

September 2026 eVoter

We Are The League



Saturday, September 12th, 11am–1pm
Northside Library, 555 Road West, Charlottesville 22901

Want to know more about our local League and what we do? Do you want to become more involved in League activities? Whether your time is limited or want to explore options of how you'd like to get more involved, this event was created for you.

Come join us to learn more about what our League is doing to defend democracy. Listen, learn, and discuss actions that our committees: Advocacy through Voter Services, Gun Violence Prevention, Natural Resources, Health Care and International Relations/ Federal Government will undertake or ways you can help promote our events and positions or greeting and hospitality at events.

Bring a friend or relative who's interested in the League. We are encouraging our younger population (16-26) to get involved. If you have one or more bring them along.

DOOR PRIZES (In Person Only):

- Free memberships for 2 lucky non-members
- Free student memberships for any students age 16-26 who come
- Door prizes for members
- History of the League books will be available for the first 20 members who attend.

Refreshments will be served.

[RSVP Here](#)

Civic Circles: What's On Your Ballot This Fall?

3 Constitutional Amendments!

Do you know what's on YOUR ballot this fall? Virginia has 3 Constitutional Amendments on the ballot and we are focusing voter education/discussion on them! The amendments are concerning:

1. Women's Reproductive Rights
2. Marriage Equality
3. Restoration of Voting Rights

We'll discuss our amendment process in Virginia, and engage in discussions about the proposed changes during each Civic Circle. Join the conversation and help others become informed voters!

Dates/Locations:

19 September - Crozet Library, 3-4:30pm

20 September - Central Library, 2:30-4pm

21 September - OLLI, 1-2:30pm

1 October - Rockfish Valley Community Center, 6:30-8pm (Nelson County)

Register for the Central Library and Rockfish Community Center events below.

[Learn More and Register for Central Library Here](#)

[Learn More and Register for Rockfish Valley Community Center Here
\(NELSON COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY\)](#)

In addition to our 'What's On Your Ballot This Fall' sessions, we are co-hosting a special Civic Circle Conversation with Charlottesville NOW on 30 September, Ivy Creek Education Center, 5:30-7pm.

This one event will be discussing the **Equal Rights Amendment**. Be sure to attend!

Listening Tables are BACK!

These are our candidate speed-dating/pull a chair up to the kitchen table events! We only have 3 this fall; 2 of them are in September:

- 23 September - Scottsville, Victory Hall, 5:30-7pm
- 28 September - Greene, Greene County Library, 5:30-7pm

Many thanks to Miriam Fleitman for all of her work getting these set up!

Keep an eye on our [Listening Tables](#) page on the website for updated dates/locations/participant information.

Bad Faith 2026

Film presentation at the Center 5-7 at The Center Auditorium

Sponsored by NOW, LWV-CVA, Virginia Women's Foundation, and Crozet Democracy Advocates- shows the increasing politization of Christian Nationalism and what that will mean for democracy as we know it going forward.

August in Review

August was another busy month for us in the community! We went to the UVA Medical School in early August to register voters; registering almost 30 voters in a little over an hour AND handing out 50+ information packets on the Constitutional amendments!

We hosted a table at the John Lewis Day of Action, which was hosted by Indivisible. Kim Harris spoke about the importance of voting, and we spoke with several folks who want to help volunteer at events this fall - it was a great relationship-building event!

We co-hosted a table with Charlottesville NOW at the Albemarle County Back to School bash on 9 August. Wow! 3,000 attendees - we felt like they all stopped by our table, too! We had the trivia wheel for kiddos, informational packets about the Constitutional amendments, and NOW had information about the ERA, and upcoming events. It was fantastic!

Other notable events:



Women's Equality Day August 26, 2026

Albemarle Historical Society, Cville NOW, and LWV-CVA celebrated the day with a Social that invited members of all three organizations and the public to come together, giving them a chance to meet and socialize. Drinks and foods similar to those served when the Suffrage movement was in full swing were served. Portraits of local women who "broke the glass ceiling" were displayed, and documented. Mayor Jaun-Diego Wade received a certificate of recognition for practicing Women's Equality in city governance.

Committee News

Voter Services Committee by Kim Harris

There are many opportunities to get involved this fall for anyone who would like to volunteer their time! In addition to the Civic Circles and Listening Tables listed above we have the following voter registration events coming up:

Constitution Day: We will be back at PVCC for Constitution Day on 17 September! Join us as we register voters, write postcards, hand out swag and Constitutions. Meg Heubeck will be holding another civic circle session as well;

the conversation last year was just great, so come out and talk with our future - young people!

Senior Living Voter Registration Events:

Thanks to Anne Geraty, we are making a concerted effort to reach seniors living in our local area, to ensure they are registered, have current addresses/polling places, and know about the issues on the ballot. Here are our upcoming locations for September (more to come in October)!

- 17 September, The Independence Senior Living Home, 10-12pm
- 17 September, Commonwealth Senior Living, 3-5pm
- 30 September, Westminster Canterbury, 3-5pm

We are currently working on getting dates in September and October at JABA Centers in the area as well - watch our website's calendar for dates and times!

High Schools: Miriam Fleitman has been working tirelessly all summer to get us into the local area high schools to register students to vote. We will be at Nelson County High School on 15 September from 10:30-2pm (multiple lunchtimes).

We will also be at the **"Know Your Numbers" event** at the Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church on 26 September from 10-2pm. Come get a health check and talk to members of the Charlottesville community about voting!

We will also be writing/mailling 750 postcards in support of Common Ground this year. If this is something that interests you, please reach out to Kim Harris to get postcards! We will host some writing parties, so watch the calendar for more information!

Reach out to Voter Services Chair, [Kim Harris](#), to get involved!

Natural Resources Committee by Peggy Gilges

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has opened a public comment period on Synagro's permit application for sewage sludge spreading in Albemarle County. Comments may be submitted to the DEQ up until September 24. If you missed our recent webinar on this issue, you can watch a recording [here](#). See our [web page](#) for guidance on sending a quick comment to the DEQ opposing this practice, which puts human and environmental health at risk through PFAS ("forever chemicals") contamination.

Peak Fall migration for birds is happening now through mid-November. Birds need dark skies to safely migrate, so do your part by turning off outdoor lights and using your shades and curtains from 11 pm to 6 am. Read more about [participating in Lights Out!](#) and sign a Lights Out! pledge [here](#).

You can also learn how "conservation mowing" provides an important assist to birds and other creatures throughout the year on our [web page](#).

Healthcare Taskforce by Stephanie Lowenhaupt

After the Virginia State Budget was approved by the legislature in June 2026 and governor; here are some highlights in reference to healthcare access that were included.

- \$150 million for a **2027 Marketplace premium reduction program** for individuals with incomes between 138% and 250% of the federal poverty level.
- Continued funding for FAMIS Prenatal

- Increased investments in Free Clinics (\$10 million) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (\$5 million).
- There is \$3.5 million appropriation to help Virginia implement **the federal** Medicaid reporting requirements **through outreach, workforce training, and a state task force**. These resources may help reduce unnecessary coverage losses, but they do not eliminate the administrative burdens that work reporting requirements are expected to create for low-income individuals, people with disabilities, caregivers, and Black & brown Virginians.

Update Your LWV-CVA Handbook WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Visit our [website calendar](#) for a full list of events for the month!

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