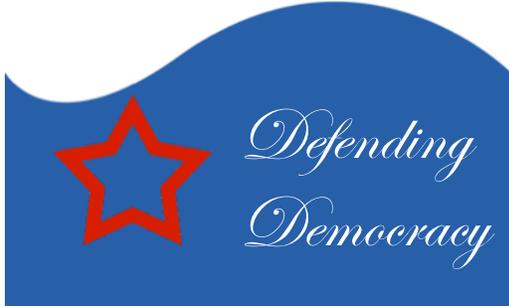


The Voter

January 2026

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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Mindful Matters Township Administrator Jon Eckel to Speak On What's Ahead for Perrysburg Township

Jon Eckel, Perrysburg Township Administrator, will address the Perrysburg League on *What's Happening in the Township* on **Wednesday, January 28 at 2 p.m.**



The meeting will take place at the Perrysburg Township Fire Station, located at 26711 Lime City Road.

Mr. Eckel will make a presentation followed by questions and answers.

The program is part of the Mindful Matters series sponsored by the League with Way Public Library. It will be an excellent opportunity to find out how the township is developing and what lies ahead for township residents and nearby city residents.



Jon Eckel

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Welcome New member!

Mary Richter



**Members - Only – Saturday –
January 31, 9:30 AM – 12 PM
RSVP Today!**

**New plans for the Perrysburg League will
be announced at this meeting!**

Learn what local Leagues do and what National is planning for this year's convention.

This is a free, **members-only meeting**. A continental breakfast will be served. For planning purposes, we would like to know if you will be attending. **RSVP today!** Email Lynn Fleure at

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Web Site

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

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

Board Letter

Happy New Year!



I have been asked to fill in for Starr Wlodarski, LWV Perrysburg Area President, for the January *Voter* and decided to discuss primary elections, which is a focus of the LWVOhio for 2026.

May 5, 2026 Is the Date for the Ohio Primary/Special Election.

Primary elections or primaries are elections held to determine which candidates will represent a political party in an upcoming general election.

*As a poll worker, it was noted by myself and a number of other poll workers that electors that chose to vote without picking a party affiliation (Independent), were confused that their ballot only had issues and no candidates, listed. In primary elections in Ohio, the electors vote for party candidates by choosing a specific party. The elector will receive a ballot with their chosen party candidates listed. The party candidates with the most votes in their party will then go on to the general election. If electors decide not to pick a party affiliation (Independent), their ballot will present issues only for their voting precinct.

The **United States Election Assistance Commission** describes the four types of primary elections held in states throughout the U.S.:

Open Partisan Primary and Open to Unaffiliated Voters (22 of 50 states)

44% of states have either an open partisan primary election or one that is open to unaffiliated voters. Open partisan primary elections generally allow all voters to participate, regardless of their political affiliation. Some states require voters to publicly declare their choice of party ballot at the polling place, after which the poll worker provides or activates the appropriate ballot. Other states allow the voters to make their choice of party ballot within the privacy of the voting booth.

Partially Closed & Partially Open Partisan Primaries (13 of 50 states)

26% of states have either a partially closed or partially open partisan primary. In partially closed partisan primary elections, state parties decide whether they permit voters registered without a political party affiliation to participate in their primary elections. In partially open partisan primary elections voters are generally allowed to vote for candidates with a different party than they are affiliated, but they must declare their party choice or their party selection may change their party affiliation.

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Upcoming Meetings

**Bookmark
Our [Homepage](#)
And [Calendar](#) for
Up-to-Date Info!**

Want to get involved with our planning committees? Want more information on any of the following events? Contact us at lwvperrysburg@gmail.com

★ *Mindful Matters Program*
— Jon Eckel, Perrysburg Township Administrator, *What's Ahead for the Township*, Wednesday, 1/28/26, 2 p.m., Township Fire Station, 26711 Lime City Road

★ *Program Planning Meeting*, Saturday, January 31, 9:30 a.m.

★ *Mindful Matters Program*
— Dr. Kurt S. Panter, and BGSU Graduate Students, *Explosive Volcanoes Beneath an Icy Sea: Expedition to Antarctica*, Tuesday, 2/17/26, 6 p.m.

★ *Mindful Matters Program*
— Mark Weber, Perrysburg Mayor, *State of the City*, Wednesday, 4/15/26, 6 p.m.,

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

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Multi-Party Partisan Primaries and Other Primary Modes (5 of 50 states)

10% of states have other modes of holding their partisan primary elections that do not fit into open or closed categories. Some of these states have a "top-two" or "top-four" partisan format, where all voters receive a ballot with all candidates, regardless of the party affiliation or the voters or candidates. The two or four candidates with the highest number of votes advance to the general election, even if they have the same party affiliation. Other states have unique rules for conducting their primary election.

Additional information can be found at the following link:
<https://www.eac.gov/voters/primary-election-type>

OHIO HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Ohio law provides for closed primaries, meaning a voter has to be affiliated with a party to vote in that party's primary. **However, a voter of any affiliation can choose the ballot they would like to vote on the day of the primary** and their choice may be regarded as registration with that party.
- ◆ **17-year olds**
If you will be 18 on or before the general election, you may vote in the primary election to nominate candidates, but you cannot vote on issues or party central committees until you are 18.
- ◆ Winners in Ohio primary elections are determined via plurality vote, meaning that **the candidate with the highest number of votes wins** even if they did not win an outright majority of votes cast.
- ◆ The number of Ohio registered voters that voted in the March 2024 primary election was only 22.22%.

Additional information can be found at the following link: https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/directives/2019/eom_12-2019/eom_ch13_2019-12-18.pdf

I hope this information will be helpful to you in becoming aware of the Ohio primary election laws as well as the variety of primary elections throughout the U.S.

Respectfully,

Karen Roderick-Lingeman

Director At Large



Book Club News

By Ann Hymel

To review, we are reading *The Power Broker* by Robert Caro which is a million pages long. Okay, not really. It's only 1,162 pages not counting the notes and the appendix. So this is the plan of attack:

January: We plan to read up to the end of chapter 24 and discuss at our meeting **January 15**

February: We plan on finishing the rest of the book and discuss at our meeting **February 19**

The podcast *99% Invisible* has a multipart online book club that reviews sections of the book with current day experts and an interview with the author.

Books that we are considering for March:

If you have any recommendations, please add to the list!

* *A year of Living Constitutionally* by A. J. Jacobs

* *1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History* by Andrew Ross Sorkin

* *Motherland: A Feminist History of Modern Russia* by Julia Ioffe

Book Club Meetings are held at 6 p.m. at Way Library.

Correction: Erin Daly's name was inadvertently left off the list of Board Members in this year's membership directory. Erin is a Director at Large. Please add her name to Page 2 of your directory.