

The Voter

The LWV ABC Monthly Newsletter

September 2022

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Sept 7 - LWV ABC Film Discussion
- Sept 10 - Voter Registration at Ramsey Happy Days
- Sept 13 - Citizenship Ceremony
- Sept 15 to Oct 15 - National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept 20 - National Voter Registration Day
- Sept 21 - LWV ABC Book Club
- Sept 23 - Early Voting Starts
- Sept 24 - Voter Registration at Nowthen Heritage Festival
- Sept 26 - LWV ABC Board Meeting

*** **No September Program Meeting** ***
due to our full schedule of candidate forums

[Click here for More Event Information](#)

Upcoming Programs

No program meeting in September -- We will be busy conducting Meet the Candidates Forums for an ambitious number of races in our area. (Check the forums article below.)

In the meantime, save these dates for upcoming programs

Monday evening, October 10 – Election Topics We've invited Paul Linnell, former elections manager at Anoka County, to join us on Zoom from his new leadership position at the Minnesota Secretary of State's office. Sure to be an informative program.

Monday evening, November 14 – Anoka County Historical Society We will welcome Rebecca Ebnet-Desens, *Executive Director*, to our program to tell us about new happenings at the Historical Society, reflect on the collaboration with LWV ABC for the 2019 History Exhibit and distribute the companion history booklet, and more.

Programs will be held at Andover City Hall's Council Chambers -- with a Zoom option for virtual attendance. We expect the schedule will be 6:30 gathering time and 7:00 welcome and program.



August Outdoor Gathering

In August, we got together for some outdoor socializing at Lion's Coon Creek Park in Coon Rapids. It was a beautiful evening and a good time was had by all! Thanks to all who brought treats to share!



Primary Forums

The LWW ABC Voter Services committee successfully completed ten Meet the Candidates Forums before the Primary Election.

Our primary videos were viewed by over 4,100 on YouTube, in addition to everyone who viewed the forums during the numerous broadcasts on local cable channels.

[Watch the Forums](#)

General Election Forums

Our Voter Service committee is busy scheduling Meet the Candidates Forums for 46 contested races in our service area. Not all candidates have confirmed their attendance, so please encourage your local candidates to confirm their attendance.

In 2020, LWV ABC forums had nearly 18,000 views on social media, in addition to the frequent local cable channel broadcasts and on demand viewing.

Note that most forums will again be recorded without a live audience. The two exceptions are live forums in Columbia Heights and Ham Lake as noted on the schedule.

MEET THE CANDIDATES CALENDAR						
SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			Nowthen.			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Champlin Legislators. Coon Rapids Legislators. Fridley.	Coon Rapids City.	Anoka.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Andover. Columbia Hts.			Champlin City. Ramsey.	Co. Comm. 3, 6, 7	Early Voting Begins	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
			Co. Comm 1. House 32B. County Attorney. Sheriff .	Blaine City Council.		
OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Co. Comm. 4, 5	Ham Lake.		

[View Calendar Details](#)

Submit Questions for Candidates

We had great public participation in our online forms for submitting questions for candidates. Over a hundred questions were submitted in Columbia Heights alone!

Online submission of questions for the upcoming forums will continue until three days before each forum. Submit your questions now for the General Election Forums.

[Submit Your Questions](#)



Voter Guides

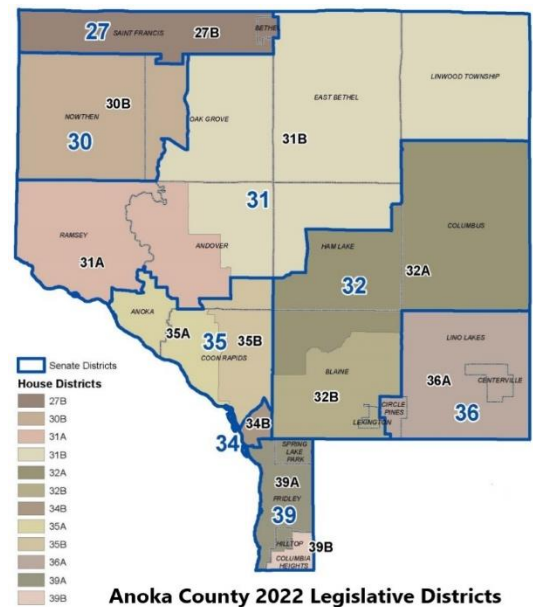
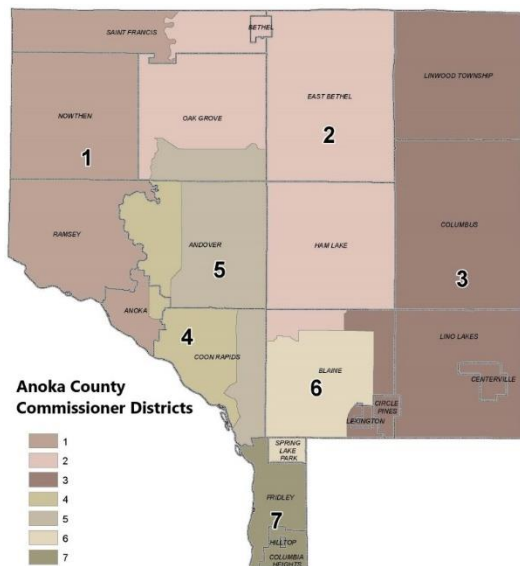
The new and improved LWVUS Vote411.org website offers Voter Guides based on questionnaires sent to all candidates in the United States.

