



League in Action

September 15, 2021

President's Message

It is all voter registration, all the time right now. Well, that is not totally correct, It Is all voter registration as well as all candidate forums.

As for voter registration, **please check your schedules to see where you can help. The last day to register people is Oct. 12**, so we are in crunch time.

Sign up for voter registration here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kycD_F6CSwbJgIbSNf5-fPOpHAgNQRDIHdHcYQ7Ep8/edit#gid=0

See below for Don's request for high school voter registration volunteers. We can be in person in Arlington schools but there are steps to take. See below.

CANDIDATE FORUMS:

We are co-sponsoring the **forum of the 49th district** (currently held by Delegate Alfonso Lopez) on **September 21, 7 PM**

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AdHcabWPTV6pt8o3KhOcmQ

We will also be hosting the following events:

Oct 7 – 7 PM Remaining Arlington Candidates

<https://lwvarlcandidateforum.eventbrite.com>

Oct 9 – 2 -5 PM Alexandria City Council

<https://lwvarlalexcitycouncilmayorforum.eventbrite.com>

Oct 10 – 2 -4 PM Alexandria School Board

<https://lwvarlalexcityschoolbdforum.eventbrite.com>

Thanks for all you do,

Joan



Janet Boyd and Judy Collins doing voter registration at Glen Carlyn

HELP WANTED!

IN PERSON HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION

Volunteers Needed

APS has authorized the League to conduct lunchtime voter registration in each of the high schools. This is the first time we have been allowed in the high school since the Covid pandemic started. We are scheduled visit each of 6 high schools on the days listed below.

We need 2 - 4 volunteers to register students at each school during the lunch periods. Sign up at the link below.

COVID-19 vaccinations are now also " ,Per APS vaccination requirements for staff you To volunteer ."required for those who want to volunteer in our schools
<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MjQyMDplbi1VU> **must fill in this form indicating the school(s) you will volunteer in and providing proof of your vaccination status. Do this right away** because it may take as long as a week for approval of your application.

HERE IS THE LIST OF SCHOOLS

DATE	DAY	SCHOOL
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9/27/21	Monday	Washington-Liberty High
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9/28/21	Tuesday	Wakefield High School
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9/29/21	Wednesday	This is an early release day for high schools in APS
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9/30/21	Thursday	Yorktown High School
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10/1/21Friday **ACHS**

10/4/21Monday **Arlington Career Center**

10/5/21Tuesday **HB Woodlawn**

Since our voter registration is not a regular occurrence, you won't have to complete any APS training. You can find additional information on volunteering here <https://www.apsva.us/volunteers-partnerships/volunteer-application-form/application-process/>

You will also need to wear a mask to work in the schools. **Sign up** for high school registration at the button below.

Don Gurney

[**SIGN UP FOR HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION HERE - THANKS**](#)

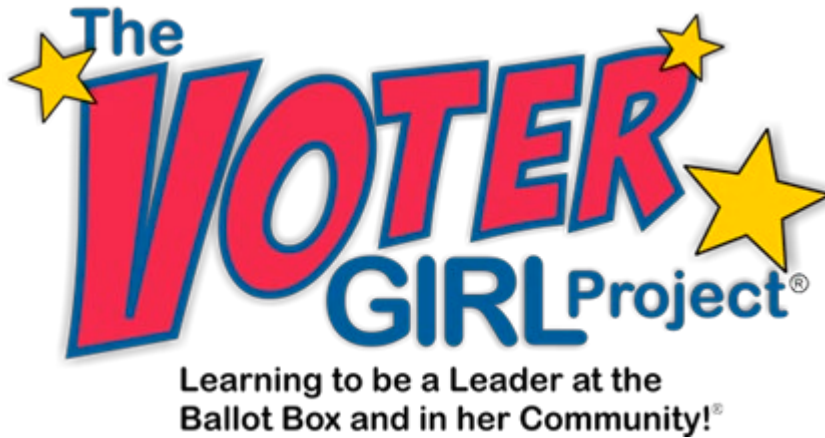
Volunteers needed for September Voter Girl project

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.



Join Outreach Circle

The League is utilizing Outreach Circle for advocacy purposes. This helps us not only reach members but easily record their responses. **To join** go to <https://outreachcircle.com/SWX266> and click on "view actions" to sign up.

