



The Voter

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League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100+ Years



January Topical Tuesday:

Judy Hagen Will Speak on Perrysburg Recycling Programs, Opportunities

Judy Hagen, Program Coordinator for the Office of Litter Prevention and Recycling for the City of Perrysburg, will speak at the Perrysburg League's Tuesday, January 18 meeting. This Topical Tuesday Meeting, presented in partnership with Way Public Library, will take place at 7 p.m. at the library.

Mrs. Hagen will discuss the current curbside recycling programs and special recycling opportunities.

Mrs. Hagen has been in her job since 1996. Her responsibilities include overseeing and development of ongoing and special recycling programs and events, beautification projects throughout the city and litter prevention activities.

Registration for Topical Tuesdays is required and seating is limited. Registration closes three hours before the beginning of the program. **You may register online at waylibrary.info or by calling 419-874-3135, Extension 119.**

Masks are currently required for all indoor Way Library programs regardless of vaccination status.



Judy Hagen

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Please note:

While in-person meetings have resumed, Topical Tuesday events still require advance registration.

This can be done online at way.library.info or by calling 419-874-3135, ext. 119

Highlights of LWVPA's Activities for 2021 General Election

- ✓ 77 || viewers who live-streamed our Candidates Forum
- ✓ 645 || on-demand views of the Candidates Forum
- ✓ 852 || users in Perrysburg Area who visited Vote411.org
- ✓ 4,227 || households who received our printed Voter Guide



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Mission Statement

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

Web Site

<https://my.lwv.org/ohio/perrysburg-area>

Board Letter



Dear League Members,

Oprah Winfrey once said, “Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right.” Yes, it is a chance for all of us and our League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area. We had a busy 2021, and it appears 2022 could be even busier.

First, what kind of difference have we made? According to the League of Women Voters website, we now have 700+ state or local leagues. We have 500k members and supporters, and we reached 10 million voters in 2018 (newer statistics not available yet). And most importantly, we have hundreds of voting rights victories. These are impressive figures, but we are by no means done yet. We must still “protect the future of democracy today.”

How can we continue to make a vital impact on protecting our democracy? The website reminds us that we must continue to fight voter suppression by “challenging those who seek to restrict black, brown, female and other voices in our democracy.” If each one of us writes our legislators on a regular basis, we are making a difference. If we get voter information out to people in our area, we are making a difference. If we have informational meetings throughout the year, we are making a difference. All of these things are very doable; so let’s do it.

Another way we can protect our democracy is to be aware and try to stop money in politics. Elections should be about voters, not big money. It is time to limit Super PACs and secret donors to protect representative democracy. Again, letters, conversations, speakers and one-on-one conversations with others can make a difference.

Another way is to keep vigilant about attempts at redistricting, which is the process of representational district maps for states and local communities. Redistricting impacts how our communities are represented and how resources are distributed. We need to be vocal, testify if needed, and keep up pressure. Without fair districts, fair elections will not happen. Without fair elections, we lose our voice and could lose the foundations of our democracy.

So what is really important right now? The League’s website is urging us to focus immediately on:

1. ***Demand President Biden Protect Our Freedom to Vote.*** We can’t take this for granted; we must make sure everyone has the freedom to vote.
2. ***Tell the Senate to pass the Freedom to Vote Act.*** Write, call and converse with friends and family to urge them to get active as well.
3. ***Tell your Senators to Support the John Lewis VRAA.*** Write, call and make that difference.

(Information in **Bold** is from the League of Women Voters US website)

It is a new year with new beginnings, opportunities and hopes. If we work together we can do much.

“Let our New Year’s Resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.” — Goran Persson

“Fight for things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” — Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Spread the word about our local league and vow to write a letter a month, make some phone calls, write some post cards and make a difference.

Suzanne Hoffman

Membership Co-Chair



Upcoming Meetings

For the most up-to-date information on League activities, click on

[League Calendar](#)

Tuesday, January 18 —
7 p.m. *Perrysburg's Recycling Programs*, Judy Hagen, Litter Prevention & Recycling Coordinator.

Tuesday, February 22 —
7 p.m. *State of the City*, Perrysburg Mayor Tom Mackin.

Tuesday, March 15 —
2 p.m. *State of the Township*, Perrysburg Township Trustee Bob Mack, Location: Township Fire Station, 26609 Lime City Rd.

Tuesday, May 10 —
11 p.m. *Annual Meeting*, Noon Luncheon and presentation by Metroparks Toledo, Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Levis Commons

All our meetings will be held at Way Library unless otherwise noted. Registration will be required

All programs will be announced on our web page and in *The Voter* as soon as the dates are secured.

Perrysburg League Takes On PJHS Award Project

Each month the Perrysburg Junior High staff, led by Teacher Jackie Derr, select an extra-curricular student of the month and an academic student of the month.

Our League members were looking for a new initiative and decided that the Junior High students were frequently overlooked. Consequently, the group decided to adopt this new project.

The League recognizes that an award like this is given because of the student's hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence. The LWV of Perrysburg knows that these qualities help shape the leaders of tomorrow. A gift card and certificate will be given to each of the students.



Karson Klapper and Austin Hinesman students of the month for September with Nancy Kelley, LWV Vice President.



Sofia Shine and David Lenz, students of the month for October and Nancy Kelley.

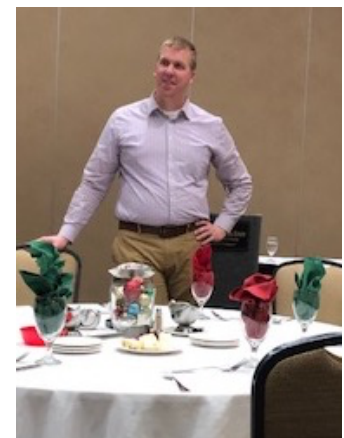


Xander Lewis student of the month for November/December, and Nancy Kelley. Emerson Gower not pictured.

Local Meteorologist Speaks at Holiday Luncheon

On December 14, the League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area held their annual Holiday Luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons. Ryan Wichman, morning meteorologist for WTOL, informed and entertained the group by telling of his storm chasing adventures particularly his biggest chase which was near Waikato, Oklahoma.

He also spoke briefly about the non-profit Wood County Plays which collected donations, including one from the League, to build the first Perrysburg inclusive playground.



WTOL Meteorologist Ryan Wichman