and to sign up go to <http://https://engageva.org/programs/election-protection/?cs-from=8fe96d9f-5908-421d-9f61-a0bd5a00d3e4>

Ride Folks to the Polls

We have been contacted by some low-income housing sites about rides to the polls during early voting. They are getting names of interested folks. If you are interested, please contact Joan at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com. Thanks and thank you to **Anne Murphy and Karen Darner** who have been driving people.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

If you were at our October 16 Membership Meeting, you heard **Don Gurney** speak of the **need to expand our voter services program**. As he said, "What we have was sustainable when we had 80 members, not when we have 250."

None of these require much time and most are "seasonal." We can use more people to work on:

- **Candidate forums held prior to the primary and general elections**
- **Reaching out to large corporations moving into the area**
- **Outreach to condominiums**
- **Outreach to farmers markets**
- **Preparing voter education materials**

Please let **Don** know at lwarlingtonva@gmail.com if you have interest or questions.

Sips and Civility – The Revival!!!!

Due to COVID 19, we had to stop our popular Sips and Civility Program. This is designed to introduce topics to the public that might be a bit controversial in a civilized setting and fashion. We had a great turnout for our "Dillon Rule" event just before everything closed.

We are grateful that Sampriti Ganguli has agreed to chair the revised Sips committee and she has two great ideas, one of a Money in Politics event and another for look at City Council vs County Board rule. She can use some help with event planning, menus, speakers etc. This is a fun project. If interested or you want to learn more contact her - sampriti@gmail.com

NEEDED: PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SUPPORT OF BROADBAND
EXPANSION

Help Support Broadband Expansion in Arlington and Alexandria City with Our Task Force.

LWVUS sets the stage for local League promotion of affordable broadband for community members in need

The June 2022 LWV National Convention adopted the concurrence proposed by the LWV Rural Caucus and backed by 52 state and local Leagues that allows Leagues at any level to advocate for affordable broadband everywhere, as well as for access to public, educational and governmental (PEG) access media.

The concurrence was adopted because few state leagues had positions on affordable broadband, and the pandemic was highlighting the need for high speed digital access to information and communication systems necessary for many activities of daily living - including going to school, applying for jobs, accessing telemedicine, and engaging in citizenship activities such as information seeking and voting.

Both Arlington County and Alexandria City have Digital Equity initiatives in progress in the interests of expanding access to broadband connectivity.

Beyond these local initiatives, under the Infrastructure and Jobs Act there is emergency federal assistance offered in partnership with a number of internet service providers to make available fully subsidized broadband connectivity along

with a low-cost device to any Americans earning less than 200% of the poverty level and/or receiving certain federal benefits such as Pell Grants or Food Stamps.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is now being promoted by Arlington County, and the county is asking for community assistance in getting the word out and helping eligible residents to navigate the process.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Community-Planning-Housing-Development/Digital-Equity/Affordable-Connectivity-Program>

At its September meeting **the board of LWV-Arlington and Alexandria City voted to establish a broadband task force** to support expanding awareness of programs to make broadband more widely available and to help eligible residents make use of these programs to apply for service.

If you are interested, let Joan know - lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com

by Roberta Jameson

The Arlington County Board is seeking comments on a proposed Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) method pilot for the 2023 County Board June primary election.

The League is in support of RCV and encourages Arlington members to comment in their own words as individual citizens on its benefits. Some information is below. If you have any questions, email the board at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com.

The deadline is November 4, 2022.

Benefits:

- **Gives voters more meaningful choices:** Ranked choice voting allows candidates from outside the two major parties to compete. It helps create a richer dialogue on the issues and increases the diversity of views available for voters to consider.
- **Eliminates spoilers and strategic voting:** Ranked choice voting allows voters to support their favorite candidate without worrying that they might "throw their vote away," or worse, split their votes with like-minded voters and unintentionally help elect the candidate they like the least.
- **Reduces negative campaigning:** Candidates running in ranked choice elections must ask for second and, sometimes, third choice rankings. Voters are less likely to rank a candidate highly who is negative toward their preferred candidate.
- **Reduces the influence of money in politics:** Campaigns and special interest groups spend a lot of money on negative advertising. By making negative advertising less effective, ranked choice voting reduces the need for, and influence of, money in politics.

