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President's Message

Now that the primary is almost here we have to turn toward the Midterm Elections. November seems a long way away, but we all know it isn't. We don't know what kind of threats to our free and fair elections will be at hand although we know that Department of Justice "observers" are expected to be deployed to Fairfax and Prince William counties.

It is imperative that we make everyone aware of the Election Protection hotline run by the nationwide election protection groups and founded by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. This is open and staffed by nonpartisan attorneys all of the time. The website is [here](#) and the numbers are below (see "vote in

the primary.") Anyone being deprived of the right to vote or who sees suspicious activity near their polling site or early voting location should call them immediately. If it feels wrong – report it.

Local league leaders have received postcards with these numbers, to be used at all outreach activities – and we can print more if you run out.

In addition, our friends at the Virginia Civic Engagement Table are looking for election protection workers. This includes putting up the hotline numbers at polling sites to taking a shift watching polling places. More information can be found below under "Be an Election Protection Worker in Virginia."

OR sign up to be an official poll worker - more information is below - August 11 is Poll Worker Recruitment Day,

There is a job for everyone!

Thanks for all you do.

Joan

In Memoriam - Kathy Matusiak



It is poignant, and perhaps fitting, that Kathy Matusiak died on the first day of the LWV US Convention. Kathy (above, in yellow shirt) was all about the League.

She had many roles in her local LWV and in LWV Virginia. Along with Don Gurney, she pioneered Arlington's high school voter registration system for which they won recognition from LWV US. For many years, she and Don ran the high school registration system with incredible precision and efficacy.

She did it all, candidate forums, get out the vote, postcard brigades, serving on and chairing countless committees, and lately she was there for the protests. She embodied "defending Democracy." There was no aspect of LWV life in which she was not involved. She also served as president and in other capacities of a League ILO.

I met her shortly after I joined when Kathy was president of LWV Arlington as we were then known. She met me for coffee and won me over immediately with her kindness, and enthusiasm. That coffee set the stage for years of lunches in which she provided advice,

guidance and a wee bit of gossip.

A few months later, she told me to say that there was an opening on the board and would I be interested. I put up several objections, including that I was so new. She laughed and said, “Oh that doesn’t stop us, come on hon, we meet at night, you can do it.”

About a year later, the woman who was the co-president with her became ill and the bylaws required a vice president. Again, she was on the phone with her enthusiastic encouragement. “Come on sweetie, I know you can do it.” (Friends were always sweetie or hon.)

When her term was up as president, she started encouraging me to take the role. I did, but she wasn’t done with me yet. A few years later, she was serving on the LWV Virginia nominating committee. Yes, she got me again and I found myself as first vice president. It was hard to say no to someone that nice – I always told her that was her diabolical superpower.

Kathy was all about the League, but she was also about her family, her two daughters, stepchildren, six grandchildren, brothers, her mother for whom she cared and her beloved CB who predeceased her in 2012.

If you were in Kathy’s orbit you were bathed in joy and service and she will be desperately missed. The League sends our deepest condolences to her family,

Joan

P.S. You can read Kathy's obituary [here](#).

EVENTS

Vote in the Primary

If you haven't already voted or know someone who hasn't, polls are open on Election Day from 6 AM – 7 PM.

REMIND PEOPLE THAT VIRGINIA HAS SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION! If someone is eligible to vote they can go to their polling site, register and vote on a provisional ballot.

They must go to their regular polling place which can be found at <https://www.vote411.org/>

If anyone has problems or questions during or are harassed at the polls, immediately call the nonpartisan Election Protection hotline which is staffed by nonpartisan attorneys.

