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## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Greetings!

Circle these dates on your calendar:

Fair Elections Team meeting, July 7, 2020 at 4:45 pm. via GoToMeeting  
RSVP to Cheryl at [mccutcheon@new.rr.com](mailto:mccutcheon@new.rr.com)

The monthly **LWVGGB Board** meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. League members are always welcome to attend board meetings. If you wish to attend the meeting virtually, please contact Linda Bartlett at [lbartlett097@gmail.com](mailto:lbartlett097@gmail.com) for GoToMeeting invitation and link to the meeting.

July 2, 2020 at 3:30 pm via Go To Meeting. Please RSVP to Denise at [denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com](mailto:denisegaumerhutchison@gmail.com) if you can join the meeting. New members are welcome to join us

## FOR THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There are a number of issues that need to be discussed and addressed.

1. HERO funds sent to the best locations - public schools vs private school.
2. Tax dollar awareness of voucher funds - a letter to the county board and the city council regarding the tax bill and transparency of fund distribution;
3. A wonderful Dr. Mead presentation from "Public Schools Public Funds" that we could all watch on our computers;
4. The school boards in the area and their funding for 2021;
5. A book study on the book : 'Despite the Best Intentions' by John Diamond and Amanda Lewis (How Racial Inequality Thrives in Good Schools)

## IMPORTANT YEAR FOR ELECTIONS

August 11, 2020---Fall Partisan Primary

Nov, 3, 2020---Fall Presidential Election

**Please mark these important dates on your calendar and VOTE!!!**

## CANDIDATE FORUMS

The LWVGGB uses their candidate forums to keep the voters informed about the issues important to our community. We also use them as an opportunity for the citizens to meet the candidates.

The coronavirus pandemic has made it impossible during this election cycle to have the candidates present at a public gathering.

However, we are planning to host "Virtual Forums" in an effort to continue our practice of keeping voters up to date. The candidate forum team is inviting the candidates running for the 30th Senate District, the 90th Assembly District and the 89th Assembly District. All three of these races have opponents in the Aug. 11 partisan primary.

Please tune in for more information. With more and more voters voting absentee, we would like to do these forums as soon as possible.

Stay safe and stay informed with our Virtual Forums. Karen Schley

### **Request Absentee Ballots NOW for August and November!**

In Wisconsin you don't need a reason to vote absentee. Request your absentee ballot on-line and the ballot will be sent to your home, along with a pre-stamped return envelope!! Absentee ballots will be mailed to those people who have requested them for the Fall Primary, starting June 25<sup>th</sup>

**If you haven't requested your absentee ballot yet, do it now!**

#### **Instructions from COVO (local voting support group)**

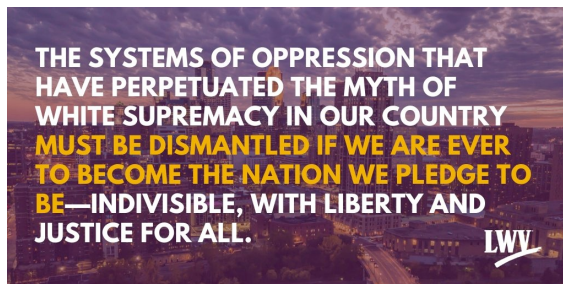
1. Request your absentee ballot on MyVote.WI.Gov. Do it today. It takes around 2 minutes.
2. If this is your first time requesting an absentee ballot, you'll have to upload a picture of your **PHOTO ID**. This is the same ID you would use to show at the polls, usually a driver license. It's easiest to use a smart phone or a tablet to do this. We've prepared a video that may help you: <https://bit.ly/3agKiZx>
3. After you request your ballot, go back to MyVote.WI.Gov and track the status. It should show that you have requested a ballot. If it doesn't show within a few days, call your clerk (you can find your clerk under MyVoterInfo on the MyVote website.)
4. Your local clerk will mail you the ballot when it's available, usually 3-4 weeks before the election. You can go to MyVote and see whether it's been mailed. If you don't receive it 2 weeks before the election, call your clerk.
5. If you decide to vote in person, you can do that, as long as you haven't already

mailed back your ballot. It helps to bring the ballot back with you, but it's not necessary.

6. If you're worried about the return mail, many municipalities have a drop box available, or you can bring it to the early voting hours that your clerk provides. This is still safer than the crowds on election day.

7. Your ballot must be RECEIVED by the clerk by 8 pm on election day. If you're mailing it, allow at least a week for it to get to your clerk. Under normal Wisconsin law, postmarks don't matter. It simply has to be received by election day. Again, the problems with the spring election were due to lawsuits that pushed out the return deadline, but then required a postmark. For the August and November elections, we will back to normal rules.

8. When you seal your ballot envelope make sure it has three things: your signature, your witness' signature, and your witness' address. Your witness can be any adult U.S. citizen.



## LWVUS Responds to Police Killing of George Floyd

5/29/2020

WASHINGTON – The League of Women Voters of the United States issued the following statement in reference to the murder of George Floyd:

"The League of Women Voters grieves the murders of George Floyd and the countless other Black lives that have been tragically taken at the hands of rogue law enforcement officers who are rarely held fully accountable for their actions.

"We also mourn those who have lost their lives or been harmed, mentally or physically, as a result of America's pervasive culture of anti-blackness. The systems of oppression that have perpetuated the myth of white supremacy in our country must be dismantled if we are ever to become the nation we pledge to be—indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

"As an organization whose mission is to empower voters and defend democracy, we stand in solidarity with all Black communities. The League shall do so not only by speaking out against racism in all forms, but by doing the work required of us to be anti-racist. We are committed to listening to and amplifying Black voices, and educating ourselves and our children on the historic and ongoing systemic racism that plagues this country.

