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## October 2024 "eVoter"

# GOTV

Get Out the Vote

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Go Out to Vote  
or Vote by Mail!

Early voting is on at your registrar's office.  
Get friends, relatives, and neighbors to the polls!

### Dates to Remember:

October 15th- Last day to register to vote.

**General Election Day- November 5th**

Polls open 6am-7pm at your precinct only!

Remember to bring your ID to vote!

**Democracy  
is NOT  
a spectator  
sport.**



### **Democracy Day September 14th**

Meg Heubeck was one of the speakers at this event supporting Democracy. Carol cutler read her poem on Democracy, and we had a Get Out the Vote table there as well with Linda Goodling, Miriam Fleitman, Bobbie Williams, and Diane Inman

**We Are the League on September 14th**

Our Board of Directors made presentations of what each of the committees do and what their plans are for the coming year. Life Members, those who have been League members for 50years or more, were recognized including our newest Life Member, Rosalie Simari.



Nelson County Registrar, Jacqueline Britt and her Staff (above)  
(below) Greene County Registrar, Jennifer Fowler-Lewis



(above left) Fluvanna County Registrar, Joyce Well- Pace  
(below left) Albemarle County Registrar, Lauren Eddy  
  
(below) City of Charlottesville Register, Taylor Yowell



Not pictured; Louisa Registrar Cristy E. Watkins

On National Voter Registration Day, September 17th, our League honored all our local registrars with a Recognition of Outstanding Service Certificate. Lisa Hilgartner went to each of the registrar's offices and presented the Certificates to each of the Registrars.



## Fact,Fiction, or Something in Between ..... Our First Community Dialogue of the Season September 29th

(above) CJ Oswald, PhD candidate at UVA 's Corcoran School of Philosophy Department spoke about discerning information and how we as receivers interpret it. These he uses in the class he teaches at UVA.

(Directly below) Jessie Higgins, Managing Editor of Charlottesville Tomorrow talked about how she and her reporters get leads and how she determines what to publish . She noted that as a non-profit that her eNews is not bound by time constraints so much as for profit newspapers have to work within. Cville Tomorrow can take more time to deep dive into the backstories of the issues that affect our area.



For our first Community Dialogue we were fortunate to co sponsor the event with

Graham Paige, who represented the NAACP Pac of Charlottesville and members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumni group and other Black UVA Greeks Alums. Having these DST members present was a boon to us and the speakers because they added insightful depth to the conversation that went on throughout the afternoon. We thank them so much for joining forces and hope to do more in the future.



### **African Heritage Festival in Staunton - September 28th at Gypsy Hill Park**

Evette Barton, our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director for us and the LWVVA worked at this event registering people to vote and giving information about voting and about membership in our league.

## **Committee News**

### **Voter Services** by Kim Harris

We're closing in on the last opportunities to register voters for the November 2024 General Election! Many, many, MANY thanks to all of you on the Voter Services Committee. You have done such a fabulous job of "womaning" (and manning) tables from Greene to Louisa, and Albemarle counties to the city as well. I honestly could not have managed this election season without each of you!

In addition to voter registration opportunities, October also brings Voter Education Week (7-11 Oct) and National Vote Early Day (29 October)! Be on the lookout for our planned social media posts on

Instagram and Facebook for both events. We are also working on something special for 29 October, so stay tuned!!

Voter services meets this month on October 8, and the 2nd Tuesday of each month thereafter 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 is busy for Suicide Prevention Month. We are posting messages on social media to raise awareness about suicide and gun safety. The Committee is also discussing plans for a future Community Conversation to be held in early 2025. We are following current statistics from the CDD, NIH regarding gun violence in order to better communicate with the public about public health in regard to gun violence.

Our Monthly meeting will be October 28th, the fourth Monday of the month, at 3pm via Zoom. Contact Meg Heubeck for more information.

## Natural Resources by Linda Goodling

The Natural Resources Committee met September 30th at 4. The NCR is crafted 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 Monday, October 28th at 4:00 pm at the Piedmont Environmental Council office.

**If you are a resident of Albemarle or just concerned for Albemarle's Comprehensive Plan 2024 please show up for this presentation.**

## Save the Date: The AC44 Community Check-In is Happening October 30

Join us in Lane Auditorium on Wednesday, October 30, from 6 - 8 pm for an informative presentation on the AC44 Comprehensive Plan where community members will gain valuable insights into the following key areas:

- **Current Status of the AC44 Process:** Understand where we stand in the development of the comprehensive plan and what steps are next in the rollout.
- **Growth Management Policy:** Explore the overarching guidance that shapes our land use and development strategies, including how these policies apply to both rural and development areas.
- **Land Use Topics:** Delve into specific land use categories, including the future land use map and the importance of activity centers in promoting density and

multimodal transportation.

This session is designed to empower you with knowledge and encourage your active participation in shaping our community's future. **Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the conversation!** New to the AC44 Project? Learn more about AC44, the process, and ways you can participate at [albemarle.org/AC44](http://albemarle.org/AC44).

