



# The Voter



Summer Edition

## League of Women Voters of the Perrysburg Area

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**And Calendar for  
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Info!**

Want to get involved with our planning committees? Want more information on any of the following events?

Contact us at

[lwperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwperrysburg@gmail.com) .

**Mindful Matters Program** – Wood County Board of Elections officials will present information and take Q&A – Tuesday, 09/03/24, 7 p.m.

**LWVPA Booth** — Perrysburg Homecoming Festival — Saturday 09/21/24

**LWVPA Members- Only Meeting**— Wednesday, 09/25/24, 5:30 p.m.-ish

**Candidates Forum** – Sunday, 10/13/24, 4 p.m.

**Documentary & Discussion** -- *We're All Plastic People Now* – Saturday, 10/26/24, 9 a.m.-ish

**New LWVPA Book Club** – starting in October

### President's Letter



Hello LWVPA Members!

Welcome to our first-ever summer edition of *The Voter*! We usually take the summer off from preparing our newsletter, but we have a sobering article to share with you along with upcoming events – so why wait for fall?

Although busy summer schedules make it harder to coordinate meetings, our members manage to do it one way or another! League committees are right now planning Fall programs, Candidates Forum, and Voter Guides. On this page you will find a calendar with a few *Save-the-Date* events. Details will be shared later.

And, we have our eyes on the November 5 General Election. LWV believes voting is a *vital tool in our democracy*. The League works hard to encourage voter turnout by registering eligible voters to vote, urging already-registered voters to check their voter registration, and encourages all voters to learn about the issues, races, and candidates that will be on their ballot by viewing Vote411.

Because voter turnout is so important to the League's mission, Sue Hoffman, LWVPA Board Member, was interested in voter turnout in our community. She shares what she found in the interesting article on the next page. After reading the article, consider the actions Sue has suggested. Then, share your thoughts with Sue on how our League can *Get Out the Vote (GOTV)*. Email her at [lwperrysburg@gmail.com](mailto:lwperrysburg@gmail.com) .

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

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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  
September Voter  
articles is August 25***

# Election Numbers

*By Sue Hoffman*

The League of Women Voters is always interested in getting out the vote, in providing information to citizens as to how to be informed and what current changes are being made to the voting process. After the March Primary, I was interested in the voter turnout in Perrysburg and in the Perrysburg School District, so I wrote a letter to the Office of The Wood County Board of Elections inquiring about numbers of citizens who voted. Dale David, Elections Administrator, sent me a letter with the results. Here are some interesting statistics:

Number of Voters registered in the Perrysburg School District – 24,575

Number of Voters who voted in the 03/2024 Primary – 8,676 - 35%

Number of Voters in Perrysburg School District who voted Issues Only (NP) – 902 - 4% Number of Voters who didn't vote on the issue: Perrysburg SD – 904 - 4%

Number of Voters in Perrysburg City – 18,893

Number of Voters in Perrysburg City who voted in 03/24 Primary – 6,618 - 35% Number of Voters in Perrysburg City who voted Issues Only (NP) – 695 - 4%

Were you surprised? Did you expect more voters to have voted? Fewer? Were you surprised that many only vote on issues? Let's stop for a minute and think of all the ways we as League members try to get out information. Then, think about all the ways people find out about issues, voting and candidates. There is Media including Facebook, Television, Instagram and emails, to name a few. There are phone calls, letters, post cards, and other written communication. Taking all of that into consideration, do you think these numbers who voted are good?

I think over the summer we might all brainstorm how to improve the statistics, to get more people informed and wanting to vote. Voting is a right and a privilege; we need to convince people to use their right to vote to make a difference.

# PLASTICS

The first time many of us thought about plastics might have been while watching *The Graduate* with Dustin Hoffman. In the movie, he's privately told that plastics are "the wave of the future."

They certainly have been.

The NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) reports that in 60 years, global annual production of plastic has increased from two million to 480 million metric tons. Unfortunately, much of it is produced using fossil fuels.

Recycling isn't a reliable solution. Statistics show that less than 9% of plastics are recycled. Micro-plastics leak into the water we drink, the food we eat and the air we breathe, posing serious health risks, including heart attacks and strokes. Our Natural Resource Committee from LWV visited all non-franchise merchants, asking them to consider no plastic bags for customers. The awareness and results were very positive.



**STATISTICS SHOW THAT  
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ARE RECYCLED.**

The Plastic Pollution Center reports that substances using regenerative materials in place of plastic can be produced. According to the NRDC, there are over 16,000 chemicals used in making different kinds of plastic. Some include hormone disruptors and substances that harm the liver, brain, kidneys, and reproductive systems. Research shows that 99% of all plastics are made from fossil fuels and are increasingly important contributors to climate change.

Closer to home, Ohio HB 242, which aims to prohibit single-use plastic bags, has been delayed indefinitely since February 15, 2023. Hopefully, our interest could put it back on the agenda. The Plastic Pollution Center encourages us all to choose reuse over single-use plastic. Thank you to everyone using cloth or paper bags when shopping and opting for sustainable products as much as possible at home.

*Chris Siebenick-Johnson*

## LEARN MORE:

***The film We're All Plastic People will be shown at Way Library on Saturday, October 26.***