"The League acknowledges, painfully, that America is a nation founded on racism. Therefore, all who live in this country must contribute to and participate in organizations actively working to achieve full liberation and inclusive freedom. We must all advocate for anti-racist policies at every level of government.

"We join the League of Women Voters of Minnesota in calling on law enforcement officials to provide transparency during this investigation, and to seek justice for George Floyd, his family, and his community.

"Finally, we echo the call of our partners at the NAACP: we must all vote in November – the road to change lies at the ballot box."

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## **Good News, Bad News.**

**First the bad news: Because of Covid 19 our LWVGGB 50th Annual Meeting was conducted virtually with our on-line GoToMeeting program. No happy hour, no dinner, no face to face socializing.**

**Now the good news: The meeting went well! Proof positive that our League is flexible, determined and resilient, even during a pandemic. With guidance from the LWVWI, LWVGGB was able to conduct the annual business meeting and plan for our next year virtually while keeping our members safe. 34 members attended the meeting either on their computers or by phone. As far as I know, there were no major or minor issues signing on to the meeting. Great job, everyone.**

**Our members reviewed the following action items: The 49th Annual Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Budget, 2020-2021 Local Program, Officers and Directors and the Nominating Committee. Votes on bylaws changes and nominations were cast via email, per LWVWI recommendations. I am pleased to report all were passed unanimously. Congratulations to our new and current board officers and directors.**

**With all that is going on around us, I am confident that we will all continue to move forward, despite the roadblocks. This year's elections, in the midst of a pandemic, will require our fortitude and tenacity to ensure every vote is counted. I know we are up to the challenge.**

**Linda Bartlett  
Vice President**



## Redistricting question added to Brown County November ballot!

Thanks to emails and calls from many of you, the Brown County Board of Supervisors voted 15 to 10 to add the following question to the November ballot!

"Should the Wisconsin Legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional district plans and maps?"

Now members of Brown County will be able to tell our State Legislature that we want nonpartisan redistricting (NPR) in 2021!

Next, the Fair Election Team will work to 1) educate the public why they should answer YES and 2) convince our state representatives to support NPR.

If you'd like to support these efforts, please contact Cheryl McCutcheon ([mccutcheon@new.rr.com](mailto:mccutcheon@new.rr.com))

## 'Conversations about Immigration' set for June 30, July 14 on Zoom

WISCONSIN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND SERVICE PUBLIC ISSUES SERIES

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT IMMIGRATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

3-PART SERIES

**ONLINE EVENT!**

U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICY  
Addressing Immigration Issues:  
A Community Dialogue  
Tuesday, June 30, 2020 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**WIPPS**  
WISCONSIN INSTITUTE for  
PUBLIC POLICY and SERVICE

Community members are invited to the final two events in our Public Issues Series on immigration. Because of COVID-19, the event, which had been scheduled for March 30, will now be presented as a free, online event on these two dates:

Tuesday, June 30 7-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 14 7-8:30 p.m.

The 90 minute “community conversations” will be presented in a deliberative dialogue format. Moderators using a National Issues Forum guide format will lead small Zoom conversations about where we have common ground and what we should do as a community to address immigration.

Registration in advance is required.

**Register Here**

WIPPS Public Issues Series is made possible through the support of Dean Dietrich, Kevin Hermening and Dr. Fernando “Fritz” Riveron, three civically engaged community members who are committed to nonpartisan, educational programming.

This series is funded in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this project do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Wisconsin Humanities Council supports and creates programs that use history, culture, and discussion to strengthen community life for everyone in Wisconsin.

## **WISCONSIN GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Wisconsinites can show their support and push for bold climate action at any of [the upcoming virtual Climate Change Task Force meetings in June and July.](#)

Governor Evers created the task force last October, with an executive order that appointed Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes as its chair. The task force’s plans will play a vital role in determining Wisconsin’s climate future. Their actions could help us create green jobs, invest in public transit, and close coal plants statewide! But to achieve those goals, we need to push the task force to commit to an ambitious climate plan.

### **Virtual Listening Sessions**

Join any session via Zoom Link: [bit.ly/37C7dyM](https://bit.ly/37C7dyM)

OR Call: 1 (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 365 565 6200

Password: 219745

Members of the public wishing to participate in listening sessions are strongly encouraged to register in advance. Available links to registration forms are below:

**June 23, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Register Here

**June 27, 2020 12:00 - 2:00 PM**

Register Here

**July 7, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Registration link coming soon.

**July 9, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Registration link coming soon. July 15, 2020

Registration link coming soon.

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### **Attention new members (and those not so new).**

You can be as active as you want to be. If you want to be more involved, consider joining a committee. These groups are the ones who do the work of the League. The committees are continuing to work despite COVID-19. They are using email and "go to meeting". Hopefully we can go back to meeting together soon. You should have received an annual report book when you joined. The committees are all described in that booklet.

If you have questions, email me at <nancywake65@hotmail>. Welcome to the League, Nancy Wakefield

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### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The LWVGGB welcomes the following new member. Please introduce yourself when you see them at one of our future League events:

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Please add this new member's contact information to your Membership Directory and Annual Report.

P.S. If you have not received a copy of the Annual Report and Membership Directory, please notify a member of the board.

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## **DONATE TO THE LEAGUE**

Your contribution to the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay, a 501(c)(3) organization, helps make democracy work in your community! Make your tax-deductible contribution today. [Donate Here](#)

## **JOIN THE LEAGUE**

You too can become a member of the dynamic League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay where hand-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. [Join Now](#)