## International Relations and Federal Government News

by Anita Pilling

The International Relations/Federal Government Committee has found an excellent venue to meet in the Linden House at 1250 Branchlands. Thanks to Lois Sandy this beautiful facility provides a place where we can meet regularly the second Wednesday of each month at no cost. The meetings are from 10:00 to 12:00. We had originally planned to discuss the judiciary in October. The national LWV office wants all chapters to examine issues pertaining to the national judiciary this year. We are fortunate to have a lawyer and interesting discussion leader on this subject with Diane Skalak. When *The Economist* published a timely article about what will happen if the election results are contested again, we asked Diane to postpone her presentation and she graciously agreed. **Her presentation on the judiciary will be on November 13<sup>th</sup>.** So we will look carefully at the problems and possible solutions that we will face if the Election is again challenged. The article is in the September 14<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Economist* (pp. 17-19). There are several weaknesses in our election system, but election officials are working hard to prepare for as many eventualities as possible. This is a very timely subject and we need to be cognizant of what could possibly happen. Please come and share your ideas with us.

Please contact Anita Pilling for more information at 936-662-5744 or [anitapilling.ap@gmail.com](mailto:anitapilling.ap@gmail.com)

### **IR/FG NEWS REPORT OF 9/11/24 MEETING by Gerry Kruger**

Our committee met on the anniversary of the infamous terrorist attack on New York's World Trade Center. Lois Sandy arranged for us to meet at Linden House, but only Anita Pilling, Gerry Kruger, Carol Cutler, and Lois were present. Our chair Rice Wagner was sick.

Anita again led our discussion on Project 2025 and its impact on the economy if the Republican candidate (Donald Trump) wins the

presidency.

Civil service employees in DC would no longer be protected by due process and collective bargaining rights. 80 % are African Americans and other minorities. Loyalty to Trump would be the only criteria for these positions. The President could hire and fire at will and eliminate government agencies as well.

Competitive examinations for positions would be eliminated. Only loyalists to Trump would fill them. The Department of Education would also be eliminated along with the FBI and Department of Homeland Security. The Department of Justice would be under the direction of the President.

The President would set interest rates, discredit the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, restore the gold standard, and allow banks to print their own money. The project envisions moving from an income tax to a national sales tax. It would also reduce individual income tax to two flat tax brackets and eliminate most credits, deductions, and exclusions. It would reduce the corporate tax rate, the capital gains rate for high earners, and require 3/5 vote in Congress to change tax rates. The plan would significantly increase taxes for millions of low and middle-income households. The Congressional Budget Office says these policies would add \$3.5 trillion to the nation's deficit. Finally, the plan would end taxes on drug manufacturers that force them to comply with Medicare price controls.

Project 2025 would eliminate the Department of Commerce and impose tariffs on most imports from all countries. These measures could set off a global trade war and accelerate inflation. This would raise prices on consumer products, which hurt low and middle-income households. These elevated prices could slow economic growth.

The project proposes to abolish the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the FTC, shrink the role of the National Labor Relations Board, abolish the Economic Development Association, decrease overtime pay, require Americans to be paid more for working on Sunday, and diminish child labor protections.

Immigration deportations will greatly damage the American economy. The Pew Research Center reports 10.5 million undocumented immigrants in the US, but Trump claims 15-20 million will be quickly deported. He would have red state National Guards, local police, sheriffs, and other enforcement officers arresting immigrants in large-scale raids. Those arrested would be held in internment camps at the cost of \$1400/month for each detainee. The cost of this plan is thought to be in the billions.

Funding for the border wall with Mexico would increase dramatically. Protections for the Dream Act would end. Economists warn that these measures would cause a rapid rise in unemployment and inflation,



especially in industries like hospitality, agriculture, construction, and care for the young and elderly. One million have jobs providing professional, scientific, technical, and administrative services.

Besides causing unemployment problems, property values would drop, rental properties would be empty, and the billions they pay in taxes as well as their contributions to Social Security (though they're not eligible for benefits) would be lost.

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## Update your LWV-CVA Handbook WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## LWV CVA Calendar of Events for October 2024 Mark your Calendars!

**Voter Services meets Oct.8th at 5pm online. Contact Kim Harris for details.**

**LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting -  
October. 10th at Northside Avenue Library Meeting Room 3- 5 pm**

Gun Violence Prevention Committee meets Monday, October 28th at 3pm online. Contact Meg Heubeck for details.

**Natural Resources Committee Meeting**  
Meets on Monday, Monday, October 28th at 4pm at the Piedmont Environmental Council Office .Contact Linda Goodling  
[linniecg740@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:anitapilling.ap@gmail.com)

**League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area**

**President: Lisa Hilgartner**

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**Visit our website: [lwv-cva.org](http://lwv-cva.org)**



**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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