



League in Action

October 19, 2022

President's Message

Thanks to our handy postcard writers, everyone we registered in 2021 and 22 received Get Out the Vote (GOTV) postcards reminding them of early voting and election day voting.

Now, here is something new for 2022. **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>

Thanks for all you do!

Joan

We Might Have Some Need to Ride Folks to the Polls

We have been contacted by some low income housing sites about possible rides to the polls during early voting. They are getting names of interested folks. If you are intersted please contact Joan at lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com
thanks

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.

LWV Virginia starts Broadband Issue Group

Broadband accessibility is an issue that cuts across the state - whether rural or urban. LWV VA is starting an Issue Group to address this issue.

[Please sign up here](#)

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 lwarlingtonva@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](#)

Comments to Virginia Department of Education on Proposed Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia's Public Schools

The League of Women Voters is dedicated to ensuring equal rights and equal opportunity for all. This is your opportunity to comment in your own words as individual citizens on the removal of the 2021 standards and the development of new standards.

The deadline is October 26.

[Link to Make Comments](#)



[Voting FAQ From LWV Virginia](#)

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 is in progress

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

Deadline to request absentee ballot is October 28, 5PM

[Find Arlington County Elections information here](#)

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



Find it all at one place at VOTE411.org

EVENTS

Oct 27

LWV VA Presents Building Resilience to Misinformation/Disinformation – Virtual Training

Oct 27 at 12 PM and 7 PM

We are holding two identical trainings on the dangers of and how to combat and disinformation. This is part of the greater nationwide program from LWV US to combat this dangerous trend.

Please register for just one. There is one program at 12 P and one at 7 P on Oct 27. These are the same programs. Pick the one easiest for you to attend.

[RSVP here](#)

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 9a – 2p!

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.

October 2022 Virginia Voter

President's Message: **The Real Threat to Our Democracy**

Take Our Poll: [Election Participation Poll](#)

Learn more about: [Same Day Voter Registration](#)

Join an Issue Group or Task Force

Legislative Priorities

Event: **The Virginia Budgetary Process – 101 with Sen. Janet Howell and Del. Vivian Watts**

From Domestic Violence Issue Group: **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

From Reproductive Health Issue Group: **Reproductive Health is our newest Issue Group!**

From Mis/Disinformation Task Force: **Mis/Disinformation Task Force hold virtual trainings**

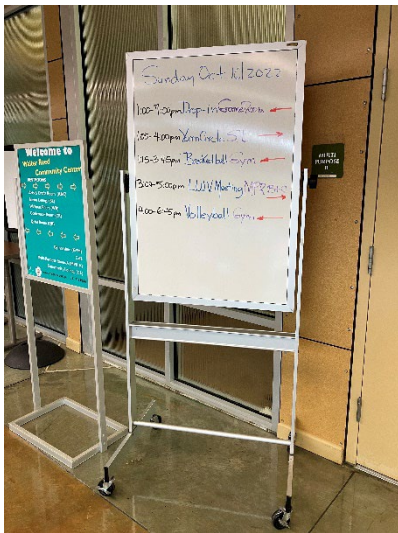
From Broadband Issue Group: **New Issue Group Explores Broadband Access for all Virginians: Volunteers Needed**

Local League Highlight: **Lynchburg – Dedication of Suffrage Trail Marker at Randolph College**

Event: **Challenge Racism: A Series of DEI Events**

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

LWV-Arlington/Alexandria Membership Meeting and New Member Orientation Oct 16





Disability Voting Rights Event Oct 15



Joan introducing UU the Vote program



Reverend Carol Thomas Cissel
of the Unitarian Universalist
Church of Arlington.



