



# VOTER

League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County

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## County Health Department One Year Later — April 21

Join us for the Hot Topic - Building the Public Health Infrastructure in Delaware County: One Year Later on Friday, April 21, at Noon via Zoom. Dr. Monica Taylor, who chairs the Delaware County Council, will



County Council President Dr. Monica Taylor

report on the progress made in one year in the development of the Delaware County Health Department.

Dr. Taylor will also share the impact on the county of the collapse of Crozer Health, and how residents can access mental health services at this time.

The mission of the Delaware County Health Department is to strive to promote, protect and assure optimal health for all residents of Delaware County through leadership, prevention, response, and community partnership.

Delaware County was the most populous county in the country without a health department in 2019. Local LWVs advocated for a county health department for decades. The presentation is a free event but registration is required. To register, click [HERE](#).

A Zoom link will be emailed to those who register and video link will be on our [YouTube channel](#) and sent to those who register after the program.

## Fundraiser: Tea at Beautiful Media B&B — April 29

Come have afternoon tea with LWVCDC at the Gifford-Risley House B&B and help us raise money to fund our many voter service activities, events and programs.

Enjoy a tour of this magnificent, recently renovated bed and breakfast in the heart of Media, starting at 1:30 p.m. followed by a leisurely tea featuring sandwiches and desserts until 4 p.m. on April 29. 430 N. Monroe St., Media.

The cost of \$50 per person will help LWVCDC raise money for programs throughout the year. Register [HERE](#) and pay by check sent to LWVCDC, PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086, or on PayPal at the [donate](#) button on our website. Maximum of 25 guests so register early.



Gifford-Risley House



# President's Message

Each year we elect the officers and Board Members for the coming year, adopt a budget, select local program (issues) and possibly amend the bylaws. Our 2023 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

During the months leading up to the Annual Meeting we are required to share information with members that will be voted on during the Annual Meeting. In the March issue of The 2023-2024 proposed Local Program was shared in the March issue of the Voter and in this issue the proposed bylaws changes are being shared below. Nominations of officers and the budget will be in the next issue.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL DELAWARE COUNTY

Changes to the bylaws were suggested by the Bylaws Committee at the January Meeting of the LWVDC Board of Directors. The Board accepted the report and agreed to put them to a vote at the annual meeting. NOTE: Deleted words are indicated by Strikethrough.

### ARTICLE VI

#### Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. The time and place shall be determined by the board.

Sec. 1. Informational Meetings. There shall be informational meetings for our membership and the public.

**Rationale:** Eliminates current Meetings Sec. 1. and replaces it with new wording which is in line with our current practice and meeting offerings.

### ARTICLE VIII

#### Principles and Program

Sec. 4. Program Action. Members may act in the name of the LWVDC only when authorized to do so by the board. They may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the LWVDC, League of Women Voters of Delaware County, ~~LWV of Southeastern Pennsylvania Region~~, the LWVPA and the LWVUS.

**Rationale:** Eliminates the words LWV of Southeastern Pennsylvania Region since this level of the League is no longer in operation and has not been for many years.

### ARTICLE IX

#### Financial Administration

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues as are determined by a three-fifths vote of those attending the annual meeting and shall be payable September 1. Any member who fails to pay dues within three months after they become payable may be dropped from the membership rolls. Local Leagues must submit to the LWVUS all members in good standing by January 31. If a current member has not renewed their annual membership to LWVDC they will be dropped from membership at all levels of LWV (national, state and local).

**Rationale:** Changes would match the current League membership process and help to support changes from the LWVUS Transformational Roadmap Plan that will be implemented within the next two years.

*Anne Mosakowski*, President  
LWV Central Delaware County

# Primary Election Candidates Forums

LWVCDC has arranged for two primary election candidate forums, for Chester City Council and Chester Mayor. The League hopes to arrange a third forum for the 163rd PA House District special election in Upper Darby and Clifton Heights to be held at the same time as the primary election May 16.

## **Chester City Council**

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. live streamed via YouTube.

Candidates are:

- Tameka Gibson (D)
- Fred Green (D)
- William Morgan (Incumbent D)
- Elizabeth Williams (Incumbent D)

Moderator: Jodine Mayberry, LWV Member

The virtual candidate forum is free and open to the public and will be live streamed on YouTube.

Candidates will answer questions from the pub-

lic. You can register for the candidate forum to submit questions by clicking [HERE](#). Those who register will receive the streaming link prior to the event.

The forum will be taped and can be viewed afterwards on our [YouTube channel](#).

## **Chester Mayor**

Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., live streamed Via YouTube.

Candidates are:

- Stefan Roots (D),
- Pat Worrell (D)
- Thaddeus Kirkland (Incumbent D)

Moderator: Joe Lesniak, LWV Member.

