

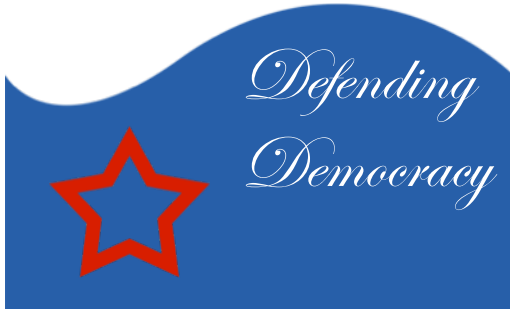


# The Voter

November 2024

League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

100+ Years



## ***Perrysburg City Officials to Deliver Update on Downtown Revitalization Plan***

***November Meeting — Monday, November 25, 7 p.m.***

Curious about the Perrysburg Downtown Revitalization Plan? You will have the opportunity to hear an update at our November meeting.

The Perrysburg League of Women Voters will hold a Mindful Matters meeting in conjunction with Way Library on Monday, November 25 at 7 p.m. at the library.

Perrysburg City Administrator Joseph Fawcett and Councilwoman Kerry Wellstein will make the presentation. This project has been several years in the making and will impact the entire downtown community.

The Downtown Revitalization Project is a comprehensive plan aimed at not only making much needed repairs to sidewalks and curbs, but also enhancing the appeal and vibrancy of the historic downtown area on Louisiana Avenue between Front Street and Indiana Avenue.

The project includes infrastructure enhancements to comply with ADA standards, such as upgrades to roads and sidewalks; the creation of attractive public spaces that encourage community gatherings, and aesthetic improvements and beautification efforts.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$6.3 million. The design phase is expected to be completed sometime this month, with construction of the first phase to begin in January 2025 and the second phase to begin in March 2025 and the last phase in 2026.

***Downtown Revitalization Plan Rendering***



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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>

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

## President's Letter



Dear LWVPA Members,

As I write this letter, Election Day is quickly approaching! Our League has done a lot of work surrounding the Election including our Meet-the-Candidate Event, publication of Voter Guides, talking to voters about issues, registering voters, and more. We have worked hard to make sure voters have accurate information before they cast their ballots.

Unfortunately, not everyone is interested in making sure accurate information is available to the public. You already know of the mis- and disinformation campaigns that confuse and frustrate the public. We can only expect these campaigns to continue – and even ramp up -- after the election. The LWVUS sums up the problem this way:

*The American people, and especially disenfranchised communities, are constantly bombarded with lies and misleading information about our election system, public policies, and government actions. These falsehoods fuel attacks on voting rights and sow distrust in our democratic processes.*

You and I, though, can make a difference in these attacks on truth by making sure we are not part of the problem. Let's all practice these habits from LWVUS:

- **Do Verify Before You Share:** consider the source and cross-check the info across outlets.
- **Do Question the Content:** read past the headline and question emotionally charged content.
- **Do Share Accurate Information:** without mentioning the wrong information, set the record straight by sharing the correct messages.
- **Don't Click or Share:** you only help to spread the wrong info.

If you want to become even more informed on mis- and disinformation, you may want to sign up for the [Weekly Election Rumors Briefing](#). LWVPA members who receive the briefing find it to be an excellent resource. I encourage you to check it out.

Thank you for reading *The Voter*!

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**Bookmark  
Our Homepage  
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Up-to-Date Info!**

Want to get involved with our planning committees? Want more information on any of the following events? Contact us at [lwvperryburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwvperryburg@gmail.com)

★ Mindful Matters — *Perryburg Downtown Revitalization Plan Update* — Thursday, November 25, 7 p.m.

★ LWVPA *Book Club* — Thursday, November 14, 6-8 p.m.

★ *Holiday Luncheon*, Thursday, December 12, Hilton Garden Inn, featuring Perryburg High School Honors String Quartet, noon.

★ *Board Meetings* are held the second Wednesday of the month, 4:45 p.m. All members are welcomed to attend.

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



## Wanted -- Observer Corps

Are you a LWVPA member who . . .