November 2021 Election information available now

The next election will be a General Election **November 2, 2021**.

Deadline to register to vote is October 12, 2021 for the General Election Register to vote online, check registration status and see what's on the ballot for your district at locality voter information websites (below).

To vote by mail -

All voters are eligible to vote a mail ballot. Voters must request a mail ballot.

Voters can request a Mail Ballot until Oct. 22, 2021.

Ballots for the November Election will be mailed starting Sept. 17, 2021

Ballots must be mailed be delivered in person by Nov. 2, 7pm or mailed with a post mark of Nov. 2nd and received by Noon on Nov 5th.

To vote early in person -

Early voting is open 45 days before all elections. All voters can vote at any early voting location.

Early voting for the November General Election starts Sept 17th.

Vote Election Day -

On Election Day, all Arlington polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You must vote at your assigned location.

Vote Arlington - 2021 Election Guide

[See Arlington voter information here](#)

Vote City of Alexandria - 2021 Election Guide

[See Alexandria voter information here](#)



Virginia Voters!

R E M I N D E R

A witness signature **IS REQUIRED** on all absentee ballots for the November 2nd 2021 General Election!

The LWV of Arlington is here to help! If you or someone you know needs a witness for their ballot, please reach out to us! Send an e-mail to LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com

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Virginia Election Information: elections.virginia.gov

The New Arlington DEI Committee

We are happy to announce the formation of the Arlington DEI Committee! Our goal is to assure that Arlington does all of its work through a DEI lens. Our first step is to develop what that DEI lens is!

We can use your ideas and dedication to full Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for our League.

Meetings are the second Mondays of the month at 11:00 AM. Email

LWVArlingtonva@gmail.com for more information or to join!!

EVENTS

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](#)

Sep 21

League of Women Voters 49th District Candidate Forum

Tuesday, September 21st - 07:00 PM ET

[Register here](#)

Sept 27

National Voter Registration Day Friendbank

Sep 27, 2021 - 6:00 PM ET

Join LWWUS as we prepare voters for National Voter Registration Day on September 27 at 6 pm ET. We're excited to be part of a national effort to strengthen our democracy by registering voters on this National Voter Registration Day held on September 28th.

Wondering how you can help? **Register for our friendbank** to ask a friend or 10 and tell them to pass it on, so we can reach new and diverse communities.

[RSVP here](#)



Oct 7

League of Women Voters of Arlington - Candidate Forum

Thu, October 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ED

Online event

Meet the candidates from Arlington who will be on the ballot in November. (There will be a separate forum with LWV of Fairfax for the 49th district on Sept 21. All other candidates will be present.)

You will be able to ask your questions to candidates in breakout rooms.

[Register here](#)

Oct 9

**League of Women Voters of Arlington - Alexandria City
Council/Mayoral Forum**

Sat, October 9, 2021 -2:00 PM – 5:00 PM ED

Online event

Public forum of candidates running for Alexandria City Council and Mayor

Join the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City and their partners, AAUW of Arlington, the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for a virtual forum introducing you to the candidates running for Alexandria City Council and Mayor. You will have the opportunity to ask your questions directly in breakout rooms.

[Register here](#)

Oct 10

**League of Women Voters of Arlington - Alexandria City
School Board Forum**

Sun, October 10, 2021 - 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT

Online event

Public forum of candidates running for Alexandria City School Board

Join the League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City and their partners, AAUW of Arlington, the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, and Northern

Virginia Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for a virtual forum introducing you to the candidates running for Alexandria City School Board. You will have the opportunity to ask your questions directly in breakout rooms.

[Register here](#)

-from LWV-Arl member **Julie Rosenberg** - Thanks Julie!!

TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM INVITES YOU
**Unheard Histories: Understanding Racism in our
Communities**

WEDNESDAYS

SEP 29 - OCT 20 - NOV 10

7:00-8:30PM

This three part webinar series is intended to help us learn about Black communities where we live and to see how these neighborhoods, and our neighbors, have been and remain subject to racist policies. Each session will provide historical context, dynamic storytellers and, importantly, calls to action to combat racist policies.