English866-OUR-VOTE [866-687-8683](tel:866-687-8683)

Spanish/English888-VE-Y-VOTA [888-839-8682](tel:888-839-8682)

Asian Languages/English888-API-VOTE [888-274-8683](tel:888-274-8683)

Arabic/English844-YALLA-US [844-925-5287](tel:844-925-5287)

August 11, 2026 is National Poll Worker Recruitment Day

If you are a Virginia voter, consider working the polls in November. Anyone who is a registered Virginia voter, who isn't an elected official or an employee of an elected official, can apply. Poll workers can perform a number of duties including greeter; pollbook. ballot or booth officer. There are also chiefs and assistant chiefs.

Everyone receives training.

[Sign up](#) today at the League specific site!

Support the Reproductive Rights Amendment

The Virginians for reproductive freedom is starting the push for the Reproductive Freedom Amendment - future events will be to

mobilize but there are some August canvass events. Click [here](#) and then click calendar to find one near you.

Be an Election Protection Worker in Virginia

During early voting and on Election Day this November, the Virginia Civic Engagement Table VCET is again signing up people to be Election Protection Poll Watchers

Jobs include:

Stationary Voter Advocate: remain at a single voting location for the entire duration of their shift. They are trained to answer voter questions and report issues to the command center if they occur.

Roving Voter Advocate: move between several close-together voting locations for the duration of their shift. They are trained to answer voter questions and report issues to the command center if they occur, completing check-in checklists at each location that they visit.

Sign Team: plays a key role in the placement and removal of 866-OUR-VOTE hotline signs at early voting and election day locations. Sign Team Members will receive yard signs from a regional distribution location prior to the start of early voting or election day and place them at assigned voting locations. After voting ends, Sign Team Members are responsible for picking up placed signs to be returned to Virginia Election Protection.

Legal Advocate: assigned a primary polling place for their shift but expected to move to another if their assistance is needed. Legal Advocates play a more elevated role in advocating for voters and are trained to - if needed - take declarations from voters and assist in the drafting of legal materials. The Legal Advocate role is available to individuals with law degrees as well as law students. Volunteers are not required to be barred in Virginia and will not be giving formal legal advice.

Use [this sign up sheet](#) and be sure to check off that you got this from a VCET partner and put our name in the next line so they know how many sign ups came from the League. THIS WILL REOPEN AFTER THE AUGUST 4 PRIMARY!

Disability Voting Rights - Sept 14

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SAVE THE DATE!
DIVERSITY INCLUDES DISABILITY

EMPOWERING EVERY VOTER, EVERY VOICE.

WEBINAR DATE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
7:00 PM

DISABILITY VOTING RIGHTS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 14-18

A webinar focusing on how we can ensure people with a disability can exercise their right to vote and build power as a community.

FEATURED SPEAKERS
★ Lucy Beadnell
ARC of Northern Virginia | ★ Nichole Davis
Independence Center

PLUS:
Members of
REV UP Virginia

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Having a disability is the one minority that anyone can join. And yet, people with disabilities have faced many barriers to voting.

September 14-18 is Disability Voting Rights Week.

On Monday, **September 14, 7pm**, the LWV-VA DEI Committee will

host a webinar focusing on how we can ensure that people with a disability can exercise their right to vote and build power as a community of active, voting citizens.

Lucy Beadnell is the Chief Advocacy and Policy Officer of the ARC of Northern Virginia. Nichole Davis is the Director of the Endependence Center, the Center for Independent Living serving South Hampton Roads. They are both members of REVUP Virginia, a coalition of people and organizations that work to protect and expand voting rights for people with disabilities.

This Webinar is one of the series the LWV-VA DEI Committee is hosting on aspects of diversity and civic participation.

[RSVP](#)

Webinar: On the Three Amendments on the Ballot in November - Sept 17

On September 17 from 7P - 8:30 PM, LWV Virginia will be hosting a virtual webinar on the three amendments on the November ballot, Right to Vote, Marriage Equality and Reproductive Freedom

The first 30 minutes will be on the Reproductive Freedom amendment, the second on Right to Vote and the third on Marriage Equality.

This event is open to all --not just League members. But all are required to sign up to receive the link.

