

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – January 17, 2022

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Happy New Year!

Date to remember:

- Saturday, January 29, 10 AM to Noon
Lively Issues on Zoom
- Tuesday, February 15: Primary Election
- April 12 & 13: CIP Training

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League Mechanics

As a new year and election cycle begin, the League will be active and very visible. Although that is how it is best known, League is so much more than voter service and forums.

The League's mission as stated on its national website is

The League of Women Voters of the United States encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

To accomplish this, League must be deeply engaged in following the various levels of government and their decisions. We study and advocate for community issues that governments wrestle with. In the coming months, this new "League Mechanics" column will shed light on what the League is really about.

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends." Martin Luther King, Jr.

What's on your mind? Join "Lively Issues" and let us know

Saturday, January 29*, 10:00 AM to Noon via Zoom (open 9:45): It's Lively Issues time!

- The League of Women Voters of Door County's annual Lively Issues meeting is an opportunity to identify issues important to our members.
- During what should be a "lively" meeting, we will ask everyone to offer local issues and topics of concern. After discussing these in the context of our positions, we will recommend topics for further study, education or action. We will also discuss current and future state and national LWV initiatives.
- This is a great opportunity to dig into the substance of our work, add your own voice to advocate for issues of concern to you personally, and to learn more about the League.
- Have your own hot beverage (perhaps a mid-morning snack, donuts anyone?) and join us by clicking on the link below. The "Zoom Room" will be open by 9:45 AM, so you can check in and take care of any technical issues prior to the start of the meeting.

****Note this change of date from Jan. 22 to Jan. 29!***

Topic: Lively Issues

Time: Jan 29, 2022 09:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85636898091?pwd=ZXVZL3MzVGJMZ2tKdVZNSEhHaDZFUT09>

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And they're back! Elections, that is...

After a brief (but welcome) autumn hiatus from elections, we have moved into the **Spring Election Cycle**. In Wisconsin, that means **nonpartisan local elections**. The 2022 April ballots will elect county board supervisors, the Sturgeon Bay Mayor and city alderpersons, village trustees, and town board and school board members. Because of soon-to-come primaries for a county board seat and for Gibraltar school board, the season is well underway.

Check out the new district boundaries

Redistricting was required after the 2020 U.S. Census. Door County's population grew a bit and shifted with the most increases in the northern Door area. This resulted in county board district boundary changes. In turn, it also changed some municipal wards. It is important for citizens to make sure they know the number of their new district. The new maps, which have become active with the 2022 election cycle, are attached. Check them out.

Note these important election dates:

Wednesday, January 26 Deadline for mail-in registration

Friday, January 28 Deadline for online registration

Tuesday, February 15: **Primary election** (can register in person at polling place)

Tuesday, April 5: **General election**

Voting by absentee ballot

If already registered, citizens can

- request an absentee ballot by mail from their municipal clerk. They should mail the request form with picture ID to clerk's office no later than five days before the election (Thursday, February 10).
- request an absentee ballot online myvote.wi.gov by selecting Vote Absentee. If it is the first time, they must attach copy a of the picture ID.
- request an absentee ballot in person at clerk's office with picture ID.

Return absentee ballot no later than 8:00 PM on the day of the election. The ballot may also be returned to the clerk's office no earlier than two weeks before election day with a picture ID.

Primary contests

County Board Supervisor from District 20:

Nate Bell, Abby Duebler, and Walter Kalms

Gibraltar School Board (two seats) *:

Don Helm, Jessica Sauter, Jeremy Schwab, James Smasal, Christian Voight, Patrick Voight

*Separate and unrelated to the election. The current board will appoint two people to fill the current two seats that are empty because two recently elected board members resigned. The two appointees will serve until next spring (April 2023).

Candidate Forum for District 20 of the County Board – watch for the date!

There will be seven contested Door County Board Supervisor seats on the April ballot. One of these races (District 20) will require a primary to be held on February 15. The League will hold three forums. As per our policy, the District 20 forum will be held prior to the primary (probably in early February), and the other two (which are general election contests) will be in March.

