



September 9, 2023

Letter From the President

Hello LWVH!

It is time to register and inform voters!

Shout out to all of you who attended the Voter Services meeting! It's always terrific when we get together and share ideas.

There is a Sign Up Genius for Kent State's Twinsburg location next week. Just click on the purple button and pick your time. There will be more registration opportunities (aka: Sign Up Geniuses) soon.



SignupGenius

LWVH is hosting a "Candidates Roundtable Q & A" night on October 5th, Thursday at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar! It is an opportunity for voters to get to know their candidates. Hudson has 8 candidates running for 4 city council seats; 6 candidates running for 3 school board seats; and 1 mayoral candidate. The logistics are being worked out for this event. More information soon.

Hudson City Schools has a levy on the November 7, 2023 ballot.

The overview on the levy from the HCS website:

Hudson City Schools has a 5.5 mill operating levy on the ballot this November 7, 2023. These funds would be used by Hudson City

Schools to sustain operations. It has been 12 years since the district has asked voters for new operating funds. The last operating levy passed in 2011. While most operating levy cycles are typically 3 to 5 years, Hudson City Schools was able to stretch its levy cycle far past the average timeframe.

What are operating funds used for in the HCSD? Operating funds are used for expenses such as staff salaries, benefits, utilities, supplies and transportation, and are essential to maintain and continuously improve the Hudson City Schools' high-quality academic programming, our extracurricular activities, student wellness and safety, and our athletics.

The levy would cost \$16.04 per month per \$100,000 of home value as determined by the county auditor. The November 7, 2023 levy will be based on current 2022 property values- NOT the new 2023 values many residents recently received in the mail.

LWVH supports “adequate funding and fiscal management that maintain or improve educational programming and opportunities for all public school students in the Hudson City District”.

Therefore, the LWVH Board voted to support the 2023 Hudson City School Levy.

P.S. to this topic: Thank you to Virginia Purcell, Hillary Sullivan, and Kathy Stasko for your research and education!

LWVH hosted another successful Climate Roundtable workshop. Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted.

Hope to see many of you at our next Member meeting, Thursday, September 14 at 10:30am, where we will learn about Ranked Choice Voting and reaching Asian voters. More info below.

As a follow up to the Ohio Citizen Redistricting Committee: there is movement to get this issue on the November 2024 ballot. LWVH has not been involved in gathering signatures for the petition. We continue to follow the updates.

Keep reading for more information about LWVH!

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Our Website Name Has Changed

Someone bought our website name, lwvhudsonohio.org! So if you've been having trouble reaching the site, that's why. Until this issue can resolved between our hosting provider and the domain

name provider, please use the following: lwwhudson.org. It's even easier to remember! The website content has not changed, it still lists all our events, photos and news for both the public and our members. Check it out:

Visit LWWH website

Next Member Meeting: Sept 14, 10:30am



Thursday, September 14th 10:30am at Hudson City Hall at 1140 Terex Rd. (Note: not in the library as previously stated.) We will kick off our voter registration teams for the November Election, and listen to Kyle Herman from **Rank Choice Voting**. We'll also have a speaker from **Asian Services in Action**, Hsa Win, who will talk to us about reaching Asian voters in Northern Summit County! Park in the back of the building and use the back entrance. We will be in the John Brown room..

Climate Roundtable: The Hudson Context



From L. to R: Phil Butto, Treasurer and CFO, Hudson Public Schools; Doreen Osmun, Asst. Superintendent, Curriculum and instruction; Joe Ortiz, Chair of Hudson EAC (Environmental Awareness Committee) Frank Comeriato, Asst. City Manager, Hudson Public Power; Mimi Becker, Co-chair LWWH Climate Work Group; Sam Andrews (VP) and Ben Smolko (president) of the Student Environmental Awareness Committee, Hudson



Wednesday's Community Roundtable, "The Current Hudson Context Regarding Climate Threats to Hudson" was well attended and we learned a wide variety of information from the speakers listed above. We learned what the students in the Hudson schools (starting from kindergarten!) are learning and doing about sustainability. Hudson Public Power is trying to bring more renewables in the energy portfolio and the EAC is working on green building certification for Hudson homes. The meeting was led by Kathy Gerrard, who kept the meeting running on time. Good job Kathy!

Book Club Meeting Sept 21, 7pm



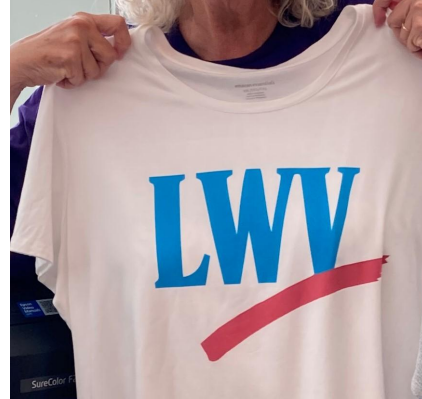
Read any
Banned Book
and tell us about it!

Next meeting will
be on Sept. 21
at 7pm
at Kathy Battaglia's

Bring a friend.
Non-members are invited!

Instead of choosing one book to discuss, we decided to each read a Banned Book of our choice and report on it at our next meeting. [Click Here](#) for a list of the 13 most banned books in 2022. Or google "banned books" and take your pick! If you would like, choose a Children's or Young Adult book. [RSVP](#) please.

Make Your Own LWV T-shirt



Proudly display our LWV logo! Great to wear when registering voters or volunteering for events. You can make your own t-shirt at the Akron Public Main Library. Call the library at 330 643-9000 to make an appointment. Bring a new unwashed cotton t-shirt, or a hoodie and \$7. If you want to print on both sides, it's \$14. The Tech Advisor will help you. Bring the LWV logo on a thumb drive, which you can get from [Inge](#). Or, ask her or Barbara Bos to make one for you!

Are You a Teacher? Know a Teacher?



Did you know there is a FREE statewide online curriculum designed to civically engage students? It's called **Voting and Civics: Know Your Ohio Government**. To learn more go to LWV Ohio's [website](#). This dynamic program is built with flexibility and versatility in mind — adaptable across grade levels, learning abilities, and teaching environments.

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