



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE, January 21, 2024

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Important Dates

January 25: Lively Issues Potluck

January 29 & 31: Public Transportation Meetings

February 8: "Words Matter" Event

February 15: Door County Circuit Court Judge Candidate Forum

February 20: Spring Primary

February 22: Observer Corps Meeting

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Message from the Chair

Welcome to 2024!

The Door County League has begun the new year by hitting the ground running!

- Voter Service workers are organizing candidate forums and voter registration and outreach events.
- The Observer Corps/Action group is observing government, writing short reports for the League Lens column in the *Pulse*, and developing plans for advocacy in our local government.
- Our DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) and Natural Resource Committees are planning future programs as well as researching and conducting their own activities.
- The Mental Health/Substance Use Education and Legislative Committees continue to research, educate, and lobby for needed services for citizens dealing with these difficulties.
- That's just the start!

In January, the League also begins the process of identifying issues to be addressed in the 2024-2025 League year. This planning begins with the Lively Issues event on January 25 (see article below). Here's your chance to raise those issues (particularly local concerns) that you think need tackling. Join us and add your perspective to the discussion.

For more information on any of these activities and events, contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Remember that the amount we can accomplish is only limited by the number of people we have to do the work!

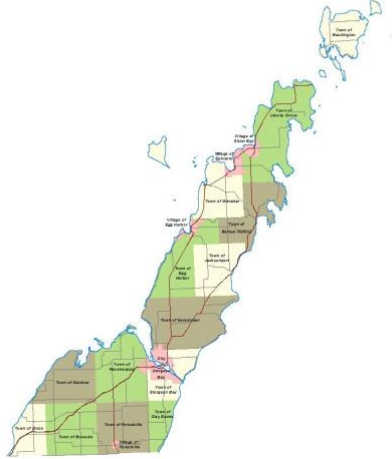
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2024 Election Dates

February 20:	Spring Primary (Check MyVote.Wi.Gov to see if you have one)
April 2:	Presidential preference primary / Spring general Election
August 13:	Fall Primary
November 5:	Fall General Election

Please Attend One of the Door County Public Transportation Coordination Meetings

Door County, Wisconsin



Our road to success includes you!

During these meetings, attendees will discuss existing and potential transportation providers and services. An assessment to increase coordination of services will also be conducted. In-person attendance is suggested; however, Zoom options are available. Please see the enclosed invitation for more details about the meeting and how to attend via Zoom.

DATE/TIME: Monday, January 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM

Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Peninsula Room, Door County Government Center,
421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

PURPOSE: To conduct a four-year (2025-2028), locally developed Public Transportation Coordination Plan.

UNABLE TO ATTEND? You may submit your written comments at any time up through Thursday, February 8, 2024 to:

Door County Transportation Department, Pam Busch

Volunteers needed!

Because of the multitude of activities the Door County League is involved in, we have the need for additional individuals with these particular skills:

- Writing skills
- Ability to speak in public
- Public relations/marketing - experience not needed - just an interest in learning some basic skills to help the League promote its programs and a good comfort-level with the written word.

If you want to help, contact Chair@lwvdoorcounty.org.

We're also looking for volunteers to help with the below tasks. If any of the following fall within your skillset and you'd like to help, please contact Ann Morgan at ann.morgan@lwvdoorcounty.org or text her at 608-213-5466.

- Bookkeeping - Record LWVDC's accounting transactions in QuickBooks Online
- Video Management - Trim/Edit videos and upload to our YouTube channel
- Squarespace: Website management

Sharing pronouns

In order to create a more inclusive and welcome community in League, we would like to begin to add our pronouns to our name tags and introductions. For example, she/her, he/him, they/them. [Here's a short explanation video](#) on why this is important and the impact it can make in making everyone feel welcome!


Please send Sandy your pronouns at sandy.brown@lwvdoorcounty.org and we'll get new name tags made!