There is the possibility that other spring forums will be requested for contested school board, town, or village races.

With the resurgence of Covid, all spring forums will be held online via ZOOM. As done over the last two years, ZOOM Forums will not be live events, but rather recorded and put on the League webpage. The public will be notified via news release, updates, and word of mouth. Watch for dates and details.



Observer Corps Alert!

Follow the money!

Right now, in every local government across the land, decisions are being made about how to spend the sizable pots of money from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These are significant sums made available to counties, cities, villages, towns, and school boards to mitigate the damages to their communities caused by the pandemic.

To ensure that this once-in-a-generation opportunity is not squandered, citizens must monitor and communicate with their local officials regarding how they wish to see the money spent. In other words, what are the community needs they want addressed?

City and county governments may discuss ARPA funds at their finance committee meetings. Schools and other units of government may do so at their board meetings. Contact a governmental unit by phone, email, or online to discover meeting dates, agendas, links to online meetings or to determine how to access those that are recorded. For questions contact Barb Graul, Observer Corp Team Coordinator tgraul@sbcglobal.net or observercorps@lwvdoorcounty.org.

LWVDC Needs YOU



WE WANT YOU!

**to be on the 2022-23 Leadership Team
(Please, don't skip reading this!)**

The Door County League has open positions on the Leadership Team and wants to involve more members interested in deepening their non-partisan activism for our democracy. Plus, this Leadership Team has fun while doing it!

Attached to this newsletter is a listing of the different roles on the Leadership Team. Please consider what role you might play working more closely with the local League. No one has to do it all - but more hands make each job easier.

Contact Pat Scieszinski chair@lwvdoorcounty.org with any questions or if you are just wondering about how to fit more "League" into your life. If you don't call us, trust me, we'll be calling you!

Watch for two Mental Health/Substance Use Events

Crisis Intervention Partner Training

- One very exciting event being developed is a two-day training which will help members of the public explore ways to interact productively with people experiencing mental health crises. It is currently scheduled for **April 12 and 13 at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), Community Center**. Planning efforts are being coordinated by Helen Bacon as a collaboration

of the Door County League of Women Voters, National Alliance on Mentally Illness (NAMI), Door County Department of Health and Human Services, and JAK's Place.

- Having this type of training locally is a wonderful opportunity for the community, but there will be plenty of work involved in implementing it. **Volunteers are needed** to help with registration, refreshments and meals, set up and clean up. Please volunteer to help by contacting Barb Graul at tgraul@sbcglobal.net or (920) 743-6842. For more information about the event itself, contact Helen Bacon at hlbacon55@hotmail.com or (920) 493-7200.

Youth Mental Health Presentation

Watch for details about what STRIDE is doing for Youth Mental Health, a LWV presentation coming in February!

Support transportation in Door County

Opportunities to support Door-Tran services:

- **January – March 2022 – Jandu Petroleum 8** (gas station on the corner of 3rd & Michigan) – pump #5 - \$.02/gallon of gas will be donated to Door-Tran. Drive up, pump up (pay at the pump or go in if cash) and drive away.
- **Wednesday, January 19, 2022 – Jimmy John's \$1 Get a Sandwich, Give a Dollar.** Purchase a sandwich. Mention this promotion, and Door-Tran will receive \$1 in return.
- **Tuesday, February 22, 2022 – Culvers Share Night** – Door-Tran will receive a portion of the sales.
- **March 11-25, 2022 – LuLa Roe Fundraiser** – Watch for more info.
- **Tadych's** (formerly Tadych's EconoFoods) remains committed to giving us 1% of the receipt totals. Drop off the receipts at our office Monday-Friday 8:00 – 4:00.

Additional volunteer drivers are needed for the volunteer transportation programs. We offer mileage reimbursement, cell phone, meal (when applicable) and flexible schedules.

For more information contact Nikki Voight, Executive Director, Door-Tran: PO Box 181, 1009 Egg Harbor Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235-0181; Office: (920)743-9999 or (877)330-6333

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Communicate with your representatives!

(Post the updated attached list on your refrigerator to have it handy.)

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