



## **League in Action**

September 1, 2021

### **President's Message**

Welcome September – and the time when everyone begins to focus on elections.

**We have many voter registration events for which we need volunteers.**

Some are at food banks (Spanish speakers welcome but not necessary) and others are at condos and farmers markets.

Please sign up here:

#### **Food banks**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZvfUDkIgLlorJXbOaXBmMRF45UB4X0--keLBcoNKfdE/edit?usp=sharing>

#### **Other**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kycD\\_F6CSwbJgIbSNf5-fPOpHAgNQRDIHdHcYQ7Ep8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18kycD_F6CSwbJgIbSNf5-fPOpHAgNQRDIHdHcYQ7Ep8/edit?usp=sharing)

**We also have postcards going to unregistered voters in low turn out areas.**

Email me at [lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:lwvarlingtonva@gmail.com) to arrange for pick up.

**We can use people to help with yard signs and sandwich boards** as well, please email me.

## Candidate Forums

Candidate forums are scheduled for early October. **The Candidate forum committee can use some assistance as we have many to arrange. Again, please email me.**

**Thanks** for all you do.

Joan

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## **HELP WANTED!**

### **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](mailto:claudiascott.va@gmail.com); text or call 703-608-4232.



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Ballot Box and in her Community!®

## Help Register Voters of Color in Virginia



Message from Reclaim Our Vote:

### Callapalooza is Back!

In partnership with **Black Voters Matter** and **Movement Labs**, we are announcing a brand new phone bank to call unregistered voters of color in Virginia and assist with the registration process. We're anticipating phenomenal contact rates!

[Sign up here to phonebank!](#)

For more information about the importance of the upcoming Virginia elections, [click here.](#)

We will be using the CallHub platform, and it will be simpler than usual (no patch-thrus!).

If you've been taking a well-deserved break and thinking about jumping back in, come join us **next week!** These calls are part of a study on the efficacy of various outreach combinations to unregistered voters, so you can expect excellent contact rates!

From **Wednesday, September 1** to **Saturday, September 4**, we will be calling through this list of approximately 3-4k voters. Join any of our events to get started, or train yourself to make calls on your own time!

[Sign up here for our VA Voter Registration Call-a-Palooza!](#)

Need a refresher before you join us? Here's how you can prepare so you can hit the ground running:

- 1: Sign up for a **CallHub account** with Center for Common Ground.
- 2: Read the **Phonebanker's Guidelines** (these phone banks will not use patch-thru, so ignore that part)

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## EVENTS

**September 13**

**National Disability Voter Registration Week (NDVRW) Kick-off Event**

3-4 PM

**Join REV UP VA and VA Department of Elections Commissioner Christopher Piper** on Monday, September 13, 2021 - 3:00 PM–4:00 PM Eastern Time as we kick-off NDVRW and work to ensure more disabled Virginian voters' voices are heard this November and in future elections.

Register now to receive the zoom link. Links will be sent out 1-2 days in advance of the event.

[Register now to receive the Zoom link](#)

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If you have any questions, please contact: [REVUpVirginia@gmail.com](mailto:REVUpVirginia@gmail.com)

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**KICK-OFF NATIONAL DISABILITY  
VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK (NDVRW)**  
with REV UP Virginia and Commissioner Christopher Piper,  
Virginia Department of Elections

**Monday, September 13, 2021**  
**3:00 PM–4:00 PM Eastern Time**  
Use this Link to Register <http://bit.ly/NDVRW21>

 REV UP (Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!) Virginia is a non-partisan voter engagement initiative aimed at increasing the power and influence of the disability vote to effectuate meaningful change. This statewide disability voting coalition is comprised of interested individuals and representatives from diverse disability organizations and ally groups working together to collectively advance the disability vote in the Commonwealth. To ensure more disabled Virginian voters' voices are heard this November and in future elections, please consider joining REV UP Virginia. To join, please email [REVUpVirginia@gmail.com](mailto:REVUpVirginia@gmail.com). REV UP Virginia is part of the national REV UP Campaign coordinated by the American Association of People with Disabilities.