Thanks to Julie Trude, LWV ABC Vice President, who has taken on the huge task of following up with our local candidates and trying to resolve any technical problems with LWVUS and LWVMN.

Just enter your address at Vote411.org to find the Voter Guides for your candidates.

If your candidate has not yet responded, please contact your candidates and encourage them to respond. If a candidate cannot locate their questionnaire, they should email Julie Trude at lwvabc@gmail.com for assistance.

[Vote 411 Voter Guides](#)



Election Info

The LWV ABC Voter and Election Information webpage has links to everything you need to know about voting and elections.

Our latest updates include the new election district maps for Anoka County, information about Minnesota election security and integrity and how to report any problems you observe on election day.

Find your new election districts by entering your address at the [Secretary of State's Pollfinder](#).

Check out [mnvotes.gov/facts](#) for detailed information on everything Minnesota does to keep our elections safe and fair.

Help ensure that polling places remain free from voter intimidation by reporting any issues

- to the chief election judge
- to your local election office.
- to the Voter Protections Hotline (866-687-8683)
- by completing and filing the [Minnesota Election Law Complaint Form](#) with your county attorney



Hot off the Presses!

We will have copies of *100 Years Strong / League of Women Voters of Minnesota 1919-2019* to distribute to our members at our November program meeting.

This booklet, produced by the Anoka County Historical Society with noteworthy guidance and oversight by member Sandra Connor, began as a project to coincide with the 2019 exhibit at the Anoka County History Center honoring women of Anoka County. COVID and staffing situations

delayed final production until now.

We look forward to sharing this publication with you!

Anoka County has a new Elections Manager!

...excerpts from *Anoka County Union Herald*, August 20, 2022

Tom Hunt was appointed Anoka County's new elections manager. The Anoka County Board August 9 unanimously named Hunt to succeed Paul Linnell who accepted a position in the elections department of the Minnesota Secretary of State's Office.

Hunt is a resident of Ramsey. He was hired to be lead elections specialist in Anoka County elections office in 2019...being involved in three elections since starting with the county. As elections manager, he will be in charge of the planning and administration of all elections. Hunt credits Linnell with being a great mentor to him.



August Board Meeting

The Board unanimously agreed to honor *Rebecca Ebnet-Desens and the staff of the Anoka County Historical Society* as this year's Friend of League. The recognition stems back to their extensive exhibit in 2019 honoring

the women of Anoka County and LWV ABC and coincides with their current publishing of an LWV ABC history booklet. The award will be presented at our November 14 program meeting when Rebecca is our guest speaker.

Other meeting items included:

- Discussion of overlap between LWV ABC and LWV New Brighton membership in southern Anoka County.
- Plans for fall meetings, hybrid, are underway.
- The newsletter is changing to an e-newsletter solely, no more .pdf of a longer document.

What it means to say we're "non-partisan"...

from "Remaining Nonpartisan in Hyper-partisan Times" LWVUS

"The League of Women Voters of the United States is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public."

Remember...

- Nonpartisan does not mean non-political
 - Issues are not partisan
 - Democracy is not partisan
 - Facts are not partisan
 - LWV leans into what is good for voters
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Welcome New Members

Laurie Cooper of Columbia Heights
Julia French of Coon Rapids
Marygrace Horner of Ramsey
Rodney Kuehn of Ramsey



Register New Citizens

Join League members from throughout the Twin Cities area to help new citizens get registered to vote.

Upcoming citizenship ceremonies will be held at the River Centre in St. Paul, with 15 short ceremonies each day (with around 1,000 new citizens getting registered to vote

in total). LWVMN will have eight tables for League out in the hall where new citizens exit following their ceremony. 12 Volunteers are needed for each shift.