Brian "Keith" McMullen retired
US Army LTC



Taquanda, Dixon of Melwood



Joan and Judith (Judy)
Heumann



Gretchen Reinemeyer Arlington
Registrar demonstrating Ballot
Marking Device



Photos by Don Gurney

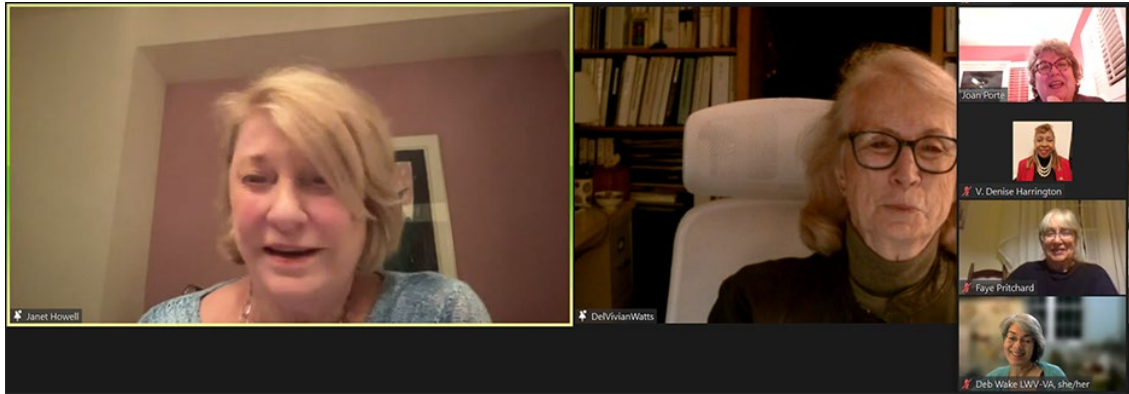
Virtual Candidate Forum - 8th District US House of Representatives Oct 13



At this forum sponsored by The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, Falls Church and Arlington and Alexandria City, **Donald S. Beyer, Jr** (D,) **Karina A. Lipsman** (R) , and **Teddy Fikre** (I) answered questions posed by forum attendees.

Co-Sponsoring this event were Chamber of Commerce of Fairfax City; FACS (Faith Alliance Climate Solutions); Fairfax NAACP; Iota Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; NCNW Reston-Dulles Section (National Council of Negro Women); Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc - Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter; and AAUW- VA.

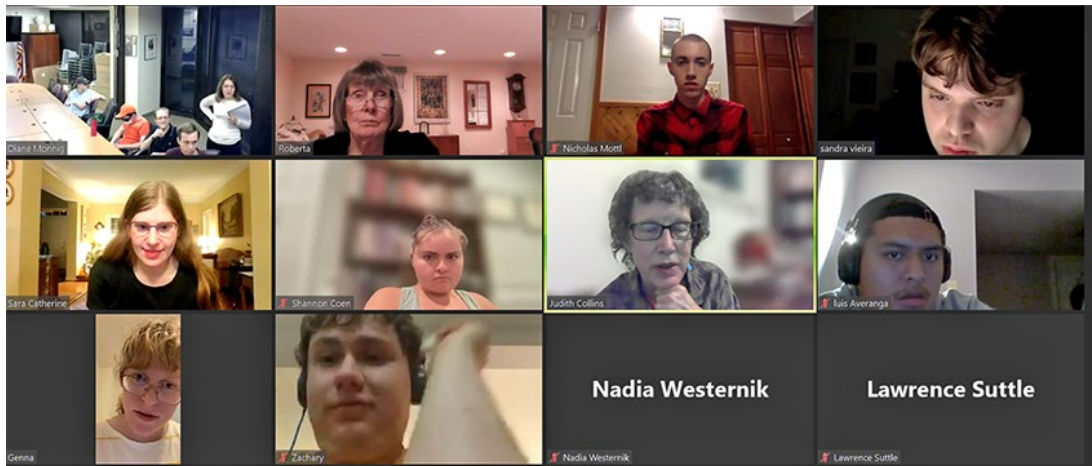
Virginia lawmakers review the steps in the Virginia Budget process with LWV VA on October 12



Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Vivian Watts explaining how the Virginia Budget is developed

[In case you missed it or want to review it, here is the link to presentation of Senator Howell and Delegate Watts on the Budget Process.](#)

With Arc of NoVa Young Adults Oct 11



Judy Collins presenting the voter registration process to Arc of Northern Virginia People First for Young Adults at a hybrid meeting

Cycle of Life

It is with deep personal sadness that we announce the passing of Pat McGrady, who died last week after a short illness. Pat was a member of LWV Arlington-Alexandria City for almost forty years before moving to Fairfax and continuing her membership there. Among her last words were that she wanted to be "remembered as an activist for social justice." Indeed, she was. In addition to her work with the League, Pat was a tireless proponent of fair housing and inclusive housing.

No word is available on services as of yet.

Meeting

October 23 - 2 PM - Book Group

Wilmington's Lie (WINNER OF THE 2021 PULITZER PRIZE): *The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy* by David Zucchino

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Look for next newsletter November 2



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