

The Voter

July 2026

Events

July 4, 2026
**Northville 4th of July
Parade**
See below for details

July 13, 2026
**Get Out the Vote
Postcard Party**
2:30pm
[Plymouth District
Library](#)
See below for details

July 15, 2026
Board Meeting
7pm

August 4, 2026
Primary Election Day
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dates prior to primary
election day.](#)



August 8, 2026
**Documentary Viewing
Party**
4:30pm

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President's Perspective

"The Company You Keep"

Growing up, my mother had a whole litany of sayings and wise advice designed to keep her four daughters on the straight and narrow. One of her favorites was that, "You are known by the company you keep." What Mom was saying was that the people I hung out with were a reflection of character and directly affected my reputation. I always thought she was too worried about my reputation, but then again it was the 50s and 60s. Boy, if Mom could see me now!

The company I keep are women and men who are not sitting by idly as our democracy gets dismantled. They are not ignoring the constitutional crisis because it doesn't affect them directly. They are not just spouting off on Facebook and other social media platforms and then sitting back and waiting for others to do the work. No, League members are informed, engaged, and actively fighting back. League members are something bigger than themselves, and in numbers, we have strength.

Your three voting delegates to the National Convention recently returned from the biennial convention where we were educated, informed, and deliberated on important issues. Paula

[Geneva Presbyterian Church](#)

See below for details

August 29, 2026
Women's Equality Day Luncheon
11am - 1pm
[St. Mary's Cultural Center](#)

Visit the League's [calendar page](#) for the latest information about upcoming events

Bowman, Christina Stark, and I networked and made friends with other like-minded individuals across the nation who are defending democracy. I find every time I attend a League convention, whether it is state or national, I come home invigorated. There is something about the "company" I keep that makes me a better version of myself. This year, I was pleased to travel with my granddaughter, Allie, who is a member of LWV Chicago, introducing her to the bigger picture of our organization. We are three-generations of League members. We are in good company.

The Northwest Wayne Co. League is made up of people that I am proud to be associated with. Mom would be smiling. Together supporting each other, we can do the work that is needed and know we are in each other's good company.

Carrie Moon-Dupree

2026 Annual Membership Meeting Recap

On Saturday, June 6, 29 League Members gathered at the [Plymouth Community Arts Council](#) for the 2026 Annual Membership Meeting.

After introductions, lifetime member, Laura Callow was recognized for her over 60 years of League membership. Members then voted to approve the agenda, annual meeting rules, and the minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting.



Treasurer, Paula Bowman, reported that the League's budget has a frugal, robust fund balance. The 2026-2027 proposed program and budget were unanimously approved.

A motion was approved to elect new Officers to the Board of Directors. Susan Brown, Kenya Dobbins, Elizabeth (Jai) Essenmacher, and Cathy Timmers begin their term in July. There was also a call for volunteers to join the Nominating Committee and Budget Committee. Thank you to the members who stepped up to fill these committees.

Retiring Board Members were recognized for their service. Thank you to Laura Jannika and Valerie Nelson for their commitment to the League.

After closing remarks from Carrie Moon-Dupree, the meeting concluded with Directions to the Board. Items included exploring options for livestreaming meetings, finding new ways to communicate opportunities and action items to

members, addressing detention centers in the region, and coordinating city/township gatherings so members can connect in smaller groups.

Get Involved & Stay Informed

There are a number of ways to join in the work to empower voters and defend democracy. We hope you'll join us!

Voter Services

2026 Elections

The election season is upon us, and we are hosting candidate forums for the August 4th primary and November 3rd general election. If you are interested in volunteering at a forum(s), contact [Toni Jones](#) or [Paula Bowman](#) for more details.



Get Out the Vote (GOTV)!

LWVNW is hosting a Get Out The Vote postcard party on Monday, July 13 at the [Plymouth District Library](#) starting at 2:30 p.m in the Dunning Room. We will send postcards encouraging people to vote in the upcoming 2026 elections. There will be light refreshments. Please let [Toni Jones](#) know if you plan to come.

Voter Registration

In June, we completed the LWV Young Voter Registration Grant. Overall, the project was a success. We provided [VOTE 411](#) and voter registration opportunities at seven events held at Schoolcraft College, Canton High School, Garden City High School, Plymouth High School, Salem High School, and Wayne Memorial High School. We reached 288 students, collected 102 voter registration/preregistration applications, and 58 students scanned the QR code to register online. Our greatest success was engaging five new schools and holding events at four of them. All schools expressed the desire to partner on future voter registration drives. An engaged teacher was key to making the events happen. Involving students in both the event planning and the process of engaging with their peers is also important.

Our League was invited to partner with the Plymouth District Library on a Voter Registration & Vital Documents Assistance event held on June 13. The event was promoted within the library newsletter and on its website. Unfortunately, there was very little traffic. We spoke with one 15-year old student and engaged a potential new adult member who actively promotes voter education through another group.

Observer Corps

Observer Corps volunteers observe meetings of one government body in their communities such as city councils, boards of trustees, or school boards. They look for good government practices and note what issues are being discussed. Meetings can be observed in-person or virtually.

If you are interested in learning more about our group or if you would like to volunteer to be a "guest observer" and simply observe one meeting of a government body, please contact [Lena Packer](#).

"Three Marches, Two Sisters, One Bridge" Viewing Party

Saturday, August 8

4:30pm

[Geneva Presbyterian Church](#)

5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton

Light refreshments served

Please join us to view the documentary [Three Marches, Two Sisters, One Bridge](#) that tells the untold story of the 1965 Selma Foot soldiers who fought for voting rights. This documentary is told through the eyes of two sisters, Denise Jarnigan-Holt and Alice Moore, who were 14 and 16 when they marched for voting rights in three separate marches across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The two sisters are the aunts of Charles Thomas, a Detroit League member and head of a local voter engagement organization, [When You Vote - I Win](#).

The documentary will be shown free of charge in conjunction with the Geneva Presbyterian Church Social Justice team. A discussion will follow. All are welcome; bring other interested neighbors and friends. Carrie Moon-Dupree attended the premier of this documentary and met Denise Jarnigan-Holt and Alice Moore. Their story is powerful. They are speaking out after 50 years because they see what is happening to the voting rights they fought so hard for; they are being dismantled. We all agree that we must not let that happen.

RSVP to moondupree@comcast.net

Northville 4th of July Parade

It's not too late to join your fellow LVWNWW Members as we march in the Northville 4th of July Parade!

The parade will be about 1.18 miles of downtown Northville streets. But don't worry if you can not walk that far. We will have some vehicles for participants to ride in and be a part of the event.

We are asking folks to wear a suffragist outfit (straight white skirt or pants, white blouse, and a hat). Thrift shops are a good place to look or you can find suffragette outfits online for purchase. We'll provide the sashes, handheld flags and posters with the League's mission and goals (Supporting Voter Rights, for example). We are hoping for a good crowd of suffragists, Any member can participate, not just Northville members.

Jai Essenmacher is our point person for the parade. You can reach her by [email](#) at or by cellphone at (757) 470-7600.

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Membership in the League is open to anyone age 16 and older.

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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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