

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF DOOR COUNTY

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – August 22, 2022

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Calling all suffragists for the car parade!

The Car Parade is this Friday! Please come join us – bring your daughters, your sons, your pups – as we celebrate Women’s Equality Day, the 102 nd anniversary of the 19 th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. We will begin lining up on 3 rd Avenue at Jefferson at 11:30, where you can finish festooning your buggy with your streamers and balloons while we wait -- there will be prizes! The parade will take off at the striking of the clock tower bells at noon, with Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in the lead! We will wend our way through Sturgeon Bay, down 3 rd Ave, across the Michigan Street Bridge, up Madison Avenue, circling around to cross the Oregon Street Bridge to Martin Park, honking all the way! There we will be treated to music by Cathy Grier and Tony Menzer of Cathy Grier and the Troublemakers! Susie B and Lizzie C are looking forward to their ride and sharing their historical perspective with us. And don’t worry, it wouldn’t be an LWV gathering if it didn’t include cookies and beverages – just ask Susie B and Lizzie C! Come one, come all! Please check the attached Parade Press Release and Parade Flier with the rules for the parade. Please read the rules before participating.

Candidate forum for WI Senate District 1

We've reached out to both candidates on the ballot for Wisconsin Senate District 1. Incumbent Andre Jacque (R) is being challenged by Andrea Gage-Michaels (D), an elder law attorney from DePere. Hopefully, we'll have them both on board for a forum very soon.

FYI: "The **1st Senate District of Wisconsin** is one of 33 senate districts in [the state](#) ... and comprises all of [Door](#) and [Kewaunee](#) counties, as well as most of northern [Manitowoc County](#), much of south and east [Brown County](#), northern [Calumet County](#), and part of southwest [Outagamie County](#). It includes the city of [Two Rivers](#), most of the city of [De Pere](#), and parts of the cities of [Appleton](#) and [Menasha](#). The district does not contain, but is adjacent to, the [Green Bay](#) area" (*Wikipedia.*)

We are planning an in-person forum in either late September or early October when people are more tuned-in to the election, but yet there is plenty of time before November 8 to view the recording on the LWVDC webpage.

In the hope of attracting voters from beyond Door County, the forum may be held at a venue in the Southern Door area, probably on a weekday around 6:00 pm. (Weekends in the fall are just too hectic). When we have a time and place set, we'll do our usual media outreach and notify other Leagues in the 1st Senate District in hopes of drawing more voters.

We'll keep you updated as more details become available.

We are off and running!

Your Leadership Team has met this summer to get organized and plan a general calendar of programs and events for the year. With a fall partisan election, a spring non-partisan election, and a host of important issues to learn about and advocate for, we need your help! In this article and a companion article on Voter Service projects, you will find many ways to contribute.

You are the grassroots that make LWV effective – our “boots on the ground.” Without you, this important work does not happen.

Review the list of events, issues, activities below and choose those that you will help us implement.

Tasks vary in size, and a point person will help you find a way you can contribute. Use the contact information to get involved.

Get to Know the League – Membership Event: This is a casual social opportunity for new and prospective members to learn about the organization, for experienced members to share their knowledge, and for all to enjoy getting to know each other. The very best thing about the LWV is the people it attracts – interesting, capable men and women who do things that matter. Refreshments provided. Contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Campaign to thank our election workers: We are planning a tribute to friends, neighbors, and family members who conduct our elections. So many of them have been unjustly criticized and threatened in recent years. We want to let them know we appreciate their dedication, competence, and professionalism. Contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI): The DC League's Committee will be preparing an event on a DEI related topic. Help them shape it! Contact pat.ski@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Getting to know Door County local government: People cannot influence their city, town, village, and county government if they do not know how it works. The League's mission is and always has been to influence government at all levels. This will help locals get involved!

Contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Impartial or Restorative Justice: The DC League's Mental Health/Substance Use (MH/SU) Education Committee will be preparing a program on a related topic. Join in and help on these important issues. Contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Help keep Door County voter turnout high

The rush to the November general election has begun, which brings so many opportunities to serve. While Voter Service is an area in which League excels, fall partisan elections are truly "all hands on deck" experiences. **We need you!**

Review the list below and sign up to help out. There are so many ways, large and small, to do that, but all these tasks are vital pieces in helping citizens access their right to vote as informed citizens.

Help citizens exercise their voting rights: Signal your interest in the following projects by contacting vsregistration@lwvdoorcounty.org.

- **High school project:** This outreach to county high schools provides information on how to register and vote in person or by absentee ballot. It includes assist events, presentations, and birthday card distribution.
- **Election information outreach:** Sharing information on how to exercise one's voting rights is accomplished at many events and in so very many ways. Consider helping out with one or more of these:
 - Assist at events that are held at locations throughout the county, such as NWTC, libraries, ADRC, and meal sites.
 - Coordinate with organizations such as Non-Profit Group, etc.
 - Distribute informational materials at locations throughout the county, such as libraries, senior residential facilities, and businesses.
 - Participate in events such as National Voter Registration Day on September 20
 - Plan a media campaign to distribute information.

Promote informed voters: Conducting candidate forums is another key League service. Contact vsforums@lwvdoorcounty.org to help with candidate forums.

