

A Message from the **PRESIDENT**

Greetings members and friends of LWVAA!

Your Akron Area League of Women Voters has been very active supporting democracy in September. Some of what we have been up to:

- Facilitated a candidate forum for the Board of Education Candidates.
- Registered new citizens at their Citizenship Ceremony.
- Continued to register college students at University of Akron and Stark State College.
- Held a provocative and informative All Member Meeting with the Principal of East High School in Youngstown, our own, Debra Campbell.
- Distributed voting information far and wide at numerous events across Summit County.
- Prepared our vote411.org resource for voters to learn about issues and candidates which goes live on Oct 7.
- Gathered in Columbus to advocate for fair maps in Ohio.

If you would like to volunteer but don't know where to begin, I invite you to email me at lwaapresident@gmail.com and I will point you in the right direction.

Mary Robbins
LWVAA President



Look for details about:

- a Folding and Letter Writing Party on October 10!
- distributing vital election and candidate information via palm cards, and beginning on Oct 7, on our popular vote411.org website.
- upcoming candidate forums in Summit County.
- advocating for Fair Maps in Columbus - a very important issue. We'll tell you how you can keep the pressure on our lawmakers.

- participating in the Trunk or Treat with Akron Public Schools on Oct 31. We'll be passing out treats and educating parents about the importance of School Board Elections coming up.

Also, we are planning a **special event in November** just in time for the holiday season to help everyone preserve family bonds while staying true to their values and political beliefs. Stay tuned for more details!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Early Voting Begins

Tuesday, October 7, 8am

Find the early voting schedule on the [Summit County Board of Elections website](#)

Note: Summit County Board of Elections has moved to 1050 E. TALLMADGE AVE, AKRON, OH 44310.

Fair Districts Huddle

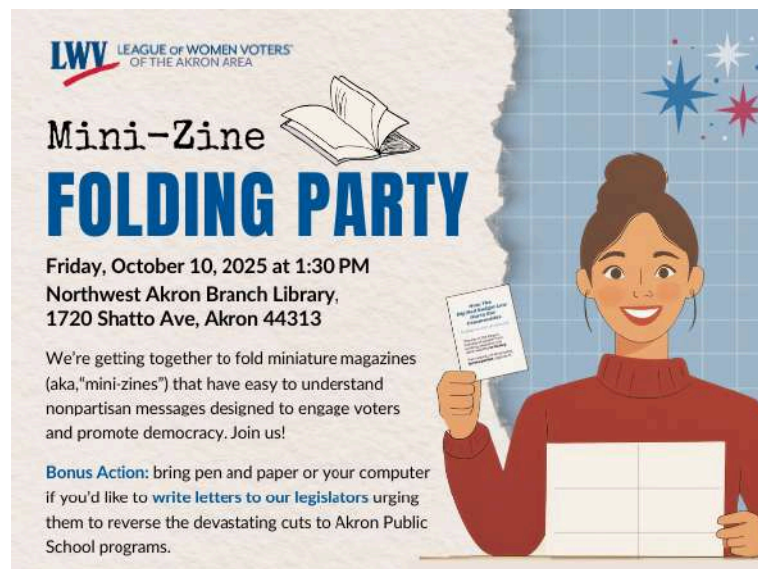
Wednesday, October 8, 6pm

Join the monthly online get together where we discuss all things redistricting and the fight for fair maps in Ohio.

At this month's Huddle, Fair Districts Ohio will:

- Share an overview of our joyful and ferocious Fair Maps Day, held September 17, Constitution Day, at the Ohio Statehouse;
- Update you on Ohio's congressional redistricting process – where are we in the process? What hearings have been held? What can we expect next?
- Introduce our plan for a model commission and hearings to be held in three locations during the month of October;
- Invite you to join our "Where's the Map?" good trouble brigade;
- Give a quick update on what's happening with redistricting nationally.

Register [HERE](#).



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE AKRON AREA

**Mini-Zine
FOLDING PARTY**

Friday, October 10, 2025 at 1:30 PM
Northwest Akron Branch Library,
1720 Shatto Ave, Akron 44313

We're getting together to fold miniature magazines (aka, "mini-zines") that have easy to understand nonpartisan messages designed to engage voters and promote democracy. Join us!

