



# VOTER

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## Prof. G. Terry Madonna to Give Us Election Lowdown

We are beyond fortunate to have Professor G. Terry Madonna back with us again this crucial presidential year despite the pandemic.

Join us for our Hot Topic event: The 2020 Election: The Politics of a Divided America, on Zoom Friday, Oct. 23, 2020, at Noon. It is a great pleasure as always for LWV-CDC to welcome Dr. G. Terry Madonna and hear his unique insights on the upcoming election. Dr. Madonna, a nationally recognized political pollster and commentator, is Director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Franklin and Marshall College where he directs the



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Franklin & Marshall College Polls. Dr Madonna will assess the Trump presidency, the Trump/Biden presidential race, the politics of a divided America and the role Pennsylvania will likely play in the election.

The Hot Topic presentation is free but to receive the link to the Zoom Virtual Presentation via email you MUST register. Click [here](#) to register and submit questions. You will be sent the Zoom link shortly before the program. If you miss it, you can

watch it later on our website: [LWV-CDC.org](http://LWV-CDC.org).

## Juvenile Justice in the Age of Pandemic and BLM

Save the date, Nov. 17, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. for a Zoom workshop on Juvenile Justice in the Age of Pandemic and Black Lives Matter. The workshop will feature Jessica Feerman, Esq, senior managing director of the Juvenile Justice Law Center (JLC). Jessica will moderate a panel of three guest speakers. JLC advocates for the rights, dignity, equity, and op-

portunity for youth in the child welfare and justice systems. JLC uses all the tools of litigation, appellate advocacy and court briefs, policy reform and public education, training, consulting, and strategic communications to shape the development of law and social policy on behalf of youth. Register [here](#). Panel information is online at [LWV-CDC.org](http://LWV-CDC.org) and will be in the November newsletter.

If you get this in time, hurry up and register [here](#) for our POLITIFACT program with Executive Director Aaron Scharockman, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. If you missed it, you can watch in later on the LWV-CDC website.

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You can find us online at <http://www.LWV-CDC.org/> or on Facebook by clicking [here](#). Or go on Facebook and search League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County. Then click "like," post a comment, send us pictures.

By the way, our umbrella organization, the Delaware County League of Women Voters, has a new website too. Check it out [here](#).



# President's Message

October is one of our busiest months of the year as we prepare for General elections on Nov. 3, 2020. This year we are holding all LWV candidate forums virtually by a live stream via YouTube. Two forums were held in September and a third is scheduled for October 4, at 3 pm for the 166th PA House District race - Greg Vitali and Christine Boyle. These forums are critical to inform our community about important issues and candidates. To date, we have had excellent participation with thoughtful questions provided before the event and 50 or more people signing on to the live stream. If you miss them, you can always watch them on our website: [LWV-CDC.org](http://LWV-CDC.org). If you are interested in helping with these candidate forums please, contact Marita Green at [maritagreen6@gmail.com](mailto:maritagreen6@gmail.com) or Joanna Nealon at [joanna\\_nealon@yahoo.com](mailto:joanna_nealon@yahoo.com).

The League of Women Voters is committed to fostering civility in public discourse and is emphasizing a commitment to civil discourse at all virtual candidate forums with the following statement. "Civility begins with openness to listening to points of view that may be different from our own, and respect for the other person's right to hold opinions that differ from ours." This statement sets the stage for the non-partisan atmosphere and focus on issues without "political rancor" upon which LWV's reputation is based after decades of moderating debates.

Our voter registration drive this fall was conducted through a post card campaign. Over 1,000 postcards have been sent to unregistered voters urging them to register with instructions how to register to vote. No in-person registration drives are being held this fall due to Covid- 19. A sincere thank you to the Registration Committee for doing a great job during these challenging times.

We are pleased to be working as partners with the NAACP, Media Area Branch to sponsor various programming throughout the year. We will be developing new programming together and sharing our membership lists and publicity efforts to extend reach and educational impact throughout DELCO.

With the help of our new digital renewal and new member initiative, we are pleased to welcome 18 new members who joined since June and look forward to their participation in many of the League's active committees.

On Oct. 23, we will be hosting Terry Madonna for a Hot Topic discussion, "The Politics of a Divided America " at noon via Zoom. We always look forward his unique insights on the upcoming election.

Kerry Sautner, vice president for Educational Programming at the Constitution Center and Chair of Voter Services for LWVPA, will be our Hot Topic speaker on Nov 13, at noon. More about that program in the November Voter and online in the near future.

Juvenile justice is a critical issue currently in Delaware County therefore, the Civic Education Committee will be offering a Fall Workshop, "Juvenile Justice in the Era of Pandemic and BLM" on Tuesday November 17, 12 pm-1:30 pm via Zoom.

I hope to see you at our upcoming programs. If you are voting by mail, please vote as early as possible. Best regards,

*Barbara Amstutz*

# LWV's Primary Election Survey Helped County Plan for General

*By Anne Mosakowski*

The Delaware County League of Women Voters reached out to Delaware County voters to get input on their voting experience in the 2020 Pennsylvania Primary and shared the results with Delaware County Election Officials in an effort to continue to improve the voting experience. The survey opened mid-June and closed the beginning of July 2020. At the close of the survey 300 voters responded.

The survey asked questions about mail-in ballots, polling places, communication and information and safety issues due to COVID.

