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OF THE AKRON AREA  
**THE AKRON VOTER**  
*Newsletter for LWVAA Members and Supporters*

October, 2020

**[CLICK HERE! Voter Registration deadline is October 5](#)**

**Check your  
voter registration!**

Request your absentee ballot @  
ohvotes.org

If your registration isn't current,  
you have until October 5 to

**REGISTER TO VOTE!**

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## A Message From the President

It's decision time!

Voter registration for the November election closes on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Our Voter Services Registration team, led by Gloria Irwin and Cathy Hunt, has partnered with organizations throughout Summit County to reach citizens not yet registered.

They have shared informational material, sent post cards, distributed posters, and conducted in-person registrations. Our big event was the National Voter Registration Day Registration Drive at libraries throughout the county. That event got coverage in the Akron Beacon Journal!

Working simultaneously, our Voter Services Program and Information Team, led by Barbara Hunsicker and Jackie Derrow with support from Ginny Melver and Gloria Irwin, published a fantastic, printed Voter Guide as well as an on-line edition at [Vote411.Org](http://Vote411.Org)! In addition, they put together our league's first Virtual Candidate Forum! A great success!

However, no one would have shown up for any of these events if it hadn't been for the behind-the-scenes, but in-your-face presence of our Communication Team!! They're everywhere! Thank you Jessie Coffey, Kara Chiuchiarelli, Sherry Lee, Leslie Henry, Jill Cabe, and Arrye Rosser!

**LWVAA**

**Upcoming**

**Events**

**LAST CHANCE!!  
Respond today  
to the U.S.  
Census!**

For more information and to complete the census online (it only takes 5 minutes), go to [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov)

**October 19,  
2020**



**Virtual Forum:  
Balance in Play: The  
Future of the  
Supreme Court of  
Ohio**

12:30 - 1:30p.m.

[Click here](#) to join the

live stream

The City Club of Cleveland hosts three distinguished retired judges who will analyze the Ohio Supreme Court race, and discuss the future of the Court.

[Click here](#) for more information

## October 5, 2020

### Ohio General Election Voter Registration deadline

[Click here](#) to check your registration status or to register

## October 6, 2020

### Early Voting in Summit County begins

[Click here](#) for the days and hours

## October 20, 2020

### Recommended deadline to send in Ohio absentee ballot

[Click here](#) to request an absentee ballot, or check the status



### Three Options

- 1 No-Excuse Absentee Ballot (By Mail or Drop Box)**  
Voters registered by Monday, Sept 7 will receive an **APPLICATION** for a ballot in the mail, which must be returned by Thursday, Oct 15. Applied-for ballots will be sent starting Tuesday, Oct 6. Fill out ballot and envelope, then mail with **TWO STAMPS** no later than **Saturday, Oct 17**, or take to the secure **DROP BOX** at Summit County Board of Elections, 470 Grant St, Akron by **Tuesday, Nov 3 at 7:30pm**.
- 2 Early In-Person Voting**  
Early Vote Center, 500 Grant St, Akron, beginning Oct 6.

Mon-Fri	Oct 6-16	8-5pm
Mon-Fri	Oct 19-23	8-6pm
Sat	Oct 24	8-4pm
Sun	Oct 25	1-5pm

Mon-Fri	Oct 26-30	8-7pm
Sat	Oct 31	8-4pm
Sun	Nov 1	1-5pm
Mon	Nov 2	8-2pm
- 3 In-Person Voting at the Polls on Tuesday, Nov 3**  
The number of polling locations may be reduced this year because of the pandemic. Lines for voting may be long. Plan to go as early as possible. **Polls are open 6:30am-7:30pm**.

Questions: Call the Summit County Board of Elections 330.643.5200 or [summitcountyboe.gov](http://summitcountyboe.gov)



All three of these teams will now be working to clarify the process for voting in the 2020 General Election. Vote in person? Vote by mail? Vote early? Vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>? Mail in my ballot? Drop off my ballot? Times? Locations?

With all the work yet to be done, if these teams ask for your help, make sure your answer is YES!

Rosanne L. Winter Ph.D.

Thank you for everyone who supported our **September 7 Candidate Forum**! We were thrilled to have well over 100+ attendees to hear the candidates share why they're the right fit for the job, and answer audience questions.