Bonus Action: bring pen and paper or your computer if you'd like to [write letters to our legislators](#) urging them to reverse the devastating cuts to Akron Public School programs.

Please note: the date has changed for this event.



Akron Public Schools Board of Education Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Akron-Summit County Public Library, Auditorium, 60 South High St., Akron

The Akron NAACP, League of Women Voters of the Akron Area, National Pan-Hellenic Council Greater Akron, and the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. will be hosting a forum for candidates vying for seats on the Akron Public Schools Board of Education this election.

To register for the event, go to www.lwvaa.org.
Registration is requested, but not required.

PRO TIP: before the forum, check out this [School Board Toolkit](#) from Honesty for Ohio Education. You'll find sample School Board Candidate Questions and many other resources.

Other Summit County Candidate Forums

October 7: Revere Council of PTAs' School Board Candidates Night

Time: 7:00PM-9:00PM

Location: Revere High School Auditorium (3420 Everett Road, Richfield, OH 44286)

Candidates: Revere Local School Board of Education (4 running for 2 seats)

October 16: Bath Homeowners Association Candidates Forum

Time: 6:30PM-8:30PM

Location: Bath Church Fellowship Hall (3980 W Bath Rd, Akron, OH 44333)

Candidates: Bath Township Trustee (3 running for 2 seats); Bath Township Fiscal Officer (1 running for 1 seat); Revere Local School Board of Education (4 running for 2 seats)

October 21: Copley-Fairlawn PTA School Board Candidates Night

Time: 7:00PM-8:30PM

Location: Copley High School Auditorium (3807 Ridgewood Road, Copley, OH 44321)

Candidates: Copley-Fairlawn City School Board of Education (4 running for 3 seats)

October 22: Peninsula Village Council/Boston Township Trustee Candidate Forum

Time: 6:30PM-8:30PM

Location: Boston Township Hall (1775 Main St, Peninsula, OH 44264)
Candidates: Peninsula Village Council (8 running for 4 seats); Boston Township Trustee (3 running for 2 seats)

October 28: Richfield Civic Organization Candidates Night

Time: 7:00PM-9:00PM

Location: Richfield Masonic Hall (4586 W Streetsboro Rd, Richfield, OH 44286)

Candidates: Richfield Village Council (10 running for 4 seats)

SPOTLIGHT ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ALL Ohio K-12 public school boards are on the November 2025 ballot!

In Ohio, school boards have the power to decide school curriculum, what books students are allowed to read, how budgets get spent, and policies around dress codes, cell phones, discipline, and so much more.

This year, we're voting in school board races across the state. Go to Vote411.org to see who's on your ballot and research what they stand for. Kids can't vote, so we have to be their voice.

Here are some additional resources to help you prepare to vote for the local school board candidates on your ballot.

NOW HIRING: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

WHAT SCHOOL BOARDS DO

Hire district superintendent & treasurer, set district policies, establish long-term goals for the district, set budget priorities, & manage public school funds.

WHAT SCHOOL BOARDS DON'T DO

Manage day-to-day district operations, evaluate teachers & other staff.

EXAMPLES OF POLICIES THEY SET

Curriculum, acceptable books, dress codes, cell phone usage, meal plans, bathroom access, discipline, emergency & security protocols, sports participation criteria, vaccination requirements, school year calendar, length of school day, extracurricular options.

LONG-TERM RESPONSIBILITIES

Improve student achievement, provide opportunities for advanced & vocational classes, attract & keep teachers/staff, maintain school facilities & plan for future needs, set ongoing budget priorities, & foster relationships between community businesses, residents, families, & organizations.



HOW THEY GET THE JOB

Voters elect them! Candidates must be at least 18 years old, a US citizen, & a resident of their district. Ohio law requires school board candidates to be nonpartisan & do not have party identification next to their name on the ballot.

WHY THEY MATTER

School boards shape the experiences of students & families, which impacts the entire community for years to come.

KIDS CAN'T VOTE. WE HAVE TO BE THEIR VOICE.

MAKE YOUR VOTING PLAN

- ✓ Check your registration and/or register to vote
- ✓ Learn about early voting options
- ✓ Learn about Election Day options
- ✓ Research candidates & issues
- ✓ Share your plans!