[RSVP](#)

Textbanking Young Voters of Color Sept 23, 6:30 PM

Sept 23 - 7 - 8pm

RSVP for Zoom link [here](#)

Voter Registration Training

The Department of Elections has several teacher-led trainings available this summer. All League members who do voter registration need to take this training. (Check with your local league to see if they need voter registration forms offered when you complete the class.) These are better than the on-line course because you can ask questions of the teacher. RSVP [here](#) for the class of your choice. You will find classes under Section B

Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 2 PM:

Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 10 AM:

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 11 AM:

LWV US NEWS

LWV US Convention 2026: A Recap

Recordings of the various sessions are available [here](#)

There was also a [handout](#) on de-escalating conflict

Breakout slides are available [here](#)

Bylaw amendments were made. All local leagues at their next annual meeting must add this one to Article II, Section 2.

Article II, Section 2 Policies

MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY. LEAGUE MEMBERS AND LEADERS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MEMBER RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES POLICY AND SHALL PARTICIPATE IN

ACCORDANCE WITH LEAGUE GOVERNANCE STANDARDS. THE LEAGUE EXPECTS THAT MEMBERS WILL TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT AND CIVILITY WHEN PARTICIPATING IN ALL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

Other bylaw changes (which you are not required to add) included an emergency power for the National Board, addressing nominating committee members who do not fulfil duties and a streamlining of the national Budget Committee.

Two policies were adopted by concurrence. They will be incorporated into LWV US positioned for action.

One was from Washington State regarding immigration.

The League of Women Voters believes that all residents of the United States, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, should be treated with dignity and respect. This means that all residents, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, should have access to essential federal, state, and local funded services, have the opportunity to avail themselves of legal representation in court and immigration proceedings, and have the opportunity to live and work in safety. The League encourages all elected officials and government leaders in the United States to take action to ensure these fundamental rights. It also means that political leaders have an obligation to condemn xenophobia, discrimination, and anti-immigrant rhetoric.

The League of Women Voters of Colorado stands for the separation of church and state and religious freedom founded upon individual conscience, free of social or political influence by any state or religious body; these fundamental civil rights are threatened by religious nationalism.

The First Amendment of the US Constitution reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The League of Women Voters of Colorado believes that the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment are cornerstones of our democracy. The majority of religious freedom cases are filed in federal court. LWVUS

concurrence would enable League members to advocate beyond Colorado at the federal level, including in response to cases before federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Carry the Torch Forward

- Donnie Carson, LWV VA Membership Director

LWV US has a new initiative “Carry the Torch Forward” which allows members, even life members, to gift a membership to the League!

Take a few moments for reflection on the past and anticipation of how to shape the future. Consider the foundation of the LWV and the many ups and downs of the political and social landscape since 1920. The League has been leading the charge on so many fronts, right now. How can you build our ranks? Think about how you became involved in the LWV - Why did you join? Where were you? What was happening locally and across the nation? What actions have you taken? Now think about the people in your life who are yearning to get involved in their community, state or nation but need some help getting started. Through a gift membership for that person, you can open the gateway for them to get involved in preserving our democracy.

Through the LWV Member Portal, members can purchase a 1-year gift membership for a new or existing member. At the end of that year, recipients will be responsible for their own renewal (unless you repeat the gift). If you are a seasoned Life Member with 50 years of service or more, you can receive a complimentary 1-year gift membership to invite a new member to join. To increase the value of this gift, you could be that person’s ‘buddy’ to guide their participation in League activities and their use of the many League resources and training opportunities.

Through a Gift Membership you can enrich someone’s life while continuing the League’s vital work of defending democracy. We need to support the development of the next generation of members to sustain the League’s presence. Who knows? You may

be nurturing and encouraging a future civic leader. Which friend, neighbor, child/grandchild, or colleague will you bring into the League? It's the gift that fits all.

For more information, click [here](#).