## Survey Recommendations

Based on the survey response the League of Women Voters of Delaware County made the following recommendations to Delaware County election officials:

- Continue to provide training for voters and poll workers
- Create a video tutorial on voting by mail
- Use digital tools and hard copy materials to educate the public
- Reach out to cultural groups, houses of worship, senior centers, youth, etc.
- Deploy the scanners at polling places
- Provide polling places that are large enough to allow for social distancing
- Provide secure mail-in ballot drop boxes in locations throughout the county
- Purchase more SURE equipment - terminals, printers and scanners
- Provide more staff to process ballots

- Recruit more poll workers
  - Provide a consistent response and information
- Update County website - replace the words "New Voting Machines" with "Election Information", remove past election dates, dead links, etc.

We're happy to report that the county is following virtually every one of these suggestions.

In addition, the county will have two satellite Election Bureau offices, in Chester and Upper Darby, where people can register to vote, and apply for and turn in mail-in ballots. There will be drop-off boxes in many municipalities to bypass the Post Office. A new operations center at the Wharf in Chester that gives workers much more room to work is up and running and the county has purchased high-speed counters. Scanners will be in the polling places. Ballots are scheduled to be sent Oct. 1 and 2.

## Voting Resources

Here are two very important tutorials on Mail-in voting, a YouTube video from votespa.com and an LWV Power Point created by Anne Mosakowski. Please watch them and share them widely.

Applying for [Mail-in Voting](#)

[How to vote by mail correctly](#)

Non-biased information on candidates at the League's own site: [Vote411](#)

## October-November Events

**Oct. 4 (Sunday)** — Candidate Forum, 166th Pa. House race: Greg Vitali (D) and Christine Boyle (R). YouTube 3 p.m. Register and submit questions [here](#).

**Oct. 19 (Monday)** — Candidate Forum, 160th Pa. House race: Anton Andrew (D) and Craig Williams (R) YouTube 7 p.m. Register and submit questions [here](#).

**Oct. 23 (Friday)** — Political analyst G. Terry Madonna, on Zoom live at 12 p.m. Registration information Page 1.

**Nov. 13 (Friday)** — Chief Learning Officer, National Constitution Center, Kerry Sautner, Zoom. time, topic and registration information to be announced.

**Nov. 17 (Tuesday)** — Juvenile Justice in the Age of Pandemic and Black Lives Matter. Zoom, !2 to 1:30 p.m. Register [here](#).

# Boscov's Friends and family Fund-Raiser — Oct. 14-15

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Select your charitable non-profit from the list of pre-registered organizations at the register in-store or during checkout online.

Shop til you drop at Boscov's either online or at Granite Run on **Oct. 14 and 15** and get a 20% discount on most purchases. Tell them you're a member of the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County (either at the cash register or in the online purchase form) and you get the 20% and LWV-CDC gets 5%. This is a fun opportunity for members to help the League and help themselves. No registration required. Just go to the store or go online at [boscovs.com](http://boscovs.com).

## Mail-in Ballots are coming — What You need to know and share

The Delaware County Election Bureau has informed the League that mail-in and absentee ballots will all be mailed to voters on Oct. 1 and 2, but information changes daily so be aware. In addition, Ballots may not reach voters for a week after that.

If you are confident your ballot will get back to the Election Bureau by Nov. 3, you can mail it back. If not, you can deliver it to the Voter Service Center in the Government center in Media or one of the satellite offices, in Chester City Hall, 1 E. Fourth St., or the County Parks Office in Upper Darby at 20 S. 69th St. Drop boxes are also being installed at several municipal buildings. Check with your municipality. The boxes are safe and secure and ballots will be collected daily by the Election Bureau.

USE the SECRECY ENVELOPE: The League cannot stress strongly enough that mail-in ballots must be marked completely (fill in the squares or bubbles) then placed in the inner "secrecy" envelopes. Make no marks on that envelope. The secrecy envelope must be sealed and placed in the "declaration" envelope and the voter must sign his name, date it and return it. The Pa. Supreme Court ruled ballots not in secrecy envelopes (naked ballots) must be rejected. Registered voters can go to one of the Election Bureau offices, apply for a mail-in ballot, receive it, fill it out and return it on the spot (in the proper envelopes). You can also register there.

To volunteer to be a poll worker, apply at [votespa.com](http://votespa.com) or email [delcopolworkers@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:delcopolworkers@co.delaware.pa.us). Include your address and whether you'll work at another location.

## New Members

In this turbulent election year, with so much going on and a pandemic continuing to rage, keeping us indoors and on Zoom, LWV-CDC is happy and proud to announce we have 174 members on our rolls. The League welcomes new members Nancy Diamond, Majorie Jo Trout, Marianne Armstrong, Kathy Bocella, Robin Schaufler, Patricia Feltcher, Lloyd and Ella Ray Bergman, Regina Painter, Shay Downey, Carl Ingalls and Kathy Fitchek, Barbara Hedges-Goettl, Judith LaLande, Mary Last, Amy Niedzalkoski, Lisa O'Mahoney, and Kayla Cocci.

## Redistricting Still Alive, Barely

The Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act, SB 1242, sponsored by Senator Tom Killion (R. Delaware/Chester Counties) has been voted out of the Senate State Government Committee by an 8-3 vote, but it may not come up for a vote in the short time remaining before the legislative session ends. It's companion bill in the House remains locked in committee. Both bills would create a nonpartisan redistricting commission to reset congressional and state election district lines.