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***League of Women Voters Oakland Area, Michigan  
September 2026 Newsletter***

*As always, lots going on...*

*Please check the LWVMI and LWVUS websites for more info on statewide and nationwide events.*

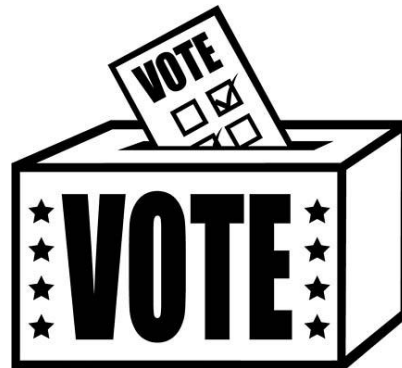
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**Please join LWVOA for our September  
In-person Event:**

***Countering Election Sabotage  
with speakers Scott Riley,  
Ben Gardner & Brooke Harris***

**Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026**

**Time: 1:00 pm**



**NOTE NEW Location: Bloomfield Township Senior Center, 4315 Andover Rd. Bloomfield, MI 48302 (next to Police/Fire Station near Telegraph and Long Lake)**

As the midterm election season ramps up, voters need to recognize attempts to influence or disrupt the election process. Scott Riley, LWVOA member and voting rights activist, will be joined by Ben Gardner and Brooke Harris from All Voting is Local. Topics will include how to protect our voting rights and how to handle election sabotage.

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***(1) FINAL 2026 LWVOA "Postcards Party" hosted AGAIN by Pat Kish,  
Thursday, September 17th from 1p to 3p***

This is our last push to reach all NEW REGISTERED VOTERS in Oakland County before absentee ballots for the November election are sent out. Mailing lists, postcards, and stamps will be provided.

RSVP to Pat Kish or Liz Taliaferro at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for directions.

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***Can't make the party but still want to help write postcards? Liz Taliaferro is organizing this effort and will assemble kits necessary to facilitate the project.***

Contact Liz at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more information on how you can get involved.

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***(2) LWVOA Community Engagement Committee (CEC): Thursday, September 3rd via Zoom***

This group plans and facilitates activities for members and the public. In-person programs are already scheduled for September and October. Suggestions for additional presentations and activities for 2026 are welcome.

Contact Geri Rinschler at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(3) LWVOA members are needed for ACTION:***

***LWVMI Youth Engagement Grant Opportunity:***

- LWVUS approved a grant to LWVOA to recruit 16- to 25-year-olds to facilitate community engagement, including Candidate Forums, monthly in-person events, etc.
- Do you have contact with schools and other youth groups that may participate in this effort?
- Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for info.

***LWVMI Text Banking Opportunity:***

- LWVMI will provide text messaging mechanisms to contact new and established voters to encourage them to participate in elections.
  - Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) OR visit [LWVMI.org](http://LWVMI.org) for more info.
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***(4) LWVOA Candidate Forums for September 2026***

Organizing for the Fall forums before the November 2026 election has begun. Any assistance with procuring facilities, candidates, and personnel is greatly appreciated.

Question screeners, moderators, pages, and timers are also needed for each event. Time commitment per forum is 4 hours. Help with just one forum will be appreciated.

Contact Christine Allen at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for info.

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***(5) LWVOA MAR/COM (Marketing & Communication) work group: Monday, September 14th at 3p at the Bloomfield Township Public Library***

The Mar/Com group continues to engage the public and our members with info about upcoming events. It also participates in planning programs and

recruiting participants.

Follow the links below to view excerpts from media sources promoting LWVOA:

- [Oakland County Times](#)
- [West Bloomfield Beacon](#)
- [The Oakland County Press](#)
- [Downtown Newsmagazine](#)
- [Farmington Press](#)

Click [here](#) to follow our new Facebook page (League of Women Voters / Oakland Area).

Contact Leslie Fleming at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(6) LWVUS Eliminate the Electoral College work group: Friday, September 18th at 1p via Zoom***

Always an informative and engaging meeting with authoritative speakers. All members are encouraged to attend and discuss how this important issue may move forward toward the goal of a US Constitutional Amendment.

**NOTE:** LWVUS encourages local leagues to give educational presentations on this topic to any interested groups. LWVUS has a PowerPoint presentation that members may use. Training is available for all members before giving presentations.

Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(7) LWVOA Board Meeting: Monday, September 28th at 5p via Zoom***

LWVOA's board manages and facilitates the business and activities of our local league. All members are welcome to attend.

Contact Maria Woloson at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(8) LWVOA Observer Corps: Public School Board Focus***

As school boards have become a point of controversy, LWVOA members observe and report on monthly meetings. All members are welcome to participate in this important activity.

Contact Linda Fiscus at [LWVOAMi@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMi@gmail.com) for more info.

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***(9) LWVOA and New Citizen Voter Registration at the US Federal Courthouse in Detroit***

New Citizen ceremonies and Voter Registration have resumed, however, in reduced numbers. Volunteers are needed to assist in this important effort.

***(10) LWV needs YOU!***

- Become a member or renew your membership at the member portal [LWVOA.org](http://LWVOA.org), or send a check made out to LWVOA for \$20-\$75 for the annual dues.
- A charitable contribution may be made to LWVEF (Educational Fund).

See the LWVUS website for further info.

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***SAVE the DATES for upcoming in-person events:***

- 10/6/25@1p BTSC - Ballot issues for November 2026
  - November - Forgotten Harvest
  - December - Holiday Festival
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***August Highlights:***

***(1) Unite & Rise Event:*** LWVOA joined the LWV Detroit on 8/8/26 for a nationwide day of civic action to mark the anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Nationally recognized poets presented moving excerpts of their writings with engaging activities.

Celina Stewart, Chief Executive Officer of the League of Women Voters of the United States, with LWVUS staff, participated in the event alongside colleagues and partners for this event.

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***(2) David Dulio, Oakland University Distinguished Professor of Political Science:*** On 8/24/2026, Professor Dulio gave an informative and engaging presentation on the August primary results and upcoming November elections.

Please click [here](#) to view Professor Dulio's presentation.

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***"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."***

***-Margaret Mead***

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President, League of Women Voters, Oakland Area, Michigan***

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*For more information, please visit our website at [lwvoa.org](http://lwvoa.org).*



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