LWV VA NEWS

LWV-VA Files Amicus Brief Supporting Enfranchisement of Voters Wrongly Denied the Right to Vote

In 1870, as part of regaining Congressional representation after the Civil War, the Virginia Readmission Act was signed into law. Part of the Virginia Readmission Act prevents the state from enacting laws that restrict a Virginian's freedom to vote except for Virginians who had been convicted of a crime that was considered a common law felony in 1870. Since then, however, the Virginia Constitution has been amended to add language disenfranchising Virginians convicted of any felony, not just those considered common law felonies in 1870.

In June 2023, Virginia voters, represented by the VA ACLU, Protect Democracy, and Wilmer Hale, filed a lawsuit against the state of Virginia for its state constitutional disenfranchisement law that violates the Readmission Act. In January 2026, a federal court ruled in favor of Virginia voters, agreeing that the Virginia Constitution is in violation of federal law. This ruling means that any Virginian who had been disenfranchised due to a felony conviction that was not considered a common law felony in 1870 now has the freedom to vote.

Since this ruling however, Virginia has erected unnecessary barriers to registration by failing to update its voter registration form, requiring

some people with felony convictions to fill out burdensome and unnecessary additional forms, and blocking eligible incarcerated voters from registering. The League, along with Bridging the Gap Virginia and our counsel at Campaign Legal Center, recently filed a friend-of-the-court brief in that court case – *King v. O'Bannon* – urging the court to ensure Virginia delivers the necessary changes to its form and voter registration system to ensure all eligible voters are able to exercise their freedom to vote.

[Amicus King Vs. O'Bannon](#)

LWV-VA Podcast: DemocraZy

We are more than proud of our Youth Council podcast "DemocraZy." They have tackled so many topics from the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to Ranked Choice Voting. The latest podcast-- "I Got a Teexxit! Can the Government See It?"-- is an incisive look at government surveillance.

Make sure it is on your listening lists - DemocraZy is available on [Spotify](#) and the League's [YouTube page](#).

It is also featured on our [website](#).

Request from our Youth Council: Survey Responses Needed

Our Youth Council member Nikki Rajan is heading to Harvard this fall and already is working on a project for them seeking to learn why people don't vote. She needs our help to complete this project which will benefit the League's outreach efforts.

Local elections determine many decisions that have the most immediate impact on our daily lives, but they have less engagement. This project targets the civic information gap that contributes to low participation. While local residents have access to voter registration

resources, polling place information, and election materials, many marginalized voters still lack confidence in their understanding of local government impact. This research study is affiliated with a Harvard College program, and it aims to decipher why voters, specifically those who are young and people of color, may still be discouraged in civics. In order to get important and accurate data, it is pivotal that we collect as many survey responses as possible from people of all demographics. Please share this link with fellow members at voter registration booths, and other league events. The survey also does NOT collect any serious personal information. Understanding why people choose not to participate can help the LWV design more effective civic education initiatives in the future. Thank you for your support!

Please fill out this [quick survey](#)

Contact Information: Nikki Rajan, email [here](#)

Youth Council Fundraiser for Menstrual Products

Keep Girls in School Even if They Can't Afford Period Products

Uma Raju

A student-proposed period product fundraiser will take place this spring to address period poverty across Virginia. The initiative plans to raise funds for nonprofit organizations serving the Greater Richmond area, Fredericksburg, Northern Virginia, and other regions by providing access to menstrual care.

Menstrual products are often overlooked as a fundamental necessity, and period poverty runs rampant in areas where accessing even basic resources is a struggle. This disproportionately impacts women and girls across Virginia. With 1 out of 7 Virginian girls living below the poverty line, these expensive and scarce products are nearly inaccessible in schools and the workforce.

Studies have shown that a lack of period products leads to chronic absenteeism, where menstruators can miss up to a week of school

every month, deeply inhibiting their education. Women in the workforce face barriers as well, as missing shifts due to a lack of period supplies makes them more vulnerable to job loss. Period poverty has displayed itself as a consistent barrier to equality, as 50% of the population lacks access to essentials.