- Believes protecting our right to know is integral to the health of our democracy?
- Is interested in local government and what they are doing?
- Believes that decisions made by local government and boards should be made in an open and transparent manner?
- Is willing to observe meeting proceedings of one local government / board of your choice?

If you answered, *YES* to the above, please consider being an Observer representing the LWVPA. Contact Debra Gorman, [Debra.GreenleyGorman@gmail.com](mailto:Debra.GreenleyGorman@gmail.com) to learn more before committing to the committee.

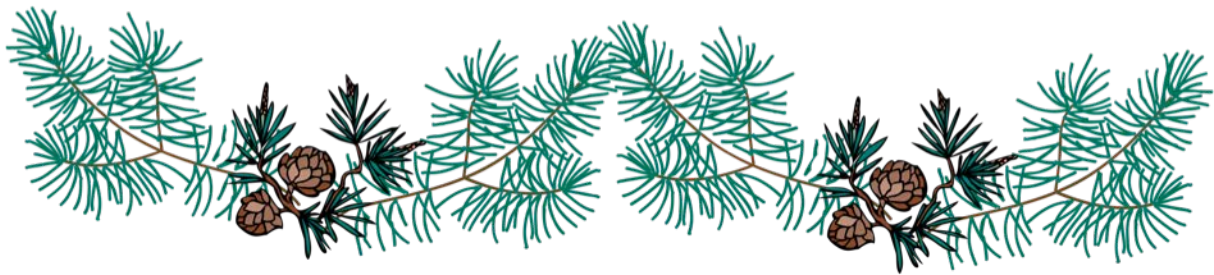


LWVPA's new book group held their inaugural meeting at Way Library, Thursday, October 24. The topic was an overview of *Bowling Alone, The Collapse and Revival of American Community* by Robert Putnam, which focuses on the loss of the “third place,” the social spaces outside of work and home and social capital, the bonds and the reciprocal connections among individuals and social networks.

Putnam's thesis is that since the 1960's, groups and organizations in civic and religious organizations have experienced a decrease in their membership. Putnam's opinion is that these groups allowed people of different backgrounds to get to know each other and to hold each other accountable in common pursuits essential to civic life.

Three main trends contributing to the decrease are (a) women entering the workforce outside the home, (b) movements of population which uprooted people, (c) technology of entertainment - television and now streaming. Each of us shared thoughts on the power of social capital and our experiences with third places.

The LWVPA's Book Group is open to any members. At the next meeting we will be discussing *Late Admission* by Glenn Loury, Thursday, November 14, at 6-8 p.m. December 5's, book is *Poverty, By America* by Matthew Desmond.



**You are cordially invited to the  
Perrysburg League of Women Voters  
Holiday Luncheon**

***Thursday, December 12, Noon  
Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons***

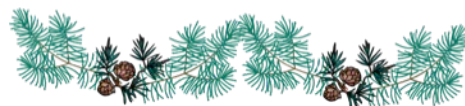
**The cost is \$35**

**Menu: Soup, Salad, Baked Potato Bar,  
Dessert, Coffee and Tea**

**To make a reservation: send a check made out to Nancy Kelley  
or drop off a check to Lynn Fleure at Way Public Library**

**Reservation deadline: December 6**

***Guests are welcomed and encouraged!***





## ***Combined Leagues Hold Successful Face 2 Face Event***

In collaboration with the League of Women Voters Bowling Green, we hosted a successful Face 2 Face Meet the Candidate event on Sunday, October 13, at the Veterans Building in Bowling Green.

Approximately 70 members of the community attended and had the opportunity to speak directly with nine candidates running for office in contested elections: Tom Pruss, Haraz Ghanbari, Jan Materni, Ted Bowlus, Philip Chrysler, Connor Rose, Jeremy Schroeder, Sean Elliott, and Jane Spoerl.

The Face 2 Face format was exciting as it allowed each table of attendees an opportunity to spend 10 minutes engaged in question and answer with each of the candidates in attendance.

Thanks to Shirley Johnson, Karen Roderick Lingeman, Heidi Meyer, and Jacki Stedman for serving as a greeter or table moderator.