[Click here](#) for coverage by the Akron Beacon Journal

[Click here for replay from Candidate Forum](#)



**November 3,  
2020**

**Ohio General  
Election**

[Click here](#) to find your  
polling place

### **LWVAA Board Meetings**

**November                      5  
December 3**

6:30-8:00p.m.

Online meetings will  
be held until further  
notice due to  
COVID-19

## **Acme Community Cash Back to benefit LWVAA**

Please collect Acme receipts for the benefit of the LWVAA Education Fund! Acme receipts now through December 26 are eligible for cash back on selected items.

Please send them to LWVAA Education Fund, PO Box 46, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222-0046.

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## **Observer Corps making a difference**

Submitted by Jodie Delamatre

At least 5 meetings throughout the county have been observed by a member including Summit County Council, Green City Council, Summit Education Service Center, Akron Summit County Public Library and others.

[Let us know](#) if you'd like to join this mighty group!

# Make Your Vote Plan NOW!

- 1 No-Excuse Absentee Ballot  
(By Mail or Drop Box)
- 2 Early In-Person Voting
- 3 In-Person Voting at the Polls  
Tuesday, November 3

Get more details @ [ohvotes.org](https://ohvotes.org)



[Click here to track your absentee ballot application](#)

## LWVAA Board Updates

### **Voter Service Programs and Information – Barbara Hunsicker**

Your Voter Service VOTE411/Voter Guide team has been working diligently preparing candidate information for the online and print voter guides. Since the last board meeting, we have:

- Worked with the Hudson league to reach all candidates in Summit County.
- Contacted 27 candidates by email and phone at least three times to encourage their participation in VOTE411.
- Obtained information from 16 candidates.
- Published Summit County candidate information in VOTE411, which is available to everyone by visiting [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org).
- Invited candidates for the State Senate and House, Summit County Council, County Executive, Clerk of Courts, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Fiscal Officer and Common Pleas Court Domestic Relations to participate in a virtual candidate forum. Held two



practice sessions for those responsible for ensuring the mechanics and smooth flow and held two practice sessions for candidates.

- Held a Zoom virtual candidate forum on September 30. Fifteen candidates participated. The number of attendees will be reported at the board meeting.
- Worked with the printer on layout and editing of the LWVAA voter guide with the goal of distributing immediately before early voting begins.

The items noted above represent many hours of work by each team member that went into completing each task. Without the help of the Voter Service VOTE411/Voter Guide and Voter Forum team, the LWVAA would be a secondary source for voter education this year.

We owe many thanks to the 2020 team including Ginny Melver, Jackie Derrow, Kathy Duncan, Gloria Irwin, Michelle Mostow and from Hudson league members Bev Dorson and Melanie Johnson.



### **Voter Services, Registration and Education – Gloria Irwin**

The Summit County Health Department, led by Donna Skoda, is disseminating information about voting and the Census to clients at COVID testing clinics. We provided Donna and her staff with a box of League materials and will collect voter registration forms each Friday and deliver them to the Board of Elections.

We responded to a request from a member of the First Congregational Church in Akron to conduct VR activities during their weekly food distributions. Cathy Hunt and other volunteers have staffed this activity and have collected voter registration forms and absentee ballot requests each week.

A new member observed numbers of pedestrians in downtown Cuyahoga Falls and suggested we might register some of them. We tried on a Saturday afternoon, caught the attention of Judi Hill who was passing through the area, but only registered one person. You have to experiment!

Several volunteers participated in the National Voter Registration Day events at libraries in Summit County. The Beacon Journal covered the day's event.

Volunteers have distributed posters announcing the voter registration deadline to various retailers throughout Summit County.

The postcard campaign asking registered voters to make a plan for voting has mostly concluded. All but two people picked up the cards assigned to them.

### Membership - Ardith Keck

Rosanne and Ardith met with new members for an orientation (virtually) on September 23. We now have thirteen more new members over the summer.

