

The Voter

September 2026

Events

September 4, 2026
Community Resource
Day
11am
Belleville Area District
Library

September 10, 2026
Troubled Waters
Screening
7pm
Penn Theater
Plymouth

September 16, 2026
Board Meeting
7pm
Belleville Area District
Library

September 24, 2026
Mis- and
Disinformation
Presentation
7pm
Plymouth District
Library

September 29, 2026
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7pm
Zoom

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Meeting

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President's Perspective

Ordinary People

On August 8, Leagues across the nation celebrated Voting Rights Day of Action. Many Leagues, including our own, held events lifting up the long and sometimes dangerous fight that culminated in the signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. It took political courage on the part of President Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) and Senator Everett Dirksen (R) to push this legislation forward.

Recently, at the LWVUS biennial convention, LBJ's daughter, Lucy Baines Johnson, gave a powerful statement about the signing of this legislation, an event she attended in 1965. You could feel her outrage as she watches attempts to dismantle the Voting Rights Act by this current administration. [Click here to hear her statement.](#)

Our League held a viewing party in conjunction with the social justice committee at Geneva Presbyterian Church. Together, we viewed the documentary, "Three Marches, Two Sisters, and One Bridge" which tells the story of two teenage sisters who participated in the Selma, Alabama, marches and faced the consequences. These young ladies were 14 and 16 when they joined

Information coming soon

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



with hundreds of others and found themselves facing guns, dogs, fire hoses, neighbors screaming hatred at them, and jail time. They were ordinary people who stepped up to the moment at hand. [Click here to view the documentary and panel discussion.](#)

In June, I was lucky to attend the premiere of this documentary and actually met the sisters. While talking with them at the reception and dinner, what struck me was that they were “ordinary” people who did extraordinary things. They are people like you and me who stepped up to the moment and made a difference. We are at another moment in time when we are being asked to step up to the moment. We are ordinary people who can do extraordinary things. Together we can do great things.

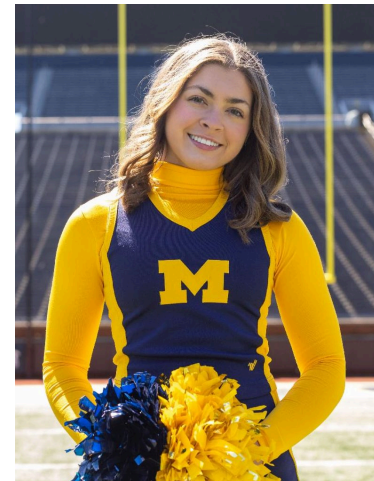
Thank you for all you do to defend democracy and empower voters.

Carrie Moon-Dupree

Welcome Makenna, Our Social Media & Marketing Consultant!

Hi everyone! My name is Makenna Yost, and I'm excited to be joining the League of Women Voters Northwest Wayne County as the Social Media & Marketing Consultant. I recently graduated from the University of Michigan and am excited to start this new opportunity and get involved with the League.

I've always enjoyed social media, content creation, and finding creative ways to connect with people, so I'm excited to bring those interests to the League. I'm especially excited to help grow our new [Members-Only Facebook group](#) (see the article below) and Instagram, creating more opportunities to share updates, events, and the great work our members are doing.



I'm excited to meet everyone and become part of the League community!

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!

Join the Members-Only Facebook Page

Earlier this year, a decision was made by the Board to expand and enhance our League's presence and audience via social media platforms in order to

reach both voters in our community and, most importantly, our League members.

To help better connect with our League members, the Social Media Committee with support from our Social Media Consultant has created a private Facebook group titled [League of Women Voters Northwest Wayne County Members Only](#).

A private Facebook group allows us to create a safe and focused community. This not only helps protect your privacy, but creates an exclusive, spam-free space where League members can ask questions, share information and pictures, and interact with Board members, committees and other league members without the activity being broadcast to the broader Facebook public network.

It is our plan to use the Facebook group to share information about upcoming meetings, updates from the Michigan League and the National League, volunteer opportunities, and broadcast Call to Action initiatives. We will also post a link each month to *The Voter* e-newsletter.

If you're not on Facebook, don't worry! You will still receive communications from the League via your designated email address or home address on file.

How to join:

- Log into your personal Facebook Account
- Search for "[League of Women Voters Northwest Wayne County Members Only](#)" (you should see the image below)
- Click the "Join Group" button
- Your request will be reviewed by the Group Administrator
- You will receive a Facebook notification once you have been admitted to the group

See you online!



Voter Services

Thank you to everyone who participated in Phase 2 of the Text Banking Project. With the help of other Leagues, we reached close to 15,000 potential absentee voters! The text message included the most current information about how to use an absentee ballot, along with an important reminder about Michigan's open primary, straight-ticket voting.

GENERAL ELECTION WORK

Our work continues as the General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 approaches. We look forward to hosting and co-hosting candidate forums, voter registrations, and presentations to inform voters. Volunteers will be needed; more details will follow.

MISINFORMATION. DISINFORMATION. WHAT IS IT?

LWV NWW President Carrie Moon-Dupree and VP of Voter Services Toni Jones will be at the [Plymouth District Library](#) on Thursday, Sept 24, starting at 7 pm to explain what these terms mean and how to spot misinformation in election materials and petitions. We will also have resource materials on the subject. Registration is required. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Voter Registration

Given that 16-year old Michigan residents can pre-register to vote, we are finding that many high school and college students are already registered to vote. While we will continue to offer voter registration and voter pre-registration opportunities, we will also use our outreach efforts to encourage people to vote and use [VOTE 411](#) when making voting decisions.

We have several opportunities coming up this Fall:

- We will participate in an event at the [Belleville Library](#) on September 4th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. At this event there will be vital records research assistance (by library staff), voter education and registration assistance (by League of Women Voters), and onsite document processing (by Secretary of State Mobile Office).
- We will have a table at Schoolcraft College's annual School Daze Wellness/Resource Fair on September 14-15, 2026.
- We'll have a booth at the [Belleville Farmers Market](#) on Monday 9/19 from 4:00-7:30 pm. If any Belleville area residents want to sit at our booth, please let me know.

We're always looking for additional LWV members to staff our voter registration/education outreach events, please reach out to Ann Andrews for training if you're interested (annmandrews@hotmail.com or 248-470-3727)

DEI Bookclub

Our next book is [Facing the Mountain, a True Story of Japanese American Heroes in WWII](#) by Daniel James Brown.

We will meet on September 29 on Zoom. Email [Laura](#) if you would like the Zoom link or would like to be added to our bookclub mailing list.

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

Join through our [website](#) or by calling 734-748-5564

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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