School Board Voting Toolkit from Honesty for Ohio Education

Prepare to vote using the [School Board Toolkit](#) which includes handy sample **School Board Candidate Questions** and much more.



Our discussion with Debra Campbell

On September 17, at our LWVAA all member meeting Debra Campbell gave an inside look at how the federal and state budgets are affecting public education. It was eye opening as LWVAA member Jackie Savoca states below.

"We have all heard and read about the plight of public schools in Ohio. Debra Campbell told her own personal story of the desperate educational situation our youth face now. Ms. Campbell came back after her third retirement to serve as principal of the struggling Youngstown East High. This public school, like so many others in Ohio, has seen the defunding of essential programs on which the students have relied. Ms. Campbell's story was a most urgent plea for each of us to act in every way possible to effect legislation to support Ohio public schools. I left the meeting feeling even more committed to action than I had been before."

- Jackie Savoca

ADVOCACY



Ohio Redistricting CALL TO ACTION

Because Ohio's congressional map drawn in 2021 was not passed by a bipartisan vote, the Ohio Constitution requires a new map to be created. The legislature has known redistricting was coming for years.

Majority lawmakers have already [missed the deadline on September 30](#) to vote on a new map for Ohio's 15 Congressional districts for next year's election. They didn't even produce a map to review.

Now the responsibility shifts to the Ohio Redistricting Commission, which has until October 31 to propose a map, host at least two public hearings, and pass a new map along bipartisan lines.

Take Action: Tell Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to convene the Ohio Redistricting Commission, introduce a map, announce public hearings, and let Ohioans be heard.

Governor DeWine's contact information:

- **Call:** 614-466-3555
- **Email:** governor.ohio.gov/contact

Breaking Election News

Did you know...

Summit County Council approved legislation to place a property tax limitation **charter amendment (Issue 2)** on the November ballot.

If voters approve Issue 2, the measure would limit the amount Summit County can levy in unvoted property taxes to 2.2 mills (\$220 annually per \$100,000 in property valuation). It would also place an annual 3% cap on the increase in property taxes levied by Summit County as a result of the state-mandated triennial reappraisal process.

The County of Summit provides this [Issue 2 explainer](#).

Voter Education



Donate \$5 and help make our Voter Education SWEETER!

Want to help educate voters but don't have time to volunteer?

You can help by donating a bag of candy to our Education Fund so we can talk to parents while their kids collect treats at the Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 31. Send \$5 to **LWVAA Ed Fund, PO Box 46, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222-0046**. Donations are tax deductible.

LWVAA in ACTION

Naturalization Ceremonies



Candidate Forums



Fair Maps Day in Columbus on 9/17/25



Look for LWVAA at NO KINGS

We'll be there providing voting & election information and answering questions.
If you plan to attend the No Kings rally, stop by our table and say hi!

NO KINGS AKRON, OH

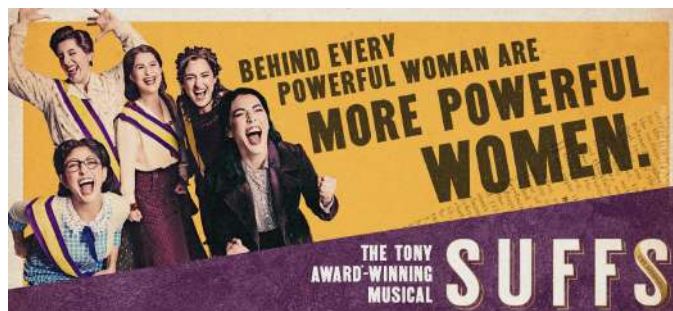


OCTOBER 18

COME IN PEACE, GO IN SOLIDARITY

**1-3 PM
MAIN & MARKET STREETS
DOWNTOWN AKRON**

<https://bit.ly/nokingsakron>



Help Support Our Organization!



Community CASH BACK



SHOP & EARN 5% CASH BACK

IT'S EASY!

Save your Acme Fresh Market receipts dated August 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 to help us raise money!



Shop & Earn 5% Back on Participating Brands!

Earn 5% Community Cash Back on these Participating Brands:
















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