



# VOTER

October 2019

## County Council and Judge Candidates Forums

The Delaware County League of Women Voters has arranged two candidates forums in October, one for the six Delaware County Council candidates and one for the eight Delaware County Court of Common Pleas candidates.

The council candidates forum will be at Villanova University, Radnor Township, at **7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 10** in the Cinema in Connolly Hall. The candidates are Republicans Jim Raith, Kelly Colvin and Mike Morgan. Democrats are Monica Taylor, Christine Reuther and Elaine Paul Schaefer.

This is a very important election for county voters because the three council seats are open seats and the winners will determine whether the council is controlled by Democrats

or Republicans for the next two years. Attendees will be able to park in the M2 lot.



From Lancaster Ave., enter the campus at North Ithan Ave. turn left at second street and follow security guards' instructions.

The county judge candidates forum will be at Cabrini University, Radnor Township at **7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23**. From King of Prussia Rd., drive straight back to George D. Widener campus center.

The candidates are Democrats Nusrat Rashid, Stephanie Klein, Kelly Eckel and Rick Lowe . The Republicans are George Dawson, Wendy Roberts, Steve Gerber and Elizabeth Naughton Beck.

Contact [Marita Green](#) to volunteer or for more information.

## Election Day — Nov. 5— Check out Vote411



Voters historically do not participate much in local elections, maybe because they know little or nothing about the candidates and offices. Here's the League of Women Voters' resource to learn about them. Go to our [website](#) or [click here](#) and check out our newly

revamped online voter guide. Put in your address and see your local races and your candidates' statements. Tell your friends and relatives about Vote411.

All of this information does not happen by magic, especially not for a municipal election with hundreds of candidates representing multiple municipalities. It happens by many, many hours of hard work by our volunteers: Olivia Thorne, Denyse McCurdy, Joanna Nealon, Anne Mosakowski, Marita Green and special thanks to Roberta Winters, president of the Radnor LWV, and her cadre of college interns. Use Vote411 and be sure to vote.

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## Constitutional Amendment

The following question will be on the ballot Nov. 5, to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to give crime victims the same rights and status as their alleged attackers:

**Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to grant certain rights to crime victims, including to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity; considering their safety in bail proceedings; timely notice and opportunity to take part in public proceedings; reasonable protection from the accused; right to refuse discovery requests made by the accused; restitution and return of property; proceedings free from delay; and to be informed of these rights, so they can enforce them?**

The LWVPA had taken no position on this amendment as of press time.



# President's Message

October is one of our busiest months of the year as we prepare for the municipal general elections Nov. 5. This year we are holding two candidate forums for County Council and the Judges of Common Pleas. Both races will be highly contested with many new faces in the races. The County Council race will determine whether the county remains in Republican hands, as it has been since the Civil War, or whether it is taken over by Democrats for the first time in modern history. We need volunteers to serve as timekeepers, screeners and ushers. If interested in volunteering, contact [Marita Green](#) or [Joanna Nealon](#).

We conducted 10 Voter Registration events throughout Delaware County and registered 33 voters in September. We also added 15 new people to the LWV-CDC database who are interested in joining the League. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who worked at these registration drives.

LWV-CDC has been active in the selection and training plan for new voting machines. As of this writing, the County Council's final selection and announcement of the new voting machine system is still pending. However, the LWV-CDC and the Election Board has recommended to County Council, the Hart Intercivic election system <https://www.hartintercivic.com/> and its Verity integrated and flexible platform. This product supports all voting types – paper, electronic, vote by-mail and others – and provides a fully accessible experience for all voters. LWV-CDC will work in collaboration with the County for hands-on, in person training for poll workers on the use of the new paper ballot scanning systems and ballot marking devices. Included in this plan is the creation of a video and PowerPoint presentation to be implemented in schools, libraries and places of worship. If interested in volunteering, contact Olivia Thorne [olivia.thorne@verizon.net](mailto:olivia.thorne@verizon.net)

Criminal justice is a critical issue currently in Delaware County. Delaware County Council recently approved a resolution establishing a County Jail Oversight Board at its Sept 25 public Council Meeting. The new Jail Oversight Board will replace the current County Board of Prison Inspectors and include three citizen members appointed for three-year terms. Resumes are being accepted to fill the three citizen member appointments and may be mailed or emailed to Executive Director Marianne Grace [gracem@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:gracem@co.delaware.pa.us) by Oct. 25 should you be interested. This new Oversight Board will have a major impact on prison operations. Come learn about the significance of this for Delaware County at our Fall Workshop "Exploring Criminal Justice in Delaware County" from the perspectives of a private criminal defense attorney, public defender, ACLU attorney, and a corrections officer.