[See the flyer here](#)

News from National

Legislative and Litigation Priorities

LWV's federal and state legislative and litigation priorities for the 2021–2022 fiscal year

Oct. 20 - 3 PM ET

Find out what the Legislative and Litigation Priorities are of LWV US on this zoom meeting.

[RSVP to get your link](#)

League Supports New Senate Voting Rights Bill, the Freedom to Vote Act

The League of Women Voters of the United States CEO **Virginia Kase Solomón** issued this statement in response the US Senate's introduction of the transformative voting rights bill, the Freedom to Vote Act.

[Read her statement here](#)

Advocates File Amicus with California Supreme Court, Letter Urging Extension of Redistricting Deadline

LWV of California and partners filed an amicus letter in support of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's emergency motion to extend California's redistricting deadline.

[Read the press release here](#)

Texas Civic Groups File Lawsuit Against State of Texas Over Anti-Voter Bill, SB1

LWV of Texas filed a lawsuit against the state of Texas, challenging Senate Bill 1, an omnibus anti-voter bill expected to be signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott.

[Read the press release here](#)

League of Women Voters Response to SCOTUS Failure to Block Texas Abortion Law

The US Supreme Court declined to rule on a Texas law that bans abortions after six weeks of pregnancy LWV of the US Board President Dr. Deborah Ann Turner and LWV of Texas President Grace Chimene issued a joint statement in response.

[Read their statement here](#)

LWV of Virginia Files Amicus Brief in Adkins v. Virginia Redistricting Commission

LWV of Virginia files an amicus brief supporting counting individuals in the state where they are from and not where they are incarcerated.

[Read the press release here](#)

LWV of Arizona Files in Support of Public Transparency in AZ Senate's Sham Election "Audit"

LWV of Arizona filed an amicus brief in support of transparency in the Arizona Senate's so-called "audit" of votes cast in Maricopa County during the 2020 Election.

[Read the press release here](#)

News from Richmond

Governor Northam Announces Artifacts for New Time Capsule including artifacts submitted by LWV VA

New handmade capsule will replace capsule in Lee Monument Base

RICHMOND—Governor Ralph Northam today announced the artifacts for the new time capsule, crafted by Richmond sculptor Paul DiPasquale. The capsule will be placed in the concrete pedestal of Richmond's Lee Monument.

Historians believe a copper time capsule was placed in the cornerstone of the Lee pedestal on October 27, 1887. Records from the Library of Virginia suggest that 37

Richmond residents, organizations, and businesses contributed about 60 objects to the capsule, many of which are believed to be related to the Confederacy.

[Read the press release here](#)

Don't miss the attached list of items selected for the new time capsule including a VA Ratify ERA sash and ERA 2020 pins submitted by LWV-Arlington's own **Chris DeRosa** and **Julia Tanner** on behalf of LWV VA.

Redistricting News

Redistricting Commission Bogs Down Over Voting Rights Criteria

by Sara Fitzgerald LWV-Falls Church

The Virginia Redistricting Commission September 9 resumed its review of draft legislative maps from a larger area of Northern Virginia, but not without some sharp exchanges between some commission members about the treatment of incumbents.

The commission listened to lengthy presentations by its partisan counsels on recent case law interpreting the act, but two motions, eventually suggested by Meg Lamb, a lawyer for the Division of Legislative Services, both narrowly failed. The counsels were instructed to work together with Lamb and the commission's co-chairs on language that both sides could support to present at the commission's September 15 meeting, beginning at 8 a.m.

[Read the full LWV VA Redistricting Blog post here](#)

Meetings

September 17 – 7 PM - **Election Integrity**
contact **Lisa** - lkoteengerchick@gmail.com.

September 27 – 7 PM - **Affordable Housing**
contact **Joan** – Joan@joanporte.com

October 17 - 2 PM **Book Group**
Our next book is the *The Color Of Law*, by Richard Rothstein
contact **Joan** – Joan@joanporte.com

Look for next newsletter October 6

“Bodily autonomy is a personal right. The League of Women Voters believes every person deserves the access and the privacy to make their own reproductive choices, and we will continue the fight for reproductive justice in Texas and across the nation.”

LWVUS Board President **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner** and LWVTX President **Grace Chimene**



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