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Sponsor acknowledgement: Thank you to the disAbility Law Center of Virginia for their in-kind support of this event and supporting full voting rights for all people with disabilities. Thank you to @PachecoStudio for providing the graphic design.

**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](#)

## Voter Registration - Communities in Schools Alexandria Aug 16

On August 16 LWV Arlington in partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) registered voters at the Communities in Schools Alexandria food distribution site.

**Megan Fox** and I partnered with Julia Lemp from CAFB. We persevered though the rain to register one voter and collected one pledge to vote card. We also had 3three significant conversations and provided voter education flyers to four people.

*by Don Gurney*



**Don Gurney, Julia Lemp CAFB, Megan Fox**

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## News from National

### LWV August 26 Statement on President Biden's Women's Equality Day Proclamation

LWVUS Board President **Dr. Deborah Ann Turner** issued this statement in response to President Biden's proclamation on Women's Equality Day, 2021.

[Read the statement here](#)

### LWV rallies for voting rights in Lafayette Square on August 24



Voting Rights Activists Demand White House Take Action



[Find LWV US press release here](#)

## **LWV Praises John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act as Essential Democracy Legislation**

The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will restore the Voting Rights Act and strengthen the freedom to vote.

[Read the statement here](#)

## **Wisconsin Groups File Redistricting Challenge**

LWV of Wisconsin files a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin challenging Wisconsin's state legislative map.

[Find the press release here](#)

## **LWV US August Highlights**

[Read the Highlights here](#)

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**Redistricting in Virginia**

## **CHRIS DEROSA SPEAKS FOR LEAGUE AT AUGUST 23 COMMISSION MEETING**

Chris spoke to the Commission in support of maintaining the transparency of the newly adopted process and the decision to start from scratch in redrawing the maps. She asked Commissioners to draw maps that the citizens of the Commonwealth would approve, and she said the League would support them in the task.

[See her statement to the commission here](#)

### **Take Action Now!**

The Virginia Redistricting Commission heard our voices! The motion to start maps from scratch was passed 12 – 4 at the August 23 meeting! Another positive vote from the earlier August 17 meeting was to keep cities and counties together as much as possible. Now we need to be sure everyone lets the Commission know what their communities need as the Commission begins drawing the maps. This will be soon, so submit your comments now through the Commission’s new Portal – <https://www.virginiaredistriking.org/Commenting.aspx>

[For more information see the LWVVA redistricting blog here](#)

### **LWV VA September Virginia Voter**

#### **The Time is Now!**

by **Deb Wake**, President, LWV-VA

**Reserve Your Spot Today for LWV-VA's Justice Weekend**

by **Joan Porte**, First VP LWV-VA

## **Broader Efforts This Year on National Voter Registration Day, September 28**

by **Janet Boyd**, Director of Voter Services

## **Creating a Better Future for All Virginians**

by **Ashley Kenneth**, President and CEO

The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis

## **Coping With A Crisis: Behavioral Health in Virginia**

by **Linda Rice**, LWV-VA Behavioral Health Issue Group

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

## **Important Dates in September**

Sept. 13-20

**National Disability Voter Registration Week**

Sept. 15

**First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month**

Sept. 17

**First Day of Early In-Person Voting**

Sept. 18-19

**Building a Just Commonwealth. Register [here](#).**

Sept. 28

## National Voter Registration Day

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### Meetings

REMEMBER, **Alexandria City members** – we would like you to join our committees!!

September 12 - 2 PM - **Book Group**

*Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World*

by [Simon Winchester](#)

contact Joan [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

September 17 – 7 PM - **Election Integrity**

contact Lisa - [lkoteengerchick@gmail.com](mailto:lkoteengerchick@gmail.com).

September 20 - 7 PM - **Redistricting** - subject to change -  
Redistricting meets quarterly but we are following the commission

contact Ann Sharp [sharpab2828@gmail.com](mailto:sharpab2828@gmail.com)

September 27 – 7 PM - **Affordable Housing**

– contact **Joan** – [Joan@joanporte.com](mailto:Joan@joanporte.com)

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**Look for next newsletter September 15**

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