



## **League in Action**

20 September 2023

### **Presidents' Message**

September is voter registration season! There are a lot of opportunities to register voters. **Please sign up for as many opportunities as you can.** We have until 16 October to get folks registered to vote for the upcoming elections in November. **Don Gurney** and **Kathy Matusiak** are leading our effort with the local high schools; there's a space below to sign up. We also have multiple public events (Clarendon Day, Paws on the Pike, etc.,) that we need volunteers for, you can sign up here:

[September-October Voter Registration Events Sign-Up](#)

**Remember: Registering voters is a primary function of the League of Women Voters.**

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Please consider these opportunities;** the more people we have on specific issues, the better equipped we are to respond to issues in

our community. No experience is required for either of the opportunities below; you'll be fully supported and trained as you build your capacity to take this leadership role in these areas.

**1. Ranked Choice Voting Point Person/Small Group:** We need a person(s) that will commit to focusing on ranked choice voting (RCV). Arlington went through its first experience with RCV recently and efforts towards adopting RCV will continue going forward. People interested will be trained and brought up to speed on RCV and participate in developing education and advocacy strategies to support RCV locally in Arlington (possibly including Alexandria). No previous experience (or knowledge) is required; long-standing members and new people alike are all welcome! This is an opportunity to really sink your teeth into an issue. Contact Pam Berg ([pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net)).

**2. Voters with Disabilities.** We need a person, or two, who will commit to keeping abreast of all voter/voting information pertinent to folks with disabilities. This includes attending monthly meetings with REV UP (*Register, Educate, Vote, Use your Power!*) (<https://www.aapd.com/about-rev-up/>) and The Arc (<https://thearcofnova.org/>); staying informed about any election/voting issues that might affect Arlington and Alexandria disabled voters; and keeping an eye on related national and state level issues. This is an important niche issue. Contact Pam Berg at [pberg16@comcast.net](mailto:pberg16@comcast.net).

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## **Voter Registration: Still Some Opportunities in September and 16 Volunteers Needed in October**

Many thanks to the many volunteers who have already signed up for September voter registration events. **we have almost complete coverage for five high schools, but are still trying to confirm dates for the last two (stand by for a quick response).**

**However, We still need eight volunteers on September 30** for Clarendon Day (we usually get lots of registrations), Paws on the Pike, and The Arlington Expungement Fair.

Looking ahead to October, **we need 16 volunteer for October events. We need a Spanish speaker for each of three events at the Arlington Food Assistance Center, plus eight volunteers for Art on the Avenue on October 7.**

[KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING. SIGN UP HERE](#)

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**NOTE: Anyone who signs up should take, or have already taken, the VA voter registration training, before they attend.**

If you were unable to attend the in-person training, you can still complete the voter registration training online or at a future voter registration training in person workshop by signing up here:

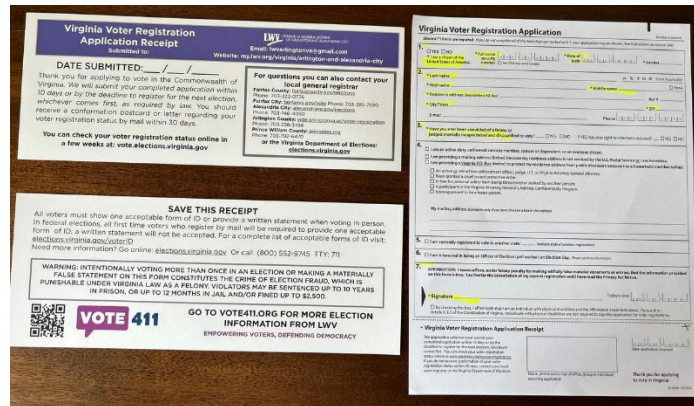
[Virginia Voter Registration Training \(2023-2024\)](#)

## New Receipts for Voter Registration

by Don Gurney

This Fall we have decided to use a new preprinted voter registration receipt (picture below). It is larger, more colorful, and has been approved by the Registrar. This means volunteers will no longer have to tear off the small receipt from the bottom of the voter registration form. Additionally, folks can take the form home without volunteers worrying about whether the form is stamped with the League contact information. **You still have to enter the day's dates on the new receipt.**

The new receipt will be in the voter registration bags and will also have an "I Registered to Vote Today" sticker attached to it. In addition, all of the voter registration forms will have the required information highlighted.



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## September dates for voter registration at USCIS

[Sign up here](#)



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## Early voting begins September 22

November 7, 2023 - General Election Information

### Important Dates

- First day of In-Person Early Voting: **September 22, 2023**
- Last day to [register to vote or update existing registration](#): **October 16, 2023**
- [Same Day Registration](#) begins: **October 17, 2023**
- Last day to [apply for a mail ballot](#): **5pm, October 27, 2023**

- Mail Ballots returned by mail must be **postmarked on or before November 7, 2023** and **received by 12pm November 13, 2023**

To register to vote, check registration status, find out what's on your ballot, request a mail ballot, see early voting locations and times, find information on getting involved, and find polling places, visit your office of elections online at:

[Voter information – Arlington Office of Elections](#)

[Voter information - Voter Registration & Elections City of Alexandria](#)

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## EVENTS

### **Candidating Events October 8th and October 22nd for Arlington & Alexandria City**

The League of Women Voters of Arlington and Alexandria City (LWV AAC), Delta Sigma Theta, the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) cordially invite you to attend our 'Candidating' event on Sunday, 8 October, 2:30-5:00pm and our 'Candidating' event on Sunday, 22 October, 2:30-5:00pm. **Both events will take place at the Walter Reed Community Center; 2909 16th Street South; Arlington.**

'Candidating' is our popular format that allows voters to interact directly with individual candidates in small groups. **We are having**

**two events:**

**(1) Sunday, 8 October, 2:30-5:00pm is for Arlington County Board, Arlington County School Board, and Arlington County offices (contested and uncontested).**

**(2) Sunday, 22 October, 2:30-5:00pm is for General Assembly (contested and uncontested) races in Senate and House districts spanning Arlington and Alexandria (Senate 39, Senate 40; House districts 1-5).**

**You can attend one or both of the events** - register for each one you want to attend below:

[Register for 8 October event here](#)

[Register for 22 October event here](#)

This is a great time to meet your candidates!

For questions, please email [lvarlingtonva@gmail.com](mailto:lvarlingtonva@gmail.com).



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## News from National

# LEAGUE VICTORY: Court Strikes Down Florida's Congressional Map

9/7/2023

Tallahassee, FL — A Florida trial court has sided with plaintiffs including the League of Women Voters of Florida in the case Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute v...

[Read the press release here](#)

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## LWV-VA September 2023 Virginia Voter

[Read the Virginia Voter here](#)

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**Ready to register voters at Central Library  
September 14**



**Cassandra (Sandy) Winger and Debby Churchman**

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**On National Voter Registration Day, LWVUS President Dr. Deborah Turner featured on PBS Newshour on national efforts underway to register people to vote**

[See her interview with PBS co-host Geoff Bennett here](#)

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## LWVAAC BOOK GROUP

Arlington/Alexandria City League Book Club is chaired by **Joan Porte**. Want to join? **Email Joan** at [joan@joanporte.com](mailto:joan@joanporte.com). **Book Club meets every third Sunday at 2:00 PM** via Zoom (link will be provided).

Due to some current scheduling issues, however, **the next book club will not be until Sunday, 29 October** at 2:00pm. **There are TWO books this time:** *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* by **Bill Gates** and/or *Writing on the Wall* by **Tom Standage**. Read one or the other...or both!

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## Look for next newsletter October 4

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