Learn about the Leadership Team

The best way to learn about LWV is to be a part of the Leadership Team. Anyone interested in experiencing the team at work - up close and personal - should attend a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 21**, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the **NWTC Sister Bay Learning and Innovation Center, 2438 S. Bayshore Drive (Hwy. 42), Sister Bay**. The pandemic has demonstrated that hybrid provides more opportunities for team members, so tuning in virtually is also a possibility. For more information contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Help bring high quality internet to all of Door County

Door County has begun a journey to bring high quality internet access to every citizen of the county. It will not be quick or easy, but being successful is crucial to the future of this county and to every one of us. It will require all of its citizens to play a role, whether they currently have high quality broadband or are not served at all.

The Door County Fibernet Project is a collaborative effort between the county and its municipalities to improve broadband access in the county.

How can I help?

The first step in supporting these efforts is to take a **Fibernet Survey**. Then get your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Why should I do that?

Federal infrastructure grant funding is based on the number of unserved or underserved broadband populations in the state. Therefore, it is critical that we help the state accurately assess broadband access. Existing federal government broadband access maps are inaccurate, and in most cases overstate broadband access. The grant programs will prioritize funding to unserved areas and will be based on updated broadband access maps.

How do I do it?

The Fibernet Survey must be taken by citizens for every address in the county whether served by internet or not. Please take the survey by September 1.

- Residents not online can complete a paper copy that has been in the media, available at local libraries, and attached to this newsletter.
- Online residents can take the survey at this link. <https://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/WISER>. Even if you have broadband access, the performance being received must be assessed.

League Mechanics:

Wonder how League decides what types of events, activities to sponsor?

Several factors affect the choices each League makes as they plan their calendar or programs. Positions on issues arrived at by study and a consensus process play a role. After 102 years of existence, the list of these is long. They represent issues that League cares about as an organization.

Monitoring government at the national, state, and local level also plays a key role. This monitoring of Congress and the Executive Branch by the LWV US, of the Governor's Administration and Legislature by LWV WI, and of local government by LWV DC is how League knows what is going on. Remember those suffragists who wanted to influence government. Shining a light on government at all levels is the first step to accomplishing that mission.

Similarly, League activity goes on with programs, events, and activities being planned by each level of the organization. LWV US approves its program at its national convention in June each year. The same occurs with the LWV WI at its annual June meeting. Ideas are sent to each of these groups from local Leagues around the country.

Local programs begin with a brainstorming session called Lively Issues held in January or February of each year. Various study committees that are active, like the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee or the Mental Health/Substance Use (MH/SU) Committee, share ideas as well. National and state Leagues make suggestions. These all evolve to a proposed program which is approved at the annual May meeting, and the compiled notes and ideas contribute to the calendar.

A quality program is key to accomplishing League's mission. It takes a lot of willing people to make it happen!



League provides free rides to polls and to municipal clerks

As changes in Wisconsin's election laws have kept voters guessing exactly how to make sure they will be able to cast their ballot successfully, the Door County League is lending a hand. In the past the League has paid for free rides to the polls in cooperation with the Door County Transportation Department through its Door 2 Door Rides operation.

In reaction to new challenges, such as the elimination of drop boxes which made early voting or absentee ballot voting more difficult, the League has expanded its "free rides" project. Anyone in the county who needs transportation to accomplish the tasks of registering to vote, voting early, or delivering their absentee ballot to their municipal clerk can have a free ride to do so.

Voters should contact Transportation Manager Pam Busch at 920/746-6944 or pbusch@co.door.wi.us to arrange a free ride to their municipal clerk to register, vote early, drop off an absentee ballot, or to the polls to vote on election day.

Wheelchair transport and help with "curbside voting" are available. Request and arrange a time for curbside voting through your municipal clerk. Once you arrive at your polling place, call the clerk, and he or she will assist you outside. Find municipal-clerk information at co.door.wi.gov/241/County-Municipalities.

Save the date! 'Get to Know the League' meeting set for September 27

Tuesday, September 27, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, Baileys Harbor Town Hall: Relax with a snack and learn how this unusual organization known as the League of Women Voters works. Meet experienced Leaguers, members new to League, and people wondering whether this organization is for them. The very best thing about LWV is the people it attracts – interesting, capable men and women who do things that matter. Contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org for more information.

WEBSITE & Dues

If you haven't seen our website recently, check out our new look! <https://www.lwvdoorcounty.org/>

Please note a couple of important updates:

[Join/Renew](#) - Membership Form now online!

- Not signed up for 2022-23? Please complete the [form online](#). Next year we'll send you a link to easily renew your membership.
- Already signed up for 2022-23? Consider completing the [form online](#) now and next year we will be able to send you a link to easily renew your membership.

[Donate](#) - Note the dropdown for type of donation (Membership, Membership + Additional Donation, General Donation) and also the [box you can check to help us cover credit card processing fees](#).

We are continuing to add information to our website. One page in progress is Volunteer Opportunities under the Our Work navigation link. Stay tuned for more ways to get involved!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to: webteam@lwvdoorcounty.org

If you have questions about your dues contact: membership@lwvdoorcounty.org

Other interests

Save the Date: Dominique Brossard from the Climate Change Coalition will talk on **September 13, 7:00 PM, at the Kress Pavilion.** The general topic will be “the challenges of communicating effectively with neighbors, family and politicians about global warming, its impacts, and the pressing need for action at all levels.”

Communicate with your representatives!

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

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New 2022-2023 Official County Directories are in

One complimentary copy of the 2022-2023 Official Directory of Door County (**a listing of contact information for county, city, village and town officials**) can be picked up at the County Clerk's office at

the Door County government building. This directory is also online at the Door County government website: <http://www.co.door.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=16450&locid=137>. Additional directories are available for \$4 each.