If you need more information:

https://campaignlegal.org/democracyu/accountability/ranked-choice-voting?gclid=Cj0KCQjw7KqZBhCBARIsAI-fTKKcTY2ormgtKJHQ7quzRJ-946p8W8onvy0uJo7W21jZNvpQBn3sVgAaAiZpEALw_wcB

[Link to Make Comments](#)

If you are not already a member of LWV Arlington and Alexandria, please consider joining!

We are turning up our voter registration events and our Get Out the Vote programs. It is all hands on deck for Democracy! Active students ages 16 - 26 pay no dues and we have scholarships available for anyone who needs one. Contact LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com for information.

[Join or donate to the League!](#)

Early voting ends Nov 5

Check your ballot - check your polling place - check ID requirements

[Find Arlington County Elections information here](#)

[Find City of Alexandria Elections information here](#)



Find it all at one place at VOTE411.org

Same Day Voter Registration Available for Virginians

NEW - Election Day Registration:

If you missed the October 17 deadline to register in advance to vote in the November 8 election, you could still register and vote.

Starting with the November 8, 2022, General Election, Virginia residents will be permitted to register and vote a Provisional Ballot at their polling location on Election Day, and at in-person voting sites during the Early Voting Period and after the registration deadline. The Provisional Ballot will be counted as a regular ballot after the newly registered voter's local registrar is able to review available lists to confirm the voter's eligibility to register.

Again, this must be done ONLY at the voting sites during the early voting period or at your designated polling place on Election Day, November 8, 2022. To find your polling place go to the League's nonpartisan voting information site. <https://vote411.org>.

Early Voting Sites:

Courthouse Plaza

2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 311

[Nov 2 – Nov 5 – 9 AM– 5 PM](#)

Extended Weekday Hours on:

November 2-3, 8 AM -7 PM

Madison Community Center

3829 Stafford Street

Saturday, November 5, 9 AM-5 PM

November 2-3, 2 PM-7 PM

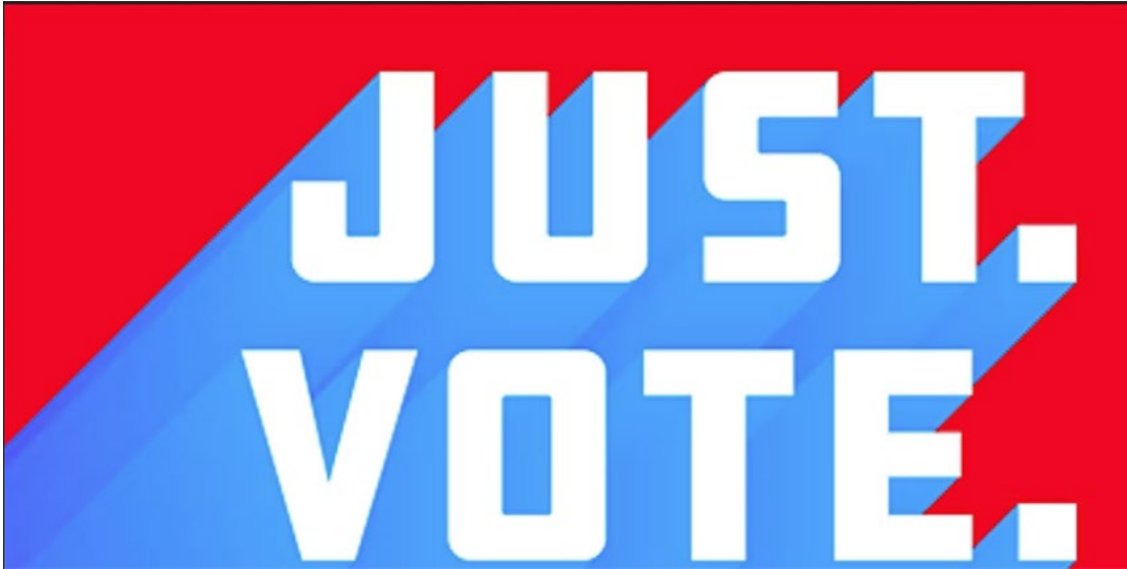
Walter Reed Community Center

2909 – 16th Street South

Saturday, November 5, 9 AM-5 PM

November 2-3, 2 PM-7 PM

If you have any questions, contact the League at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com



Missing Middle - Information and Advocacy

You are invited to gather with VOICE* leaders, allies, stakeholders, and County Board Members Christian Dorsey and Libby Garvey for

VOICE Missing Middle Housing ACTION

November 17th 7:00 at

Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington

4444 Arlington Blvd Arlington 22204

WE WILL SHOW OUR ENTHUSIASM AND OUR SUPPORT FOR THE

MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING PROPOSAL

WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE AND GIVE THE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS THE
COURAGE TO VOTE YES

We believe the Missing Middle will:

Increase the housing supply and increase the diversity of housing types

Support more equity in land use and undo a past racist housing policy

Fight against climate change with denser housing with a smaller carbon
footprint

*****THE BIGGER OUR TURNOUT THE MORE POWER WE HAVE TO
MOVE THIS WORLD TO A MORE JUST PLACE*****

Wear League "bling" or t shirts.

