



November 2025 "eVoter"

Get Out The Vote

As our busy election season winds down, the big day is still ahead — **Election Day, November 4**. Thank you for everything you've done so far to inform and engage our community! From Listening Tables to forums and voter registration events, your efforts have made a real difference.

Remember, *the League is political but nonpartisan* — we never support or oppose candidates or parties, but we always champion informed participation in democracy.

In these final days, keep spreading the word about Vote411.org and encouraging friends, neighbors, and colleagues to make their voting plans. Let's bring it home strong — every voice matters, and every vote counts.

New LWV-CVA Website

As you may have noticed, our website has gotten a much needed refresh! Now, when you visit our website, you'll notice new features, and a more streamlined layout to make it easier to stay connected and informed!

Take a moment to explore the updates, check out or more detailed calendar of League events and everything else this new website has to offer.

These improvements will help us better serve our mission and showcase the great work you're all a part of!

PLEASE NOTE: You'll notice a new "Member Portal" login option at the top of the website. At this time, we kindly ask that members **do not attempt to log in** to this section. We're still in the process of setting up and testing the portal, and it isn't ready for member use just yet. We'll

be sure to notify you when it's up and running.

[Visit Our Website](#)

Save the Dates

Upcoming Events

November 1

Jazz Parade for Democracy & Democracy Fair

Downtown Mall

2:30-5pm

LWV CVA, with other local nonprofits, will have a table at the Democracy Fair and Jazz Parade for Democracy, hosted by Indivisible Cville! Come out and join the parade on the Downtown Mall; connect with nonprofits at the Ting Pavilion, cast your vote early at The City Hall Annex's Election Office.

Learn more about it [here](#)

November 12th

New Member Zoom: From Ideas to Action

Virtual via Zoom

7-8pm

Join Lisa Hilgartner, president, and Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Membership Director on Zoom for a *relaxed conversation* designed especially for newer League members!

We'll walk through how the League turns ideas into action- starting with how our League operates, then onto Program Planning, an annual process where members identify the issues we want to focus on in the coming year. We'll also introduce the Women's Legislative Round Tables, weekly sessions held during the General assembly where League members hear from legislators and advocates, hear updates on bills, and advocate for league positions.

This meeting is a great chance to ask questions, meet other members, and see how your interests and skills can help shape our work. Whether you are curious, ready to get involved, or just want to learn how the League makes change happen, we'd love to have you with us.

Even if you are not new, you're welcome to join us.

[Register And Find The Link To Join Here](#)

November 13

Virtual via Zoom

6-7pm

At the LWV US Convention in June 2024, there was a LWV VT proposed update for the LWV US Privatization Position. The proposal was for LWV US to oppose the privatization of healthcare. The proposal did not pass.

LWV New York has revised the proposal presented in 2024, to be voted on at the 2026 Convention and is requesting state and local Leagues to support the following revised position:

"The League believes that healthcare, like other programs that provide and protect basic human needs, should be considered a public good. The League favors a system where fiduciary responsibility (for such programs) is to patients and the public. Because private for-profit corporations have a fiduciary responsibility to their shareholders rather than to patients or public health, the League believes the for-profit business model for healthcare is inappropriate for the common good or to meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable members of society. In sum, the League opposes further privatization of needed healthcare. Where private entities fail to deliver programs that provide and protect basic human needs, the League supports de-privatizing them"

To learn more about the proposal, please join fellow Virginia League members on **Thursday, November 13th from 6 to 7pm** via zoom for a presentation and discussion regarding the proposed concurrence to update the national Privatization position that will be introduced at the 2026 National Convention. **Presenters are Judith Esterguest of LWV-NY and Barbara Pearson, LWV-MA.** The Update would add healthcare to its enumeration of "public goods" and "human needs," and make explicit that, under certain circumstances, the League may advocate for de-privatization.

[Register Here!](#)

December 6th Program Planning

Northside Library

10am-12pm

Come join fellow league members as we review League Federal and State Positions and provide recommendations for updates. Our recommendations will be passed along to our state league and National in preparation for the National Convention in June 2026.

Come have your voice heard. Snacks will be provided.

Please come prepared, we strongly encourage you to review Impact on Issues 2024-2026, focusing on pages 12-17 for a Summary of Public Policy Positions. The link can be found here: [LWV Impact Issues](#) Feel

free to delve deeper as you desire.