Period poverty is a widely stigmatized issue, but it must not be neglected. By supporting this effort, participants can help promote health, dignity, and, most importantly, equal opportunity for women and girls in school and the workforce. Even small contributions can make an extremely meaningful impact on a person's life.

NOTE: Virginia has a law that requires school districts to provide period products, but it has never been funded! We will be advocating for funding in 2027.

In the meantime, please make your tax-deductible donation [here](#)

Thank you!

Is There an ICE Facility Near You?

ICE Issue Group

We hear daily news about people being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on the streets throughout the U.S. Do you know where the ICE detention facilities are in Virginia? The two largest in Virginia are the **Farmville Detention Center**, and the **Caroline Detention Facility**. The Farmville facility in Prince Edward County is owned and operated by CoreCivic, one of the two big private prison companies in the country. The Caroline facility in Bowling Green, Virginia, is owned by Caroline County and operated by the Peumansend Creek Regional Jail Authority. The Authority is an active public body and holds regular public board meetings every other month at the detention facility.

In addition to these, there is **Chantilly** where the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) owns the real estate and operates the facility. It is believed to be a temporary holding facility. Also utilized

for temporary holding is the **Riverside Regional Jail** in Prince George County where a contract with ICE was supposed to be lucrative but is reported as not. In Winchester, the **Northwestern Regional Juvenile Detention Center** houses juveniles under contract with ICE. Also, there are Department of Homeland Security offices where there is temporary holding, and other space that is under consideration for contracts with DHS (one in Suffolk).

The ICE Network Issue Group is building a database of the locations in Virginia. We have just begun. You can sign up for issue groups on the website [here](#).

The Unfinished Fight for Equity: Native American Voting Rights in Virginia

One hundred years ago, the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 granted Native Americans U.S. citizenship. Yet, for Indigenous Virginians, this was merely the beginning of a protracted struggle for true equity and inclusion in our democracy. Citizenship on paper did not automatically dismantle generations of systemic disenfranchisement.

Virginia's history, particularly with the egregious Racial Integrity Act of 1924, exemplifies this deep-seated inequity. This law, driven by white supremacist ideology, deliberately attempted to erase Native identity by forcing a binary racial classification of "white" or "colored." This act was a calculated tool of oppression, designed to deny Virginia's tribal nations their political voice. It took decades, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and *Loving v. Virginia* (1967) began to unravel these discriminatory structures.

Today, while overt racial laws are gone, the fight for Native American voting rights continues against subtle yet persistent barriers. These include strict voter ID laws that often invalidate tribal identification, and the lack of conventional residential addresses on many rural tribal lands. Long distances to polling places and inadequate mail services create significant logistical hurdles, disproportionately

impacting Indigenous communities and perpetuating their exclusion from the democratic process.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia is steadfast in its commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. We recognize that a truly representative democracy demands that the voices of all, especially those historically marginalized, are not just heard but empowered. Supporting the Native American Voting Rights Act (NAVRA) is essential to rectifying these historical and ongoing injustices, ensuring equitable access to registration and polling sites. Our democracy is only as strong as its most vulnerable voices, and the journey toward full enfranchisement for Virginia's tribal nations is a critical step toward a more just and inclusive society.

SOLAR SCHOOLS: What is Possible in 2026 and 2027?

Susan Feathers and Ruth Amundsen

Across the country schools are switching to solar power for the economic, educational, and community benefits. It is not too late to take advantage of federal funding and incentives, but time is of the essence.

The commercial tax credits for larger installations such as school solar projects are still available for projects that are complete by the end of 2027. These tax credits allow a financier to finance solar on the school via a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and take both the 30% tax credit and the depreciation deduction (~30% credit) and get back 60% of the installation cost *in the first year*. This method for financing solar on a school at no cost to the school will not be viable after the end of 2027 due to the end of the tax credit.

So if you think your school community wants to go solar to make this timeline, what are the next steps to meet that goal?

