

LEAGUE LINE

A Bulletin of The League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an interesting time in history we are living in!! (UNDERSTATEMENT) There is little “normal” about the happenings of the past few years and particularly the most recent past months. There is nothing normal about the extreme weather patterns the globe has been experiencing. There is nothing normal about the amount of hatred and vitriol being spewed across the air waves every day at numerous targets. There is nothing normal about the vicious level of cruelty happening in the war zones, emphasis on the “s”. And maybe above all, there is no normalcy about the events of this election cycle that we have witnessed in the last couple years!

Most of us are of an age that lived through the Nixon years and the Vietnam war with all their protests and violence. We lived through, and maybe some even participated in, the marches on Washington regarding racial injustice. I wish we were not witnessing these very familiar things. I’m not sure how parents raise children to look at the world through un-jaded eyes. I’m not even sure how we, the League, address the massive task before us.

Now that we have 2 confirmed candidates for the November election, the hype about a “rigged” or corrupt election is starting to become prevalent. It begins as a whisper but we all know that it will soon become, not only a shout, but will be blasted over a bull-horn. The only way to combat misinformation is to provide correct information. We must provide it over and over and louder and louder. We know that if you tell a lie repeatedly and loud enough, it will soon become the perceived truth. The same applies to the truth. Maybe if we say it enough times and loud enough, some will listen!

Kandy Duncan, President

SEPTEMBER FORUM

The League of Women of Women Voters of Lewisburg Area Forum series will continue this fall on Tuesday, September 17th, at a new venue and time. League Forums will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Public Library for Union County’s Community Room, 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

The September 17th Forum will feature Dr. Nick Clark, Professor of Political Science, Susquehanna University, speaking on *What Can We Expect in the Upcoming Election?*. He will discuss the changing political environment and how we can best prepare for the elections. The presentation will not be recorded, so please come listen to it in person! To read more about Dr. Clark, his photo and full bio are [here](http://www.susqu.edu/live/profiles/107-nicholas-clark) (www.susqu.edu/live/profiles/107-nicholas-clark).

WHAT’S HAPPENING

The following events are current as of publication date, September 1st. Please check our website, LWVLewisburgArea.org, frequently for the most current updates.

Tuesday, September 3rd, 4:30p.m.

***BOARD MEETING**
*The Library for Union County
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg*

Tuesday, September 17th, 10:30-11:30a.m.

****FORUM**
Nick Clark, Professor of Political Science,
Susquehanna University
“What Can We Expect in the Upcoming
Election?”
*The Library for Union County, Community
Room
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg*

Tuesday, October 7th, 4:30p.m.

***BOARD MEETING**
*The Library for Union County
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg*

Tuesday, October 15th, 10:30-11:30a.m.

****FORUM**
Claire Campbell, Professor of History,
Bucknell University
“Think Globally, Act Locally: Learning from
Environmental History”
*The Library for Union County, Community
Room
255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg, PA*

Monday, October 21st

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
*Last day to register to vote, change address,
or party affiliation before the November
election*

Tuesday, October 29th

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST A MAIL-IN or CIVILIAN
ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Tuesday, November 5th

GENERAL ELECTION
Polls open from 7a.m. – 8p.m.

***Note: The Board is meeting at a new location
and time!**

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As always, the Forum is open to everyone, League members and the general public. There is no charge to attend this talk. For more information, email LWVLAForum@gmail.com.

Teri MacBride, Forum Committee Co-Chair

OCTOBER FORUM

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Dr. Claire Campbell, will present a talk titled, *Think Globally, Act Locally: Learning from Environmental History and Taking Action*. Dr. Campbell is Chair of the Bucknell Department of History, and affiliated faculty in the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences. She will discuss the environmental history of Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region and how it informs questions of sustainability facing us today. She will focus on environmental change along the Susquehanna River and its tributaries and our ability to respond. Her photo and full bio are [here](http://www.bucknell.edu/fac-staff/claire-campbell): (www.bucknell.edu/fac-staff/claire-campbell). The presentation will not be recorded.