For Local Programs refer to the latest Member Handbook Pages 19-24. Looking forward to a great discussion.

December 8th Pre Session General Assembly

Virtual via Zoom

7-8pm

LWV CVA will join Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegate Katrina Callsen and Delegate Amy Laufer for a discussion of legislative priorities for the upcoming 2026 General Assembly. Come prepared to ask questions.

October in Review



Tabling Events

LWV CVA had tables at a number of different events throughout the month of October, educating voters and helping people get registered to vote!

This included Park View where we helped 12 senior citizens register and apply for absentee ballots, and the Table at IX Park one last time to inform voters and recruit new members. As always, we met some great folks, and hopefully educated some too

Bernadette even made a special appearance to help get voters registered at the Crozet Health Fair!



Crozet Health Fair

October 18, 2025

Voter Services and the Gun Prevention Committee were at the Crozet Health Fair this year, sharing information on gun safety and voter registration/facts. Bernadette

made a special appearance to draw citizens over to talk about elections!



No Kings Rally

October 18, 2025

LWV CVA members were out at various No Kings events around central VA. There were amazing crowds of enthusiastic citizens and some wonderful signs.



Sin Barreras Voter Education Events

We partnered with Sin Barreras to register voters on 2 dates at their local office, and were able to help some new citizens get registered and understand where their polling places were. This is opening up a new

partnership for us in the future!



Listening Tables

We successfully held 5 Listening Tables events during October, hosting a total of 27 candidates and over 150 voters. Candidates and voters alike expressed appreciation for our new style of event and for the ability to have personal conversations around the issues. This is what we hoped to accomplish!

Committee News

Voter Services Committee by Kim Harris

We did so much last month that I'll probably miss something, so let me say THANK YOU once again to our volunteers! You all have really stepped up as we've expanded our activities this year. Here's a list of the events we've supported just in October:

- 5 Listening Tables Events - Nelson, Greene, Fluvanna, Louisa counties, and the Samuel Miller, Rio, and Jack Jouett Districts of Albemarle County. These have been SO well received, both by candidates and voters!
- 2 Postcard Writing Parties, plus some at-home writing as well..*we did it!*
We sent 1,000 postcards to voters in Virginia!!!
- Tabling events at:
 - Charlottesville Tomorrow's 20th Anniversary Celebration
 - IX Park Listening Table
 - Crozet Health Festival
- Voter Registration Tables at:
 - Western Albemarle High School
 - Park View Senior Living at South Pantops
 - Sin Barreras (2 days!)

We are about to take some well-deserved down time on the Voter Services Committee. Before we do that, however, we want to celebrate everything we've accomplished together in 2025. Be on the lookout for a Doodle poll to vote for a date/time for us to gather in person to sit back, relax, and enjoy!

Gun Violence Prevention by Meg Heubeck

Fall is extremely busy for the Gun Violence Prevention Committee. We have been working hard with our partners the Charlottesville Gun Violence Prevention Commission attending events and getting the word out about safe storage, firearm safety, talking to our neighbors, and promoting good habits!

We would love to see you at an upcoming **Democracy Fair** and **Jazz Parade for Democracy** on November 1, 2025

- **Democracy Fair** from 2:30-5pm at Ting Pavilion
- **Jazz Parade for Democracy** from 3-4pm on the Downtown Mall

For more info: www.indivisiblecharlottesville.org/events

Email [Meg Heubeck](mailto:Meg.Heubeck@indivisiblecharlottesville.org) if you are interested in signing up for a shift

If you have time, we can use members to follow gun legislation in the upcoming General Assembly Session and prepare reports for the membership.

We also need you to write your state and federal legislators to express your support for common sense gun laws.

Please commit yourself to taking ONE action this league year to support gun safety!!

Contact [Meg Heubeck](#) with ideas, to volunteer, with questions.

Natural Resources Committee by Peggy Gilges

[City of Charlottesville Joins Biophilic Cities Network](#)

On October 17, the City of Charlottesville announced its acceptance into the **Biophilic Cities Network**, joining communities worldwide in recognizing the vital connection between people and nature.

"A Biophilic City is one that intentionally integrates green space into its urban environment, conserves natural areas, and fosters stronger connections to nature for all residents."

