

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF THE AKRON AREA  
**THE AKRON VOTER**  
*Newsletter for LWVAA Members and Supporters*

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**[Your one stop location for polling locations, information on candidates,  
etc.](#)**

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...125,000 Ohio voters were purged from the voting roles On February 21st. A searchable list of those removed can be found on the [Ohio Registration Readiness](#) website, and you can always find your registration status and details on the [Voter Search](#) page on the Ohio Secretary of State page.

...You must use a state issued ID to vote?

...State ID cards are now FREE for eligible Ohioans.  
House Bill 458 changes several things about elections and how people can vote in the state of Ohio. The most notable change is the requirement to show a photo ID to cast a ballot on Election Day.

...Charles Norman is the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles. He said this bill also makes state IDs free.

...Deadline to Register to Vote: April 3.

...Register to Vote or Update Your Registration: <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>

...EVERY Ohioan should regularly confirm that they are properly registered to vote: <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>

...Early In-Person Voting: Began April 4 and includes the Saturday and Sunday before Election Day.

...Absentee Voting By Mail: Began April 4.

...Deadline for absentee ballot applications to be received by county Boards of Elections: April 25.

...Deadline to postmark your mail ballot: May 1 (AND it must be received by the Board of Elections by May 6).

...Election Day: May 2 (Polls Open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.).

...Deadline for mail ballots to be personally delivered to your County Board of Elections: May 2, 7:30 PM.

...Deadline for boards to receive mail-ballots that have been postmarked on or before May 1.

May 2, 2023

## OHIO PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION

### IN-PERSON VOTING

**Early In-Person**  
[bit.ly/OhioEarlyVote](http://bit.ly/OhioEarlyVote)  
or  
**Election Day**  
[bit.ly/OhioElexDay](http://bit.ly/OhioElexDay)

**HOURS:**

**Early In-Person**

April 10-14: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
April 17-21: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
April 24: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
April 25: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
April 26-28: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
April 29: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
April 30: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Election Day**

Polls are open on May 2 from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**PHOTO ID:**

**New Requirement for In-Person Voting:**  
Voters must have acceptable, unexpired Photo ID

**Valid forms of photo ID:**

- Ohio Driver's License  
(including temporary, suspended or restricted)
- Ohio ID Card
- US Military ID
- US Dept. of Veterans Affairs ID card
- Ohio issued National Guard ID
- US Passport

**Free Photo IDs\***

A BMV issued state ID card is now FREE of charge for any resident of Ohio at least 17 years of age.

\*you cannot hold a license or ID from another state.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING

[bit.ly/OhioAbsBallot](http://bit.ly/OhioAbsBallot)

Absentee Ballots May Be Returned by Mail  
or  
Personally Delivered to Your County Board of Elections

**IMPORTANT DATES:**


**April 25:**  
Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 p.m.

**May 1:**  
Mailed absentee ballots must be postmarked.

**May 2:**  
If not returned by mail, absentee ballots must be received by your board of elections by 7:30 p.m.

**May 6:**  
Last day for board of elections to receive mail-in ballots that have been postmarked on or before May 1.

**NOTE:**  
You can still use the last four digits of your Social Security Number as a form of ID to vote by mail.



More information at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov)  
LWVAA Summit County Voter Guide: view your personalized ballot at <http://lww.thevoterguide.org/v/akron23/build.do>

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# QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING?

All your questions about voting, answered!  
Just scan the relevant QR code for a brief video presented in your preferred language.

 How to register to vote

 Where to vote

 How to vote absentee

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VOTE လုပ်နည်း - မြန်မာ



HOW TO VOTE - ENGLISH



HOW TO VOTE - KAREN



วิธีการโหวต - จันทร์



भोट कसरी दनि - नेपाली



CÓMO VOTAR - ESPAÑOL



JINSI YA KUPIGA KURA - KISWAHILI



## Letter from our President

Greetings to our LWVAA Membership.

I want to ensure you have the most up-to-date information regarding our upcoming primary elections via this 2023 Primary Elections Edition of our Newsletter as you head to the polls.

- The Primary Election will be held on MAY 2, 2023.
- Find out what's on the ballot by going to [VOTE411.ORG](https://VOTE411.ORG) (Simply click [here](#)).
- Check out [Early Voting Hours by clicking here](#).

