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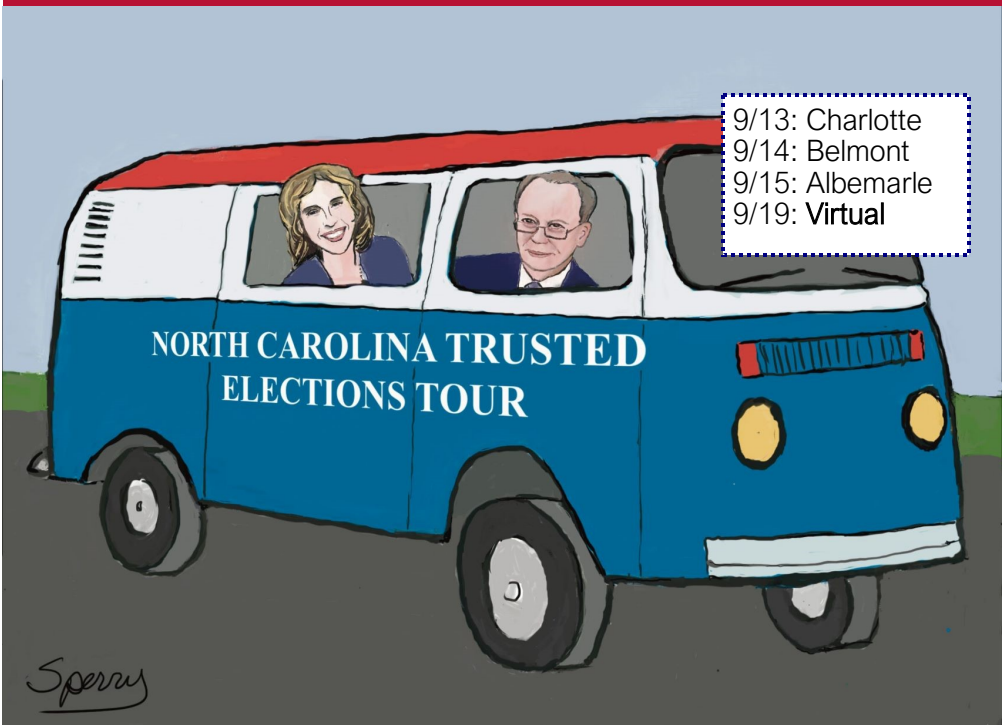
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Newsletter for September 2022

North Carolina Trusted Elections Tour Comes to Charlotte for a September 13 Town Hall



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Election Day  
is coming!



The LWVNC has partnered with [North Carolina Network for Fair, Safe, and Secure Elections](#) for a series of Town Halls across the state to engage voters on the subject of election security and voting access. LWVCM President Suzanne Elsberry is the liaison for the host chapters and [The Carter Center](#), the organization founded 40 years ago by President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn Carter. With the alleviation of human suffering in conflict areas across the globe being its key mission, The Carter Center also seeks to strengthen democratic principals and voting practices wherever those values are threatened. Originally finding these threats primarily overseas, the research finds increasingly intense partisanship closer to home.

Leading up to the 2022 midterm elections, The Carter Center determined there to be a heightened risk for election related violence in North Carolina, Arizona, Florida and Georgia. The North Carolina Trusted Elections Tour is a bipartisan effort led by Robert Orr, a former Republican justice of the state Supreme Court and former mayor of Charlotte Jennifer Roberts, a Democrat. Town Halls will take place in North Carolina's 14 congressional districts, with one additional statewide online event. Interested parties may register for that [webinar here](#). The Charlotte Town Hall will take place on September 13 from 6:30-8pm at the UNCC McKnight Hall (Cone Center). To attend this 90-minute in-person Town Hall, [register here](#).

**Volunteer** with Voter Service today to register voters! The last day to register for the coming election is October 14.

# Coming Events

## Coming Up in September, October & November

- **Sept. 4:** [Yard Art Day](#) (MPBC grounds)
- **Sept. 6, 6:15pm:** Board Meeting (Virtual)
- **Sept. 10, 1pm:** Board Orientation (League Office, MPBC, Suite A)
- **Sept. 13, 6:30pm:** [NC Trusted Elections Tour](#) Charlotte Town Hall (UNCC McKnight Hall-Cone Center)
- **Sept. 17, 9am:** Adopt-a-Stream Cleanup (Randolph Road Park)
- **Sept. 19, 7pm:** [NC Trusted Elections Tour](#) Statewide Town Hall (Virtual)
- **Sept. 20:** National Voter Registration Day
- **Sept. 20, 6:30pm:** League Talk "The Next Constitutional Crisis: Moore vs. Harper" (Virtual)
- **Sept. 22, 6pm:** Civics 101, Session 1: [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Elections](#)
- **Sept. 27, 7pm:** Book Club "[Unrigged](#)" by David Daley
- **Sept. 29, 6pm:** Civics 101, Session 2: [Mecklenburg County Government](#)
- **Oct. 4, 6:15pm:** Board Meeting
- **Oct. 6, 6pm:** Civics 101, Session 3: [Charlotte City Government](#)
- **Oct. 13, 6pm:** Civics 101, Session 4: [CMS and Board of Education](#)
- **Oct. 14, 5pm:** Voter Registration Deadline
- **Oct. 15, 10am:** Keep Charlotte Beautiful: Street Clean Up
- **Oct. 17, 6:30pm:** Preyer Lecture "[Why Isn't There an Equal Rights Amendment?](#)" (Queens University)
- **Oct. 20, 6pm:** Civics 101, Session 5: Local Media Panel and [Vote411](#)
- **Oct. 27, 6pm:** Civics 101, Session 6: [Mecklenburg County Court System](#)
- **Nov. 1, 6:15pm:** Board Meeting
- **Nov. 8, 6:30am-7:30pm:** [Election Day](#)