A [standardized RFP](#) can be used, as can a standard [Power Purchase Agreement \(PPA\)](#). The school issues the RFP, collects proposals for solar that will be done at no out-of-pocket cost to the school, selects

the best, and develops a PPA with the installer. In this way, the school system expends no effort or design work, there is no cost to the school, and operating costs are immediately cut with lower utility bills. Other benefits include the extension of roof lifetime, decrease in air-conditioning costs, and opportunities for student and faculty education about, and involvement with, renewable energy.

Benefits and Progress of Solar Schools in the U.S.A.

A 2024 report (generation180.org) summarized progress to meet the goal of schools across the nation to be powered by clean energy.

“Substantial progress has been made during the last ten years:

Cumulative solar capacity at U.S. schools more than quadrupled from 422 MW to 1,814 MW.

The number of solar-powered schools more than doubled from 3,727 to 8,971 schools.

The average system size installed at schools grew by 50% from 134 kW to 202 kW.

The number of students attending a solar-powered school more than doubled from 2.8 million to 6.2 million. Today, more than 1 in 9 students in the country attends a K-12 school powered by solar energy. “ [Generation180.org]

“School buildings are ideal for solar energy on a practical level because they are often unshaded and have large, flat, single-story roofs that make panels easy to install.” Ruth Amundsen, solar financier and LWV member, provides solar financing services to community-serving non-profits and low-income homes through the non-profit [Norfolk Solar Solutions](#) in collaboration with Ivy Main (author of [Power for the People VA](#)) and Alden Cleanthes. Ruth also finances solar on businesses and non-profits with her own LLC, [Sun Spots](#). She has installed solar via PPAs in Virginia since 2018 when she first worked with Norfolk Academy in Virginia where her children attended school, to install \$1M of solar with parent financing. The Academy is saving \$80,000 a year on energy bills according to Dr. Robert Call. “That adds up,” he shared. He explained the potential for

teaching science and conservation. “The pride the students feel with their school demonstrating a commitment to clean energy is an intangible but motivating influence on students and their families to learn more about it.”

Virginia Beach Public Schools is leading the area with installed solar on seven schools with 2-3 more planned for FY 2026. “When a school roof needs to be replaced, we also install solar panels,” explained Trevor Vuono, Energy Manager. VA Beach Public School District has saved \$3.2M in energy costs to date.

For more information, click [here](#).

Possible Lawsuit: Voter Registration While Applying for Health Care At Marketplace

The ACLU is looking into a legal issue and potential lawsuit related to Virginia’s Insurance Marketplace, which is the state health insurance exchange created by Virginia under the Affordable Care Act. Here is the [website](#) for Virginia's Insurance Marketplace.

As a result, we are looking to speak with individuals who either have applied for health insurance through Virginia’s Insurance Marketplace or who will be or may be applying for health insurance through Virginia’s Insurance Marketplace in the foreseeable future.

The issue we are looking into relates to requirements of federal law that apply to Virginia’s Insurance Marketplace. Specifically, the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) requires certain state public assistance agencies, such as Virginia’s Insurance Marketplace, to provide their clients an opportunity to register to vote. We may file a lawsuit to ensure that Virginia’s Insurance Marketplace complies with these NVRA voter registration requirements.

For purposes of this potential lawsuit, we are looking for individuals who meet two main criteria: (1) they have used or are likely to use Virginia’s Insurance Marketplace; and (2) they will or might potentially register to vote in Virginia for the first time, or they might

need to *update* their existing Virginia voter registration now or in the next year or so (for example, if they are planning to potentially move or change their name).

Specifically, we are looking for an individual who has used or may use Virginia's Insurance Marketplace to apply for health insurance in the foreseeable future – ideally in the next year or so. To clarify, in Virginia, this would generally not include those who have or would apply for Medicaid.