Check out these interesting 2023 Primary Election stats:

- 48 Total Races in Summit County

- 106 Total Candidates
- 60 Democrats/27 Republicans/19 Non-Partisan
- 87 Candidates in opposed races
- 44 Total Vote411.org Candidate Respondents, 36 Democrats/5 Republicans/3 Non-Partisan
- 15 Total Ballot Issues

I also want to see how we can use the talent and skills of our members to help the league have a greater impact in our community. Are you ready to answer the call to serve?

### HELP WANTED!

We are seeking members who are interested in providing support to our Voter Services Committees! Specifically, we are seeking anyone interested in working with Voter Services on:

- **Candidate Forums** - We are seeking a member to serve as the lead to coordinate and manage our Candidate Forums. The duties include:
  1. Contact partner organizations to support the forum events (LWV Hudson, NAACP, Delta Sigma Theta, and other past partners). Coordinate with partner organizations to structure the event and manage details.
  2. Make sure all partner organizations agree to follow the LWVAA forum rules
  3. Arrange for LWVAA voter registration table and volunteers to work it
  4. Work with LWVAA Program Committee Chairs to determine forum venue and logistics.
- Please contact Suzanne Maliszewski for more information at [suz486@gmail.com](mailto:suz486@gmail.com)
- **Speaker's Bureau** - We are seeking members to serve on our Speaker's Bureau to make occasional presentations to community organizations about our work and also on specific topics. We will provide the training, information, and support.
- If you are interested, please contact Barb Metzger at [hillerymetzger@gmail.com](mailto:hillerymetzger@gmail.com) or Chelsea Grega at [ck08.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:ck08.kennedy@gmail.com).

Both of these volunteer opportunities are ways to support the league and our work to inform and educate our community!

Please be sure to review our Save the Dates for 2023 and add them to your personal calendar.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK - EMPOWERING VOTERS AND DEFENDING DEMOCRACY!

Sincerely,  
Laurie Curfman  
President  
LWVAA

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## LWVAA 2023 Upcoming Events

- 4/27: LWCAA Benefit Concert
- 5/2: Primary Elections
- 5/9: Reimagining Downtown Akron North
- 6/9-11: LWVO State Convention
- 6/15: LWVAA Annual Meeting
- 8/17: LWVAA Annual Summer Gathering
- 9/13: Women's History Project of the Akron Area, Inc. Women of the Year
- 9/15: Akron Bar Association's Constitution Day
- 9/30: State House Day (postponed from March)

## **LWV** League of Women Voters of the Akron Area Education Fund **BENEFIT CONCERT**

With the Celtic, Folk  
& World Music Duo

# Four Shillings Short

Jenks Building  
1884 Front Street  
Cuyahoga Falls  
(234) 312-9103

Thursday  
April 27, 2023  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Suggested donation: \$20.00 or whatever you can afford.



Reimagining Downtown Akron North - A Low Power Happy Hour Event

May 9, 4:30-7 pm.

Register at [Reimagining Downtown Akron North. A Low Power Happy Hour Event.](#)

Series info is at [Low Power Happy Hour.](#)

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## Meet Jessie Coffey

**Question:**

Jessie, how long have you been a member of the League?

**Response:**

I have been with the League for 12 years!

**Question:**

Do you currently hold a volunteer position with the League?

**Response:**

Yes, I am currently a Board Member and the Chair of our Communications committee.

**Question:**

What do you currently do for a living?

**Response:**

I am the proud owner of Tiki Underground and a Microsoft Account Executive.

**Question:**

What are some of your interests and/or hobbies that bring you joy?

**Response:**

I enjoy cooking, kayaking, hiking, listening to music, and crafting cocktails just to name a few.

**Question:**

What do you hope to help the League accomplish as a member?

**Response:**

There is a lot of misinformation about voting, and I want to help make it easier on everyone to be as excited about voting as I am!

Jessie,

YOU are an AMAZING member. Thank you for ALL that you do to help the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area (LWVAA) thrive. Let us know when you're ready for us to come by the Tiki Underground for cocktails.

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**[Member Spotlight! Click here to share more about you](#)**

Welcome  
to our  
New Members

Ilene Shapiro  
Ann Anderson  
Robbins-Swift  
Susan Lowry  
Mary Tschantz  
Caroline Wilson  
The Rosenbergs  
Andrew Green  
Lynn Turner  
Sarah Heid  
Bruce Kresge

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