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September 2024 "eVoter"

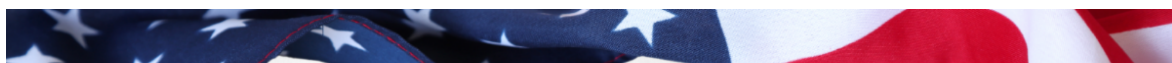
Join us!



We Are The League

Saturday, September 14th from 10:30- 12:30
Northside Library, Rio Road West Charlottesville 22901

This is an exciting Election Year. LWV-CVA has many activities we are working on. If ever you thought of adding your voice and muscle to the League this event was created for you. Come join us to learn more about what our League is doing this fall to defend democracy. Listen, learn, and discuss actions that our Committees: Voter Services, Gun Violence Prevention, Natural Resources, Health Care and International Relations/ Federal Government will undertake. You'll also get an idea of what our behind the scenes committees do for Promotion and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Light refreshments will be served.





On September 14, we're celebrating democracy! Join Cville NOW, and the Sierra Club to observe Democracy Day, established by the United Nations to promote and uphold the principles of democracy worldwide. Visit our table display to score info, swag and snacks! Great speakers will fire up the crowd, including Meg Heubeck, and there will be music and fun for everyone! Don't miss it! Noon-3pm in Market Street Park, 201 2nd St., NE, Charlottesville.



*Misinformation Disinformation
What's Fake ,What's Real?

Sunday, September 29th 2:30 pm-4:30pm
Swanson Room -Central Library Charlottesville

The League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area team up
with the NAACP of Charlottesville

Our Speakers:

Dr. Charles Oswald, Professor of Philosophy at UVA
and

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Jessica Higgins from Cville Tomorrow

Note: Meet and Greet at 2 and Speakers on at 2:30.

- Title has not been finalized at time of printing. More information will be coming in our mid month update.

US House of Representative Candidate Forum

**Wednesday, September 11th
from 2:30-4pm at The Center
in Charlottesville**

Get the chance to listen and learn
about who the candidates are and
where they stand on issues that
concern us all.



**House of Representatives
Candidates:
Gloria Witt(D) and
John J. McGuire (R)**



The General Election is Coming!

**Make sure you have your ID with you when you
vote.**

September 17th National Voter Registration Day-
Ask your friends, relatives, and neighbors if they are
registered to vote!

September 20- Early Voting starts at your local
registrar's office.

October 15th -Last day to register to vote in the
General Election.

**November 5th- Election Day at your local
precinct**

RANKED CHOICE VOTING UPDATE COMES BEFORE CVILLE CITY COUNCIL AND ALBEMARLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

On August 19th Charlottesville City Council heard input from the community on using
Ranked Choice Voting in future city elections. On August 21st Albemarle County Board of
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Supervisors held a discussion on RCV. Kevin Yates read and handed each member a copy of the letter written and signed by Lisa Hilgartner, President of our League, stating our position and support of the use of Ranked Choice Voting. Lisa also went to the City Council's Office and hand delivered letters on our position on RCV and support for it to the office of all six members of the Council .
Charlottesville City council has agreed to consider it while Albemarle County set the recommendation aside for another time.

Voter Registration Returns to UVA Medical School

On August 8th League members assembled to register first year med students on their 2nd day of school. There were 39 new registrants and a dozen applications to change their address and/or requests for absentee ballots.

We assisted several in checking their registrations and some students made use of the online ELECT registration.

Thanks to Dr. James Moak for coordinating our effort to GOTV to the med school at UVA. Pictures are Lisa Hilgartner, James Moak, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Gwedette Crummie, Audrey Dannenberg, and Pam Dolgin. Missing from pic were Barbara Williams and Leslie Williams.



Kim Harris, Carolyn Fitzpatrick and Diane Inman were at the Louisa African American Cultural event on August 24th registering folks to vote and giving out information about voting. Notice the great T shirt!

Committee News

Voter Services by Kim Harris

We are really ramping up in Voter Services! With only 2 1/2 months until Election Day, we still have so many opportunities for you to get involved with us!

First, we are co-hosting a MisInformation / Disinformation Community Dialogue on 29 September with the NAACP of the Charlottesville Area. It will be 2-4:30 in the Swanson Room at the Central Library downtown. This is an incredibly important topic that touches all of us, so please invite everyone you know to join us!

Second, we are back up on social media again! Woo hoo! We have active accounts on Instagram and Facebook, and are pushing out messages regularly. Here's where we need **YOUR** help: Please go out and like the posts, and SHARE them within your circle of friends and family! This is how we draw more attention to what we're saying, and that's important.

Finally, We have a TON of possible events where you can register people to vote, share information about the league and get to know your fellow league members! Let us know if you're interested in helping out, and we'll show you the ropes!!