If you have questions: Pat Findikoglu: patfindikoglu@gmail.com

*Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement

[Flyer with QR code to register](#)

Committee of 100 -

Missing Middle: Impact on Schools & Seniors

Virtual - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

In its Missing Middle Housing study, the Arlington County Board proposed

modifying regulations to expand the availability of multiple-unit housing styles such as duplexes and four-plexes.

In our November program, we will examine the potential impacts of the proposed changes on two parts of Arlington's population: school-age and seniors.

Panelists include:

Christian Dorsey, Arlington County Board

Alice Hogan, Alliance for Sustainable Housing

Lisa Stengel, Executive Director at Arlington Public School's Office of Planning and Enrollment

[RSVP here](#)

EVENTS

Nov 17

LWV Virginia - Review of the Environmental Justice Study

Nov 17 - 6 PM

The League is updating their Environmental Justice Position. **If this is an area of interest, come to the review meeting.**

Environmental Justice study RSVP

Dec 3

LWV Virginia - Review of the Campaign Finance Study

Dec 3 - 1 PM

The League is producing a study on Campaign Finance. **If this is an area of interest, come to the review meeting.**

Campaign Finance study RSVP

Dec 7

LWV Virginia Pre Session

Mark your calendars and be sure to RSVP to our virtual Pre-Session, December 7, 2022, from 9 AM – 2 PM!

This is always a great event and a terrific way to learn of the legislative priorities of the Virginia League and our nonpartisan partners for the upcoming General Assembly session!

To date speakers include:

Dr. James Fedderman, President, Virginia Education Association

Brenda Cabrera, Director of Elections and General Registrar, Fairfax City, and

Chair of the Voters Registrars Association of Virginia

Andrew Goddard, Legislative Director, Virginia Center for Public Safety

Janine Greenwood and Denise Murden, Co-VP Public Policy, AAUW

Bob Shippee, Legislative Director, Virginia Sierra Club

Lisa Sales, President, Virginia NOW

James W "Jay" Speer, Executive Director Virginia Poverty Law Center

Nicole Porter, Senior Director of Advocacy, the Sentencing Project

and many more to come!

[RSVP for Pre Session](#)

Save the date

Jan 15

LWV of Arlington and Alexandria City Day of Action and Program Planning Meeting

Jan 15 - 3:30 -5 PM - Location TBA

Come together, write postcards, sign petitions, and learn more about the issues important to our League and the LWV Virginia.

We will also hold our Program Planning Meeting - to review our positions and those of the LWV Virginia.

News from National

Statement on the Lions of Liberty's Announcement to End Operation Drop Box in Arizona

10/27/2022

PHOENIX — Protect Democracy and the League of Women Voters of Arizona (LWVAZ) were pleased to see the statement addressed to all members of the Lions of Liberty and Yavapai County Preparedness Team announcing a close to Operation Drop Box

[Read the statement here](#)

League of Women Voters Files Amicus Brief in Moore v. Harper

10/26/2022

LWV of the United States and League chapters from all 50 states and DC filed an amicus brief in the Moore v. Harper case before the Supreme Court. The case concerns the so-called "independent state legislature theory" (ISLT), which, if adopted, would have far-reaching implications for the future of American democracy.

[Read the press release here](#)

Lawsuit Filed to Stop Vigilante Surveillance of Drop Boxes in Arizona

10/25/2022

Protect Democracy filed a lawsuit on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona in response to organizations and individuals who have conspired to intimidate voters in the 2022 election through "Operation Drop Box."

[Read the press release](#)

LWV US October Highlights

[Read the Highlights here](#)

Meeting

November 20 - 2 PM - Book Group

The Tubman Command: A Novel by Elizabeth Cobbs

Contact **Joan** LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

Look for next newsletter November 16



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