



January 4, 2024

Letter From the President

Happy 2024 LWV Hudson!

I hope the new year finds you healthy and happy! My LWWH resolution is to be a better communicator about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. LWWH is working to end gerrymandering; educate and promote climate sustainability; educate and register voters; monitor transparency at all public meetings and a whole lot more.



None of this happens without our members volunteering their time, ingenuity, and energy in Hudson and all of Northern Summit County.

2024 is going to be VERY interesting! *Let's get to work and have some fun!*

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Mark your calendars! Here's what we have coming up in the next few months:

Board Meetings (at 5230 Knollshire Drive):

Monday, January 8th at 7pm

Monday, February 5th at 7pm

Monday, January 29th at 6:30 pm, we will chat with the Mayor and City Manager at my home: 5230 Knollshire Drive. This is a members-only event (*dues must be received*). **Reservations required - See Below.**

Thursday, February 8 at 10:30am at the Library, Hudson Police Chief Perry Tabak will join us to talk about safety and security in Hudson.

Thursday, March 14th at 7pm, the Climate Sustainability Committee will update and educate us on their latest work.

Thursday, April 11th at 10:30am, we are going to hold Facilitator Training. LWWH often needs skilled facilitators; let's hone our skills so we are sharp for the next climate or candidate roundtable.

RSVP Now!

Mayor / City Manager Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2024



Tracey Mackay's Home
5230 Knollshire Drive

January 29, 2024
Monday 6:30 p.m.

Pay Your Dues
RSVP by Jan. 22

Mayor Jeffrey Anzevino and City Manager Thom Sheridan will join us at the LWWH January Member Meeting. The goal is to build camaraderie through open, civil, social dialogue; hear what Hudson's "been up to" since we talked last year; and have a bit of fun!

- Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share (small portions)
- Wine and Soft Drinks provided
- Members arrive at 6:30pm
- Mayor Anzevino and City Manager Thom Sheridan will speak at 7:00pm
- LWWH will open the Q&A with a few prepared questions then open the event to the members.

This is a members-only event.
Dues MUST be received before the event.

RSVP to Tracey Mackay: presidentlwwhudson@gmail.com by January 22, 2024. Call or text: 330-608-5264

If you have not paid your dues, make out your check to:

- LWW Hudson and mail to Hudson LWW, P.O. Box 331, Hudson, OH 44236. (\$70 for an individual and \$105 for a family. Dues can also be paid online at www.lwwhudson.org

Citizens Not Politicians



It's time to end Gerrymandering in Ohio

The League of Women Voters of Ohio is joining forces with Common Cause Ohio to obtain signatures on the Citizens Not Politicians Amendment. Signature books are available and we hope to collect signatures at events around Hudson through at least May. This amendment:

- Creates the 15-member Ohio Citizens Redistricting Commission made up of Democratic, Republican, and Independent citizens who broadly represent the different geographic areas and demographics of the state.
- Bans current or former politicians, political party officials, lobbyists, and large political donors from the Commission.
- Requires fair and impartial districts by making it unconstitutional to draw voting districts that discriminate against or favor any political party or individual politician.
- Requires the commission to operate under an open and independent process.

To be a volunteer to collect signatures, here's what you need to do:

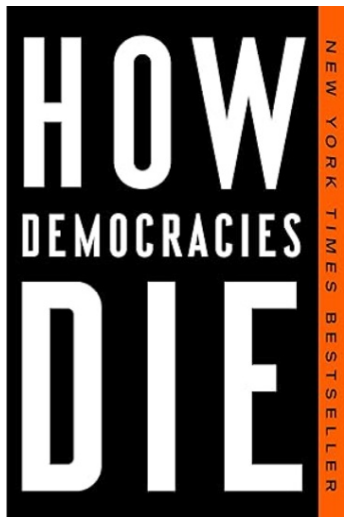
1.) REGISTER with Citizens Not Politicians [HERE](#). and also register with Citizens Not Politicians - Summit County [HERE](#).

2.) COMPLETE A TRAINING. Once you register you will see the dates for the training sessions. This is a requirement the campaign is insisting everyone do. Please try to get it done soon. We will also be offering in person training soon.

3.) CONTACT OUR PETITION CAPTAINS when you've completed the training: [Hilary Sullivan](#) or [Lorann Murphy](#). Contact Lorann to get petition books to circulate.

To learn more go to www.citizensnotpoliticians.org

Our Next Book for Book Club



How Democracies Die by Steve Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt

Next meeting will be on
Thursday, January 18, 7pm
at the home of Kathy Battaglia

Bring a friend.
Non-members are invited!

Is our democracy in danger? Harvard professors Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt have spent more than 20 years studying the breakdown of democracies in Europe and Latin America, and they believe the answer is yes. Democracy no longer ends with a bang--in a revolution or military coup--but with a whimper: the slow, steady weakening of critical institutions, such as the judiciary and the press, and the erosion of long-standing political norms. The good news is that there are several exit ramps on the road to authoritarianism.

Levitsky and Ziblatt show how democracies die--and how ours can be saved. [RSVP](#) please if you plan to attend.

NOTE: We need some volunteers to host our book clubs in the future. We usually have from 6-12 attendees, so we do not need a large place. Please contact [Kathy](#).

Save the Date: Feb. 23, 2024



Mark you calendar for Feb. 23, 2024 for a Statewide conference on "Methods for Bridging Divides," with a focus on Ohio.

Representatives from Ohio's Colleges and Universities will share their related efforts, along with panelists from LWVO and more! It will be held at Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio, which is a 3 hour drive from

Hudson. If interested, let [Tracey](#) know so we can carpool.

To learn more about the organization sponsoring this conference, go to ohiopeaceandconflict.org As the speakers and events are finalized, we will provide more information.

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