Each day will be split into two shifts. You can volunteer for one shift or both, and a reminder will be sent one week before your date with more details. Masks are required.

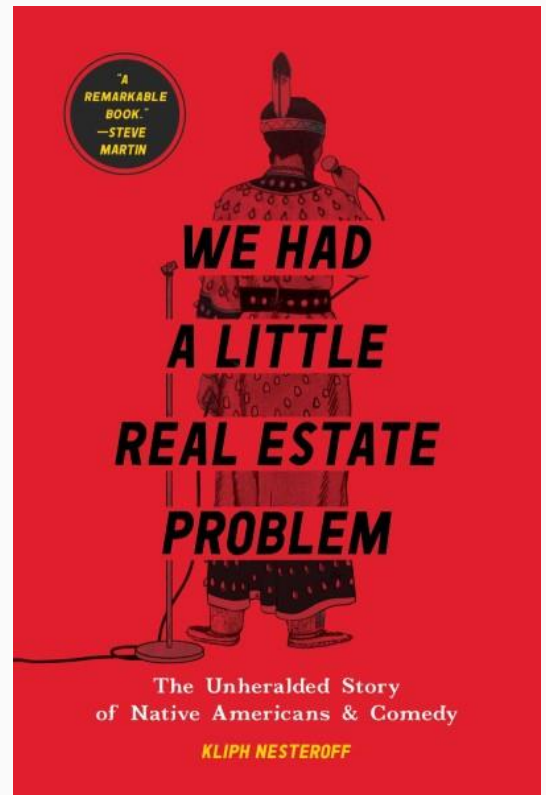
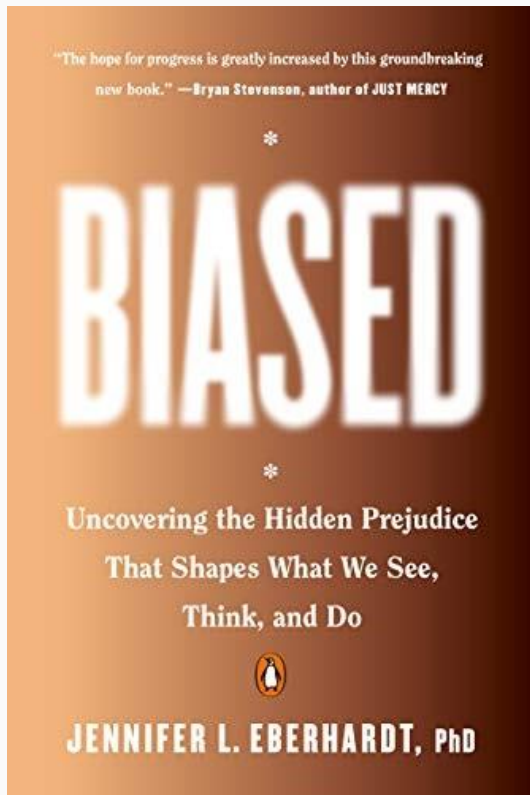
Upcoming Citizenship Ceremonies:

- Tuesday, September 13
- Monday, October 17
- Tuesday, November 29
- Tuesday, December 13

If you are able to volunteer for a morning shift (8:30 to 11:30 AM) or an afternoon shift (11:30 AM - 2:30 PM) or both please **send an email with the date and shift(s) you are available to help to:**

citizenshipceremonies@lwvmn.org

Learn More About Citizenship Ceremonies



September Book Club

Join us at 7:00 on Wednesday September 23 to discuss *Biased* by Jennifer Eberhardt, PhD.

Psychologist Jennifer Eberhardt's book reveals how even when we are not aware of bias and genuinely wish to treat all people equally, ingrained stereotypes infect our visual perception, attention, memory, and behavior. Join us to discuss bias and what we can do to short-circuit our very human initial prejudices.

Get ready for our November Book Club by requesting *We Had a Little Real Estate Problem* by Kliph Nesteroff from your local library.

[Book Club Zoom Link](#)



September Film Discussion

Join us at 7:00 on Wednesday September 7 for the September film discussion.

In honor of Hispanic American Heritage Month (September 15- October 15), in September we will be discussing the PBS series ***Chicano! History of the Mexican-American Civil Rights Movement (1996)***.

Among other historical events, the series examines the fight to convince the federal government to honor the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the fight to organize California farm workers, the Los Angeles high school blow outs of 1968 and the creation of La Raza Unida Party.

Watch the series for free on

- [Kanopy](#) (with library card)
- [YouTube](#)

[Film Discussion Zoom Link](#)

[Upcoming Films](#)

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