Voter services meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5 pm via Zoom. Please reach out to Kim Harris for the link!!

Gun Violence Prevention by Meg Heubeck

The Gun Violence Prevention committee met on Monday to set goals for the upcoming League year. I met with Cathy Pales from Moms Demand Action and we discussed some additional events that we might partake in particularly their BE SAFE campaign. In addition to our traditional events members are encouraged to consider attending:

Democracy Day- September 14/ Market Street Park

Early Voter Week- October 27-November 2

Peace Up- Guns Down Event- November 2

Batten School at UVA/ Gun Violence prevention event- Parents will share their experiences of Active Shooter Drills and effects on their children- WED Sept. 18. 6pm- 150 Chancellor Street (Sponsored by the Law School)

Suicide Prevention Month- September

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we currently attend meetings of the Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention, <https://ccgvp.org>, on the first Monday of the month at 10am via Zoom. Members might also be interested in attending MOMS Demand meetings:

Sept. 10, 7pm Building Goodness Foundation, 128 Carlton. We are better together!

Natural Resources by Linda Goodling

The Natural Resources Committee met August 26th at the office of Piedmont Environmental Council. In attendance were Sally Thomas, Peggy Gilges, Rob McGinnis and Linda Goodling. Liz Palmer attended virtually. As reported last month, after three years of developing Albemarle Comprehensive Plan, AC44, the NRC and other environmental groups are still waiting to find out what changes are being made to the plan. Our committee continues to fear that the rural areas and natural resources will be compromised. AC44 is a powerful tool for guiding what we hope our community will do in the future. Protecting our natural resources, rural areas, and green spaces are vital issues to be included in the comprehensive plan. The NCR is crafting a letter, to be approved by the League Board, requesting information regarding the changes to the plan and when the public will be invited to engage on this issue. To get involved, call or write to the Board of Supervisors. For more information on this or to gather talking points, visit Piedmont Environmental Council

<https://www.pecva.org>

NRC will meet September 30th at 4:00 pm at the Chairwoman's home.

International Relations and Foreign Government News by Anita Pilling

I met Lois Sandy at Linden House, 1250 Branchlands Drive, for a tour of the facility to see if it would work for our needs. Yes! It's like walking into a 4-star hotel, not quite 5-star, but most definitely a 4-star. It's a beautiful facility with three possible meeting spots. There's a quiet terrace that will be lovely in good weather, but also two rooms with plenty of room. The smaller room will be more than enough room for our present group, but if we grow into fantastic numbers, we can move into the larger one. It's FREE. I walked around the parking lot to see what was available and there is enough for most meetings, but there is an additional area with infinite parking just a skip away. Most of the Linden House employees use the larger lot. Lois said she would be happy to show the facility to anyone who has doubts about this venue. Once we meet there, I think everyone will be delighted with the place.

I'm getting excited about the upcoming election and the impact of Project 2025 in the discussions. We will be discussing the economic impact of Project 2025 and its impact on immigration at the September 11 meeting. Just to be sure I'm remembering correctly: We will be meeting the second Wednesday of each month from 10-12? Please let me know if that is not a

good time for you. Hopefully, we'll be able to accommodate you.

Please contact Anita Pilling for more information at 936-662-5744 or anitapilling.ap@gmail.com

Update your LWV-CVA Handbook WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Randy Fleitman has joined as a household member with Miriam Fleitman

Paul "Nick" Hundley has joined as a household member with Lisa Hilgartner

LWV CVA Calendar of Events for September 2024 Mark your Calendars!

Voter Services meets Sept.10th at 5pm online. Contact Kim Harris for details.

**LWV- CVA and SSV US House Representative Forum
Sept. 11th at The Center in Charlottesville from 2:30-4**

**LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting -
September 12th at Northside Avenue Library Meeting Room 3- 5 pm**

**We Are the League Event- Meet our Directors!
Sept. 14th at Northside Library Meeting Room from 10:30- 12:30**

**Democracy Day
Sept. 14th at Market Street Park, Charlottesville from 12-3**

**Mis/Disinformation- What You Need to Know!
Sept. 29th at the Swanson Room ,Central Library from 2-4:30**

Gun Violence Prevention Committee meets Monday, September 23rd at 3pm online. Contact Meg Heubeck for details.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Meets on Monday, September 23rd at 4pm at the Piedmont Environmental Council Office .Contact Linda Goodling linniecg740@gmail.com for details.

International Relations/Federal Govt. Meeting

Meets second Wednesday of each month from 10-12 at Linden House,1250 Branchlands Dr.,C'ville 22901. Sept.11 is the next meeting date. Contact Anita Pilling for more information at 936-662-5744 or anitapilling.ap@gmail.com

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We are committed to applying the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of our operations and activities. We support governmental policies that apply these principles in addressing the social, environmental and economic problems in our communities.

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