### The Sojourner Truth Project – Cynthia Christman

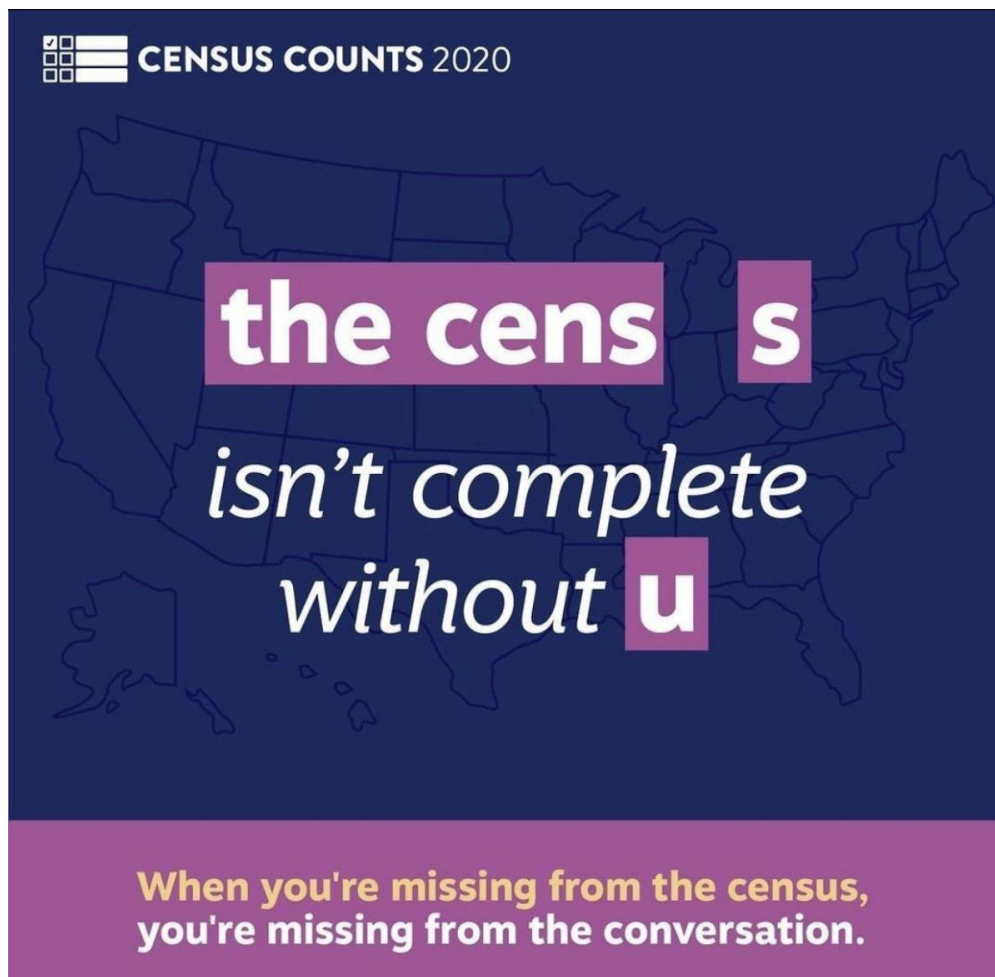
Organizational planning for the creation of a tribute to honor Sojourner Truth and her legacy is being finetuned and moving forward.

A formal fundraising campaign will begin soon for the creation, installation and maintenance of a Sojourner Truth statue to be installed in Akron near the original site of her historic speech, popularly known as “Ain’t I a Woman?”

Even though the formal fundraising hasn’t officially begun, tax-deductible donations can be made now payable to the Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron 44307. *Be sure to indicate on the memo line that it is for the Sojourner Truth Project.* ACF will send you a tax benefit notification. [Click here](#) to make an online donations.

A celebration event to publicly thank our generous donors and sponsors will occur in 2021.

Please see [the website](#) or our Facebook page [SojournerTruthProjectAkron](#)



### Census – Liz King

The Census report enumeration result as of 9/21 is as follows:  
State of Ohio has a total household reporting of 97.2%  
(70.1 % self-reported, 27.1 additional enumerator report).

We have only the numerical for self-reported for Akron (64.4%), Summit County (73.9%) on 9/21 but average for additional enumerator visits for each is 22%.

September 30, 2020 is the amended cut off date changed by the Administration from October 31st, the traditional ending date. There was a legal suit filed to keep the October date in order to fully count the population. However, until any ruling is announced, September 30th is the ending enumeration date for the Census.



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## SAVE THE DATE

**Racism and Redistricting: How Unfair  
Maps Impact Communities of Color**

October 8, 2020  
7 p.m. ET

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