Our final fall Hot Topic Discussion is being held on Nov 15 and features Beth Koniers Brown, Director of Delaware River program for PA Audubon. Please join us for a compelling program about the important role that the Delaware River plays in providing clean water for people and animals in Delaware County.

Remember absentee ballot applications for the Nov 5 election must be received by the Delaware County Election office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 29. Remember to Vote on Nov 5!

*Barbara Amstutz*

## Nov. 2 Workshop: Examining Criminal Justice in Delaware

The League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County will present the next in its regular series of public civics education workshops Saturday, Nov. 2. This event will offer attendees the opportunity to learn more about the criminal justice system in Delaware County with particular focus on current issues pertaining to sentencing, parole and probation. They will hear informed perspectives from a panel of experts and be able to participate in the discussion.

The program will be moderated by Wana Saadzo, a criminal defense lawyer and member of the Delaware County Bar Association. Panelists include: Lee Awbrey, Public Defender, Case Management Chief, Appellate Unit, Montgomery County; Andrew Christy, Criminal Justice and Poverty Attorney, ACLU Pennsylvania; and Tamika Hayward, Field Parole Agent, Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

The workshop will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Matchbox Building of Swarthmore College, 500 College Ave, Swarthmore. It is free and open to the public. Pre- registration is encouraged but not required at [www.lwvcdc.org/calendar](http://www.lwvcdc.org/calendar).



## October — November Events

**October 10 (Thursday)** — 2019 Concord Senior Citizens Expo, 9 a.m.-Noon. Brandywine Youth Club Gymnasium, 41 Thornton Rd., Glen Mills.

**October 10 (Thursday)** — County Council Candidates Forum, 7:30 p.m., Villanova University, Connolly Hall, Radnor, Pa.

**October 16 (Wednesday)** — LWV-CDC Fall Fundraiser — Friends Helping Friends, all day, Boscov's Granite Run. We will be manning a table from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. See details, Page 4.

**October 23 (Wednesday)** — County Common Pleas judges Candidates forum, Cabrini University 7 p.m.

**November 2 (Saturday)** — Civics Workshop on examining criminal justice in Delaware County. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Matchbox Building, Swarthmore College.

**November 5 (Tuesday)** — Election day. Don't forget to vote!

**November 15 (Friday)** — Hot Topics — Protecting the Delaware River — Elizabeth Koniers Brown, Audubon director of Delaware River watershed programs, Noon, Community Room, Media Borough Hall, 301 N. Jackson St., Media. Reservations — Hank Thorne [hthorne@verizon.net](mailto:hthorne@verizon.net) or call 610-566-5474.

**Dec. 7 (Thursday)** — Holiday Brunch — 9 .m. Maria Bormersbach will speak about the 1915 Justice Bell, Springhaven Country Club, Wallingford.

# LWV-CDC Fund Raiser Oct. 16: Friends Helping Friends

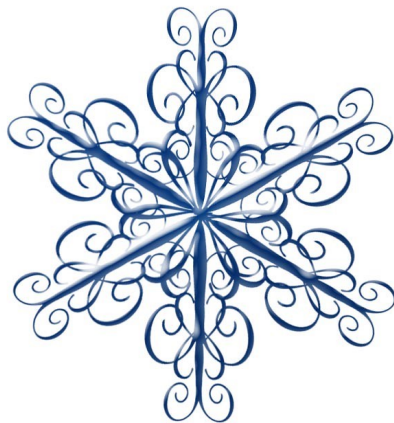
Help Boscov shoppers save money on Friends Helping Friends Day and also help raise money for LWV/CDC. With the purchase of a \$5 Friends Helping Friends pass, you will receive a 25% discount\* for purchases made only on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 at all Boscov's locations (this offer is not valid online). You will also be eligible to win unexpectedly amazing register-to-win prizes including shopping sprees and more!

This is an all day store hours event (8 a.m. to 11 p.m.) but our League will be at an event table at the Granite Run



location during the hours of 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. so stop by and say hello and/or buy your 25% off shopping pass for \$5. You can also obtain this money-saving shopping pass ahead of the event by contacting a member of our fundraising committee: [Gloria Rabinowitz](#), [Rose Marie Lord](#), or [Anne Mosakowski](#). Come shop until you drop and help support civic education all year long.

NOTE: The proceeds from the \$5 cost of the Friends Helping Friends shopping pass go directly to the League of Women Voters of Central Delaware County.



## Holiday Brunch Springhaven Club, Nether Providence Dec. 7, 9 a.m., \$25

Come and hear Maria Bomersbach, president of the Washington Memorial Heritage Board of Directors and Chair of the Justice Bell 2020 Committee speak about the journey of the bell and its impact on women's suffrage in Pennsylvania.



**This event is open only to LWV-CDC members and their guests. Make your reservation early as space is limited. Mail checks and this form to LWV-CDC, Box 131, Wallingford, PA 19086**

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