Candidates will answer questions from the public. You can register for the candidate forum to submit questions by clicking [HERE](#). Those who register will receive the streaming link prior to the event.

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## Annual Chester Environmental March — April 22

Celebrate Earth Day April 22nd by participating in the 3rd Annual Environmental Justice March and Caravan, sponsored by Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL). Too many polluting industries in Chester threaten the lives and health not only of Chester residents but also everyone else in the area. Join us as we show these industries we aren't going anywhere.

The march is from Chester City Hall to Covanta, 1 E 4th St. to Front & Thurlow St. If you can't walk it, you can ride in the auto caravan behind the marchers.

Form up at City Hall at 12:30 pm. The march begins at 1 p.m. Refreshments and transportation back to City Hall will be provided.

Contact [Zulene Mayfield](#) for additional information.

## Finally, LWVPA Holds a Lobby Day!

Who wants to go to Harrisburg! LWVPA will hold a lobby day April 26 to meet local lawmakers in their capitol offices and talk to them about election reform, particularly about saving and improving mail-in balloting. For additional information, register [HERE](#). Please call or email Jodine Mayberry by April 15 at [jodinemayberry@comcast.net](mailto:jodinemayberry@comcast.net), 610-299-2838 if you are interested in driving or riding.

We'll leave at 8 a.m., arrive at 10 a.m. for training, disperse at 10:30 to visit offices, regroup at noon for lunch, and continue our legislative meetings until 2 p.m., when PALWV will hold a press conference. The day will end at 3 p.m.



# Policy Workshop for School Board Candidates

The 2023 PA School Board Workshop: Two-Part Series for Candidates is being held on Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM via Zoom. This nonpartisan workshop series is for all PA school board candidates and interested voters to help prepare candidates running for the office of school board. The program is being conducted by the Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC). The event is sponsored and coordinated by the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Central Delaware County; Radnor Township; Chester County; Bucks County; Lower Merion/Narbeth; and Abington - Cheltenham - Jenkintown Area.

The workshop will be presented by Ron Cowell, Senior Fellow of EPLC, who was executive director of EPLC from 1999 to 2022, following 24 years as a member of the PA House of Representatives. EPLC is an independent, nonpartisan, and not-for-profit organization based in Harrisburg. EPLC has presented nonpartisan school board candidate workshops since 1999. Ron Cowell is an experienced policy leader who also is a frequent speaker, writer, and consultant concerning

education policy issues. He will be joined for Part 2 of the workshop by an experienced school district business official and a panel of experienced school board members.

**Part 1:** Wednesday, May 3, via Zoom from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will feature:

- Roles and Responsibilities of School Board Members.
- Overview of State Policy Issues Affecting School Boards.

**Part 2:** Thursday, May 4, via Zoom from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will feature:

- Creating a School District Budget.
- Q&A with a Panel of Experienced School Board Members.

Cost is \$33. Register [HERE](#) and pay by check sent to LWVCDC, PO Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086, or on PayPal at the [donate](#) button on our website.

## April Events Calendar

**April 11 (Tuesday):** [International Relations Study Group — Economic Warfare](#). 12:30 at Joan Hazbun's home or 1 p.m. by Zoom. Register [HERE](#) to attend by Zoom; contact Joan Hazbun at [jchazbun6@gmail.com](mailto:jchazbun6@gmail.com) to attend in person.

**April 17 and 18 (Monday and Tuesday):** Voter Registration at Delaware County Community College 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact [Marilyn Gilroy](#) for other opportunities to register voters.

**April 21 (Friday):** Hot Topic — Building the Public Health Infrastructure in Delaware County. Noon by Zoom. Register [HERE](#).

April 22 (Saturday): Earth Day Chester Annual March and Caravan. City Hall 12:30 p.m. Contact [Zulene Mayfield](#).

**April 25 (Tuesday):** [Chester City Council Candidates Forum](#) — live stream and available on video later. Register [HERE](#) to ask the candidates questions.

**April 26 (Wednesday):** [Chester Mayoral Candidates Forum](#) — livestream and available on video later. Register [HERE](#) to ask the candidates questions.

**April 26 (Wednesday):** Harrisburg Lobby Day — In person. Contact Jodine Mayberry at 610-299-2838 or email [jodinemayberry@comcast.net](mailto:jodinemayberry@comcast.net) for transportation, schedule, rides. Register [HERE](#).

**April 29 (Saturday):** [Tea and tour at Gifford-Risley House](#), Media. Fundraiser — \$50, Register [HERE](#).

**May 3 and 4 (Wednesday and Thursday):** Workshop for school board candidates. 7-9 p.m. on Zoom. Register [HERE](#).