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The League of Women Voters is a **nonpartisan, grassroots** organization working to **protect and expand voting rights** to ensure everyone is represented in our democracy.

We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation at the local, state, and national levels.

Our goal? To shape better communities through civic engagement.

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We are committed to applying the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of our operations and activities.

We support government policies that apply these principles in addressing social, environmental, and economic problems in our communities.

We hold government officials accountable for decision-making that promotes widespread informed civic participation.

Learn more about what we do at our website lwv-cva.org and Facebook page.

JOIN US IN OUR MISSION!

Contact us: lwv@lwv-cva.org

This ad will appear in the Best of Cville 2024 coming out in August.

It says a lot about what we do. This year there will be more opportunities to engage voters with more get togethers, Community Dialogues on matters that affect us all.

There are more opportunities this year to be engaged in the work we do. Opportunities are available for Voter Drives and joining in the conversation and work of our action committee.

Don't Forget! It's Membership Renewal Time

Your dues are the same as last year, \$65 per person,/\$90 for a household. Life Membership and student membership are free.

Now, while you're thinking of this go to our website [Click Here](#) to pay your dues online via PayPal or credit card. Or you can mail it in to League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area, PO Box 2786, Charlottesville, VA 22902 Attn: Susan Mark

Get your dues payment in by August 15th to assure that your contact information is in our Member Handbook. It goes to press then.

Don't be left out!

Thanks in advance for renewing.

Save the Date!

We Are the League

Saturday September 14th
Northside Library in Charlottesville
10:30am- 12:30pm

For all members ,especially newer members, this is the chance to come and learn about LWV-CVA. You'll be hosted by our President , Lisa Hilgartner, and our Board members who will give you information about what each committee does and what it's planning to do this year.

This has already started as a very active year in Getting Out the Vote (GOTV). The League needs members to actively participate in events we sponsor and just pitch in to help in any way you can. If getting out is not your thing, we have opportunities to do this worthwhile work at home without making too much of a dent in your free time.

This is an exciting year. Join us to learn more.



LWVUS Convention 2024 News

by Stephanie Lowenhaupt

The 2024 National Convention was held in Washington DC June 27-30th. Every state plus Washington DC and the Virgin Islands was represented in person or virtually. The League is one of the most impactful organizations in the US for Voter Services. There is no time to hold back. We run toward problems to solve them. We do not cower. We file lawsuits and in court show up with our graphs, charts, and extensive research. We have the ear of Congress, VA General Assembly and the Judicial System.

It was announced that the new chief executive officer for LWVUS will be: Celina Stewart. Celina has been part of LWVUS staff since 2018 and currently serves as chief counsel and senior director of advocacy and litigation. She shared about her vision for her leadership of the next era of the League's story, focusing on the phrase: "Together, we will."

Some highlights include-

Positions and Resolutions Approved include-

- Making Democracy Work will continue for the next 2 years.

- Study of Federal Judiciary - Looking for local league members to join the Committee.
- Retention of all LWV US positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Issues as outlined in Impact on Issues
- Concurrence with the LWV of Washington state positions on Decline of Local News and its impact on Democracy

Other Initiatives that were discussed include One Person One Vote- the elimination of the Electoral College. This is happening at the State Level. National Popular Vote has been enacted by 16 states. <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/>

The Vermont Concurrence regarding the position on US Privatization of Healthcare was discussed and debated but did not pass by the 2/3 majority required. Some delegates were confused by the position and felt there needed to be further education about privatization of healthcare. Stay tuned for a Local Community Dialog being planned for fall of 2024.

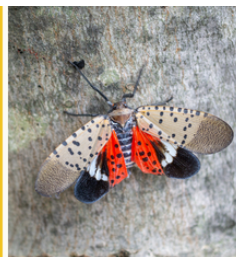
Other Motions Approved include.

- DC Statehood
- LWVUS commits continuing support for the CEDAW framework at the local, state, and national levels to protect and promote the fundamental and inalienable human rights of women and girls.
- Fair and Humane Immigration Reform
- Reproductive Rights and Justice

If questions please contact attendees, Lisa Hilgartner, Stephanie Lowenhaupt, Evette Barton and Meg Huebeck. Thanks for the privilege of attending.

Committee News

**SEE IT.
STOMP IT.
REPORT IT.**
Stop the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly!



Natural Resources Committee by Linda Goodling

The Natural Resources Committee has been studying the revision of the Albemarle County **Comprehensive Plan**, known as AC44. Growth Management should be at the core of every county policy in The Comprehensive Plan. We are concerned that strong policies be in place for preserving rural areas, land use, and water resources, among other issues.

After 3 years of developing the Plan, it will undergo a refinement. To the public, it is not clear at this time what is being changed, shortened, or eliminated. We encourage more community engagement during this next phase, and that the public be informed of which goals and objectives are being revised or eliminated, and to have access to the documents that identify these changes. We especially hope that the rural areas are strongly protected and that smart growth occurs in the development area.

One of the League's missions is to "encourage informed and active participation."

Therefore, we are very concerned about the absence of community involvement and opportunities to speak at meetings. So, we hope that the League can participate in the upcoming meetings.

For additional information, there are two good

links: <https://www.albemarle.org/community/environmental-stewardship-in-albemarle-county/focus-on-reducing-waste>; Go to the website at "[ac44engage](#)".

Back to School Bash Cosponsored by Gun Violence Prevention Committee with their partner Coalition Against Gun Violence AND Voter Services will team up to get kids ready for school with swag and coloring book. **At the Ting Pavilion August 10th from 10-noon.**

Voter Services Committee News

by Kim Harris

Thanks to everyone who has taken the annual voter registration training and already volunteered to "woman" a table or two to get folks registered and ready to vote! We have a number of events/opportunities lined up, as you can see below. We also are planning to co-sponsor a community dialogue on mis/dis-information with our local NAACP chapter, and will be co-hosting a candidate forum with them as well, in addition to one with the Senior Statesmen of Virginia. It's going to be a busy fall, but that's how it should be!

If you are interested in attending our monthly meetings (Zoom, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5-6pm) and/or getting our Committee emails, please reach out to Kim Harris.

Voter Drives Coming Soon

Aug.3rd- Voter Registration at Westhaven Community Day from 10-2
Aug. 8th Voter Registration at UVA Medical School 11-1:30
Aug. 10th Voter registration at Back to School Bash - Ting Pavilion 10 to Noon
August 24th Louisa African American Culture Heritage Festival in Louisa from 10-4

Consider pitching in and help get out the vote! Contact Kim Harris for details!

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for August 2024 - Mark your Calendars!

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Aug. 15th LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting Northside Library 3-5
August 24th Louisa African American Culture Heritage Festival in Louisa from 10-4
Sept.14th We Are the League 10:30-12:30 Northside Library
Sept. 14th Democracy Day- Noon to 3 Place :TBA Meet Your General Assembly Reps
Sept. 17th- National Voter Registration Day
Sept. 17-23 Constitution Week

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