We have previously had luck finding individuals who meet these criteria by looking for people who may not have insurance provided through their jobs or schools or may be in periods of transition: for example, students who recently graduated (particularly those over the age of 26 who would no longer be eligible for coverage under their parents' health insurance), independent contractors or others working in fields that don't tend to provide health insurance, or people who are between jobs. Among these individuals, we would also be looking for people who are more likely to need to update their Virginia voter registrations by focusing on renters (as opposed to those who own their homes and are more likely to stay at their current addresses for the foreseeable future) or people who might change their names in the near future, like those who are planning to get married (or who are getting divorced), or those who might change their names in conformity with their gender identity.

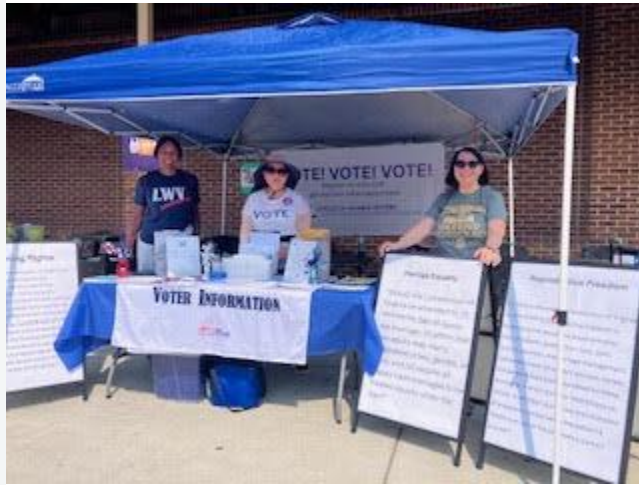
If you know anyone who might be willing to speak with us about joining this potential lawsuit, please have them email: [Sarah Brannon](#) or [Patricia Yan](#).

LOCAL LEAGUES

Hygiene Products Drive

The league of Women Voters of Staunton, Augusta and Waynesboro were featured recently from WHSV in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Click [here](#) to read more.

Cool(er) Voter Registration



Leaguers from Richmond Metro Area found a way to bear the heat while educating the public about voting opportunities coming up. Thank you for your service!

League-Inspired Sign



Thanks to our LWV Central Virginia unit this billboard was at the entrance of the Lynchburg Mall for most of July.

PARTNER NEWS - REV UP

Susan Lydick and Helena Burger - REV UP Virginia

REV UP (Register, Educate, Vote, Use Your Power) Virginia, the Commonwealth's only coalition specifically dedicated to the disability vote, is pleased to introduce the League of Women Voters of Virginia to our [new website](#). This website is an accessible online resource designed to educate, engage, and empower voters with disabilities across the Commonwealth.

Developed with the help of volunteer professionals and tested by members of the REV UP Virginia coalition for accessibility, the site serves two primary goals: to strengthen the understanding of voting rights within the disability community and to expand the visibility of REV UP Virginia as a trusted, nonpartisan advocate for an inclusive democracy.

The website features include:

Three core education sections: Voter Rights, Voter Registration, and Casting a Ballot, each offering clear, easy-to-navigate guidance.

A comprehensive Resources page compiling links to local, state, and national tools for accessible voting, as well as general disability information.

A commitment to regular voting updates, ensuring accuracy throughout Virginia's frequent election cycles, and news updates to keep viewers informed of important disability policy changes in Virginia and nationally.

The creation of the website marks another step forward in strengthening democracy through inclusion. By equipping Virginians with disabilities, their families, and allies with accessible information and tools, REV UP Virginia is helping to ensure every voice and every vote counts.

REV UP Virginia greatly appreciates and values our partnership with the League of Women Voters of Virginia. We invite all League members to explore the new site, share its resources, and help us increase disability civic power across Virginia.

August 2026 Calendar

Civic Health Month

6th - 1965 Voting Rights Act Anniversary

11th - Natl. Poll Worker Recruitment Day

18th - Passage of the 19th Amendment 1920

26th - Women's Equality Day

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