The LWVCM is pleased to once again participate in [Charlotte Yard Art Day](#) this Labor Day weekend. Beginning the evening of September 4, we will install a temporary art exhibit for 24 hours. Members are encouraged to come view the exhibit which will remain on the grounds of the Myers Park Baptist Church at the intersection of Queens Road and Selwyn Road until the evening of September 5.

The exhibit entitled "In America: VOTE" will consist of 300 white landscaping flags spelling out the word "VOTE." *Inspired by the 2021 "In America: Remember" exhibit on the National Mall, which demonstrated the tragic scope of the Covid pandemic at that time (660,000 deaths), we created a visual reminder for the public to honor the now more than 1,000,000 deaths by committing to VOTE in the November 2022 midterms.*

The display will be accompanied by two yard signs, one with the YAD logo and one with the message behind the display, including QR codes linking to [websites](#) related describing the [inspiration](#) for the exhibit. A small white pail with free [VOTE411.org](#) nonpartisan voter guide bookmarks will be placed on the ground beneath the yard signs for visitors of the exhibit to take away.

Last year's entry featured a chalked giant mural of the new LWV Specialty license plate (right), and the year before saw a large painted wood VOTE piece (left) inspired by Robert Indiana's iconic 1970 LOVE sculpture.



## League Action & Happenings

### Registration Now Open for Fall Civics 101 with Both In-Person and Virtual Learning Options

The Civics 101 Action Team led by Jane Hoffmann is now accepting registrations for the Fall Program. Six sessions covering voting, local government, CMS and the school board, county courts and media literacy will take place each Thursday evening from 6-8:30pm from September - October 27. The program will be offered for \$60 for both in-person (limited to 50 participants) and virtually via Zoom.

Participants will hear from current and former office holders, civil servants, educators and local reporters to gain an in-depth knowledge of the workings of their local government. Some former participants have gone on to run for local office! All have been enthusiastic about how much they were motivated to get involved. Please consider taking part in this dynamic program and recommending it to friends and family. [Reserve your spot now!](#)

Questions? Email us at: [LWVCMcivics101@gmail.com](mailto:LWVCMcivics101@gmail.com)

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Thursday  
evenings

Choose in person or virtual learning

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#### Fall 2022 Civics 101 Sessions

September 22:	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Elections
September 29:	Mecklenburg County Government
October 6:	Charlotte City Government
October 13:	Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools and Board of Education
October 20:	Local Media Panel and Vote411
October 27:	Mecklenburg County Court System

### Voter Service Shifts into (Even Higher) Gear with Voter Registration Efforts Ahead of the November Midterm Elections

*I would like to thank all of the volunteers on the Voter Service team. Without your hard work and dedication to voter engagement we would not be able to reach as many new voters as we have been able to this summer.*

*The North Meck members have been working hard volunteering at many farmers markets and summer festivals. Volunteers have been going weekly to Crisis Assistance and making sure everyone has an opportunity to be involved in the voting process. Our new citizen program has been busy all summer and we are starting to see larger ceremonies. Our members continue to volunteer for these ceremonies, sometimes up to five a week! We have also been involved in summer festivals and rallies. On Pride weekend, we registered and/or completed a change of address for nearly 100 folks! And LWVCM marchers and registration table volunteers handed out scores of brightly colored Pride-themed [Vote411](#) bookmarks!*

*I was able to participate in the final meeting of the [Cities Fortifying Democracy](#) program in Berlin, Germany where I met with members from both the U.S. and Europe. Together we learned how all cities have the same issues of finding ways to engage our citizens and strengthen our democracies.*

*We have a lot going on this fall, from monitoring elections for Inlivan communities and hosting registration events at their high rise communities to working at DSS and Roof Above. We are hosting multiple voter registration events for [National Voter Registration Day](#), even partnering with the YWCA for several of them. We will be working in area colleges and high schools this fall, providing registration and information so that everyone is ready for the upcoming election. We are also getting ready for a major postcard campaign. Volunteers are always welcome.*

*If you are interested in volunteering with the Voter Service team please email me at [raduddell61@gmail.com](mailto:raduddell61@gmail.com). Do you live in Cornelius, Davidson, or Huntersville and would like to volunteer in that area? Please email Paulette Keffas-Chassin at [paulettek53@gmail.com](mailto:paulettek53@gmail.com). And email Leta Bosc at [lpbosc@gmail.com](mailto:lpbosc@gmail.com) if you would like to help register our newest citizens.*

-Regan Aduddell, Voter Service Director