As always, the meeting is open to League members and the general public. All are welcome. There is no charge to attend this talk. For more information, email:

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INTEGRITY OF THE BALLOT

This committee is nearing the end of the first phase of its work. They have developed a colorful trifold pamphlet containing information regarding the election process and the security surrounding the ballot. By September 20th, the pamphlets will be distributed at various places around the county. Along with the pamphlets, they have designed some trifold posters to also be displayed at locations such as the library, the post office, Community Zone, and Campus Theater.

This project is in keeping with our mission of educating voters and defending democracy. With the upcoming election, which already promises to be challenged, it is important to arm the public with facts to combat the misinformation and untruths that are bound to surface.

MEMBERSHIP

We are about to begin our annual membership renewal period. Soon the letters and forms for renewal will arrive in your mail boxes. Please fill out the forms and return them at your convenience.

As we move through this next year, you will start receiving information from us about a change in the membership renewal process. This is a change coming from LWVUS. As we get solid information, we will pass it on to the membership. As for this year, we will continue to do as we always do!

VOTER SERVICES

2024 General Election

The 2024 General Election will be here in 2 short months - on November 5th!

Use **Vote411** to get prepared for the election! Go to vote411.org/check-registration to check the following:

1. You a registered voter
2. Confirm the polling place where you will vote
3. Whether you have a completed mail-in ballot application that's active
4. Your party affiliation
5. The candidates on the ballot with their responses

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Voters Guide

The Fall 2024 *Voters Guide* will be distributed to 124 sites in Union County on or around October 10th. The online version should also be available at that time.

Mail-In Ballots

Thanks to the Union County Elections Office, mail-in ballots will be mailed on or around October 4th, 2024.

2024 Election Calendar

Below is the Election Calendar from September until the General Election on November 5th, 2024.

Democracy works when we vote!
Linda Harris, Voter Services Chair

2024 Pennsylvania Elections: Important Dates to Remember

Source: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Elections and Notaries
(NOTE: All dates in this calendar are subject to change without notice.)

2024 ELECTION MILESTONE	DEADLINE
Last day to REGISTER to vote or to change party affiliation before the April primary.	October 21
Last day to APPLY for a mail-in or civilian ABSENTEE ballot	October 29
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00pm)	November 5
GENERAL ELECTION <i>In-Person voting: Polls open from 7:00am to 8:00pm</i>	November 5
First day to register to vote after the election	November 6
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59p.m. on November 4th)	November 12



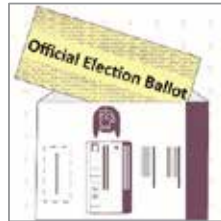
Instructions – How to Return Your Ballot

For your ballot to count, you must follow all of these steps.



- 1. Mark your ballot with a pen (black or blue ink), put it in the yellow envelope that says “Official Election Ballot” and seal it.**

DO NOT write your name, sign or put any other type of mark on the yellow envelope.



- 2. Put the yellow envelope in the official return envelope with the purple-colored band and seal it.**



- 3. Sign inside the box and put today's date on the return envelope.**

- Sign your name inside the box.
- Put today's date—not your birthdate.

If you have an illness or disability that prevents you from signing, make a mark inside the box and have your witness complete the witness section.



- 4. Return your ballot right away.**

- By mail – Remember to include postage.
- In person – Bring your ballot to the county election office located in the Union County Government Center at 155 N 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Deadline – Your ballot must be received by the Union County Board of Elections by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

Track your ballot at Vote.pa.gov/MailBallotStatus

- ✓ **If you deliver your ballot in person**, you must deliver it yourself. If you have a disability that prevents you from delivering your ballot yourself, contact us at the phone number below.
- ✓ **If you lose your ballot or make a mistake**, contact us at the phone number below.
- ✓ **If you receive a mail-in ballot and return your voted ballot by the deadline**, you cannot vote at your polling place on election day. If you are unable to return your voted mail-in ballot by the deadline, you can only vote a provisional ballot at your polling place on election day. But if you bring your mail-in ballot and the return envelope with you to your polling place, you can give up your mail ballot and vote in-person.

Contact

Union County Elections
155 N 15th Street
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-524-8682
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.