

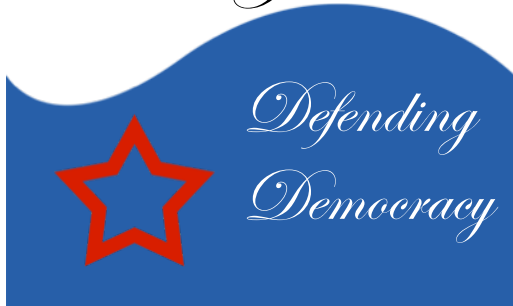


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Want to Help Stop Gerrymandering?

Petition Circulation Training

You can register on Page 3.

January Topical Tuesday: How Are We Handling Food Insecurity Here in Northwestern Ohio?

The League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area in conjunction with Way Public Library will welcome representatives of area food pantries for a discussion on how they are addressing food insecurity in Northwest Ohio at a Topical Tuesday presentation this month.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 23, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the library.

Please join Mona Rafeeq of the Islamic Food Bank, Shirley Kleist of Perrysburg Christians United, and Dr. Shannon Orr of the Falcon Food Pantry for this enlightening presentation. This panel discussion is part of Book-to-Action at Way Library.

Topical Tuesday meetings are open to the public. Please encourage your friends and family to attend.



Letter-to-the Editor LWV Bowling Green and LWV Perrysburg Area

At the LWVPA's December Board meeting, your Board approved signing onto this [letter-to-the-editor](#) acknowledging the work of the Wood County Board of Elections. It was sent to BG Independent News, Perrysburg Messenger Journal, and Bowling Green Sentinel.

We have posted the above letter, along with other articles, on the [Articles](#) page of our website.



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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.

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

**The deadline for
Voter articles is the
25th of each
month.**

President's Letter



Happy January, LWVPA Members!

Each month there are so many League topics to cover that it is sometimes hard to select just one for the President's Letter. This month, as we start 2024, that was not the case. One topic jumped to the top of the list: Fair Districts, or *let's just end gerrymandering in Ohio once and for all!*

As shown on this [Ohio Redistricting Reform Timeline](#), LWV Ohio (LWVO) has worked for over 40 years to end gerrymandering. (Note that we have been opposed at times by Democratic politicians, Republican politicians, and sometimes opposed by both parties AT THE SAME TIME!) In 2015 and 2018, voters of Ohio overwhelmingly passed anti-gerrymandering state constitutional amendments. Unfortunately, Ohio politicians and lobbyists keep finding ways to skirt the amendments. And yet, we are not giving up!

[LWVO](#), Local Leagues, [Fair Districts Ohio](#) (a coalition led by Common Cause Ohio and LWVO) and many other organizations are working under the umbrella of the [Citizens Not Politicians \(CNP\) campaign](#) to get the [CNP Amendment](#) on the 2024 General Election ballot. To meet the 2024 ballot goal, 413,488 VALID voter signatures are needed by July 3, 2024.

LWVPA is already helping to gather these signatures. We have an impressive Fair Districts / CNP committee with Karen Roderick-Lingeman leading the team. So, here is my ask: can you help this committee collect signatures? Here are ways you can help – and they do not all involve a clipboard!

- 1) If you belong to a book club, a church group, or other organization that meets locally, invite us to collect signatures at your next meeting. We will arrive before your meeting starts, collect signatures as your members arrive, and we will leave once your meeting starts.
- 2) Let us know of an event where we could collect signatures – either outdoors or indoors.
- 3) Sign our Citizens Not Politicians petition. If you want to sign, but have not had the opportunity, let us know and we will contact you and make arrangements for you to sign.
- 4) Are you just itching to get a clipboard in your hand and help us collect signatures? You will get training and you can be paired with another team member.
- 5) If you are interested in any of the above or have other suggestions for the team, please email lwvperrysburg@gmail.com and we will get in touch.

Wishing each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Debra Greenley Gorman, President



Upcoming Meetings

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

[League Calendar](#)

Tuesday, January 23 — 7 p.m. *Panel Discussion on Food Insecurity*, Mona Rafeeq, of the Islamic Food Bank, Shirley Kleist of Perrysburg Christians United, and Dr. Shannon Orr of the Falcon Food Pantry.

Saturday, February 24 — 9:30 a.m. *Program Planning Meeting Members Only*.

Tuesday, February 27 — 2 p.m. *Perrysburg State of the City Presentation*, Council Chambers, Mayor Tom Macklin.

March Date 19 — 2 p.m. *What's Happening in Perrysburg Township*, Perrysburg Township Fire Station

Saturday, May 18 — 9:30 a.m. *Annual Meeting*, followed by catered brunch and speaker at 10:45

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

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

My Life as a Poll Worker ...

My experience as a poll worker has been nothing less than spectacular. I decided to become a poll worker when there was an outcry for help from the Wood County Board of Elections in 2021. I thought it would be a great way to learn how the system worked and to give back to democracy.

While the day is long ... we report at 5:30 and leave well after 8:00pm ... it is a fun day. You get many breaks throughout the day and work several different stations so it doesn't get boring.

Each precinct has a Republican and Democrat Manager, and there are equal numbers of both parties working at all times. Training is provided before each election, and you do get paid for training and for working.

How things are run in each voting precinct can be a little different. It is up to the location manager and the voting location. My location allows us to have a potluck, and it is where I would vote anyway, so I get to see many familiar faces of friends and neighbors. It is a fun, rewarding day, knowing that I am helping the democratic process that we are so blessed to have. I have made new friends, reconnected with old friends and would recommend the experience to everyone, so that they see how the process works, the safety precautions taken and the ins and outs of being a Deputy of a Voting Location.

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker I would encourage you to contact your local Board of Elections or visit <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/poll-workers/> for more information and a link to sign up.



Lynn Fleure

It's Time to End Gerrymandering in Ohio

Training is available for those interested in collecting signatures to get the ***Citizens Not Politicians*** amendment on the 2024 General Election ballot. Register below for a training session, aka *Petition Circulator Training*, that fits your schedule. If you have questions about signature gathering, email lwvperrysburg@gmail.com and we will contact you.



PETITION CIRCULATOR TRAINING (MORE DATES COMING SOON)

- Tuesday, January 9 @ 6pm: [register here](#)
- Wednesday, January 17 @ noon: [register here](#)
- Tuesday, January 23 @ 6pm: [register here](#)
- Tuesday, January 30 @ 10am: [register here](#)





Members-Only Meetings ***Something New for 2024!***

LWVPA's Program Planning and Annual Meeting will
both be held on Saturday mornings!

Get inspired. Get revved up. Let your voice be heard.

We are finalizing times and agendas and will get those to you ASAP.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for Saturday morning.

Program Planning

A chance for you to have input into LWV programs
and priorities for the next year(s).

Saturday morning — February 24, 9:30 a.m.
Way Public Library, lower level

Annual Meeting

Saturday morning – May 18, 9:30 a.m.
Way Public Library, lower level