Albemarle County is also considering joining the network — a move that would make Charlottesville and Albemarle the first Biophilic Region in the world.

Tenaska Energy Proposes New Gas-Fired Power Plant in Fluvanna County

Tenaska Energy has proposed building a 1.5-gigawatt natural gas plant—the Expedition Generation Station—on 50 acres adjacent to its existing facility in Fluvanna County. The \$2.2 billion project could begin operations in 2031, pending approvals.

In October, the Fluvanna County Planning Commission deferred a decision on whether the project aligns with the Comprehensive Plan until November. A public hearing is expected in January 2026.

So far, [Fluvanna has been resistant to data centers](#), while neighboring counties, such as Louisa, have committed to several.

The regional grid operator, PJM Interconnection, supports fast-tracking the project to meet the growing energy demand driven by data center expansion. However, residents have raised concerns about potential climate impacts, air pollution, and noise a gas power electrical generating plant could bring.

Read more at [Inside Climate News](#)

Albemarle County Supervisors Approve AC44 Comprehensive Plan

After years of development, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors adopted the updated AC44 Comprehensive Plan on October 15.

Some controversial elements of AC44 include:

- The proposal of potentially swapping land in the Development Areas with land in the Rural Area, and
- Creating a way for property owners to request changes to the Comp Plan designations for their properties outside of the usual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process initiated by the Board of Supervisors or county staff.

Read more at [Information Charlottesville](#)

International Relations and Foreign Government by Gerry Kruger

On October 16, 2025, the International Relations/Federal Government

committee met at Linden House to discuss the present US foreign policy. Attending were Lois Sandy, our host, Rosalie Simari, Kerin Yates, Miriam Fleitman, Diane Skalak, Gerry, Kruger, and Anita Pilling.

Anita opened our discussion of US foreign policy by mentioning the Truman doctrine, which came from a speech President Truman gave to Congress in 1947:

"It must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressure."

We believe the US should continue to support this policy but could amend it to say we could support vulnerable nations without directly participating in a war. World institutions such as the UN, NATO, the World Bank, and the International Money Fund strengthen the United States as the world's leading superpower by providing soft power such as financial aid, and multilateral support.

The Trump administration has accomplished some of its objectives by working with multicultural nations. The return of the hostages by Hamas to Israel was the result of this. However, other countries have pushed back against some policies of this administration, such as high tariffs and have retaliated against them. If the United States abandons its role as a global public goods provider, such as with USAID, the result will be the spread of many diseases, large populations of illiterate people, abuse of women, and fewer foreign students coming to study here. Global chaos caused by economic and political instability would follow.

There needs to be more consistency in economic policies if we are to bring down inflation and address global problems. In addressing illegal immigration, more attention must be paid to following the law and allowing due process. People of all races, nationalities, and creeds deserve civil rights in a true democracy.

We think business deals made with large companies and foreign leaders that expect to profit from the President's decisions should be thoroughly investigated.

The next meeting of the International Relations Federal Government committee will take place again at Linden House on November 20, 1:00-2:45 pm. Join us as we continue to examine the practices and policies of our government.

In Memoriam

Don Payne

Shirley Payne's husband, Don, passed away on October 21. Shirley is a longtime, active member of our League. There will be a memorial service for Don on November 1st at 11 am at Monticello Memorial Gardens.

Update Your LWV-CVA Handbook
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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LWV CVA Calendar of Events

November 2025

Mark your Calendars

November 1 2:30pm, Jazz Parade for Democracy & Democracy Fair, Downtown Mall

November 4, Election Day!!!

November 11 5pm, Voter Services Meeting, Location TBD
Contact kwharris555@gmail.com for more information

November 12 7pm, New Member Zoom: From Ideas to Action, Zoom

November 13 6pm, Healthcare Privatization Educational Forum, Zoom

November 20 1-2:45pm, IR/FG Meeting, Linden House

November 20 13-5pm, Board Meeting, Zoom

November 24 4pm, Natural Resources Meeting, Piedmont Environmental Council Office

League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area

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Visit our website: lwv-cva.org



The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We are committed to applying the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of our operations and activities. We support governmental policies that apply these principles in addressing the social, environmental and economic problems in our communities.

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