Lively Issues potluck returns January 25

LWVDC's annual *Lively Issues* meeting is an opportunity to help identify hot topics and issues of concern locally. All are invited (LWVDC membership not required) to enjoy lively conversation and a potluck dinner Thursday, January 25, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Write On, Door County, 4210 Juddville Rd., Fish Creek.

Bring your ideas, a dish to share, and a friend. Following the Lively Issues meeting, the LWVDC identifies topics for further study or action. For more information, contact program@lwvdoorcounty.org. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up.

SAVE THE DATE



2024
LIVELY ISSUES
POTLUCK DINNER

JANUARY 25 | 4:30 TO 6:30 PM

WRITE ON, DOOR COUNTY | 4210 JUDDVILLE RD. FISH CREEK

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF DOOR COUNTY

‘Words Matter’ event set for February 8

The League's DEI committee will host a public event on Thursday, February 8: *Words Matter – The Power of Language to Create a More Inclusive Door County*.

Our words have an incredible impact on the safety and belonging we create for others. A panel of four community leaders will speak about inclusive language around race, mental health, disability, and LGBTQ+ identities. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn and ask questions in a safe space.

The event will be held on Thursday, February 8 at the Sevastopol Town Hall at 6:00 PM. Panelists include Corey Batson, Stephanie Birmingham, Seth Wiederanders, and Damion Howard. Natalie Morgan, DEI committee chair, will moderate the event.

Candidate forums

Door County Circuit Court Judge Candidate Forum

A candidate forum for the two candidates (Jennifer Moeller and Brett Reetz) running for Door County Circuit Court Judge is scheduled for February 15 (Snow date is February 23.). It will be held at the Sturgeon Bay Senior Resource Center (ADRC at 916 N 14th Ave, Sturgeon Bay) from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Spring Candidate Forums

The published deadline for forum requests for the April election was January 20. If other forums are requested for contested races on the April 2 ballot, we will do our best to organize them.

Candidate Forum Volunteer Training

Are you willing to help at a future LWVDC Candidate Forums?

As experienced forum volunteers become fewer, we are looking to build “a bench” of volunteers that are familiar with how League forums are organized, run, and successfully executed. This would allow us to handle more forums, no matter where in the county they may occur.

If you are willing to attend an approximately one hour “training” session, please contact Dan Powers, LWVDC Candidate Forum Coordinator, at danpowers345@gmail.com. Attending will not obligate you to work any specific event.

Eight to twelve volunteers are required to run an effective and efficient candidate forum. While some jobs are self-evident (greeters, timekeepers), others (especially moderators and

question screeners) require a familiarity with League guidelines (for example, eliminating biased or inappropriate questions).

Our reputation for running nonpartisan, fair, and civil candidate forums is crucial if we wish to continue to have candidates participate. Door County is one of the few Leagues in the state that regularly gets a buy-in from both parties and from candidates in our local elections. We need your help to continue to keep that reputation and to assure that the integrity and effectiveness of our forums continue into the future.

Observer Corp update: Save the Date!

On February 22, we will hold a get-together for our Observer Corp at the Sevastopol Town Hall from 5:00-7:00 PM. It will include another tutorial session with Door County *Pulse* Editor, Debra Fitzgerald. We will send out an agenda closer to the date, so please mark your calendars!

Debra will share with us her tips for fine tuning our observer/reporter skills. She will announce and explain an upcoming online learning module that she has secured for us through the Wisconsin Newspapers Association. This will also be an opportunity for Corp members to share experiences and to provide feedback.

Thank you to all who are “attending” meetings and filling out the check-In form. You are doing a great job! Remember, we need all of you to make this endeavor a success. If you have any questions, please reach out to Renee and Ann at ocaction@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Hope to see you there!

Renee Fiedler and Ann Smejkal, OC/Action Co-chairs

Happy New Year!

It's time to make those New Year's resolutions! **Let's make a resolution to vote in every election in 2024 and [take the pledge](#).** It can take time for good habits to become routine, but one way to make voting a habit is by requesting your mail-in ballots for the entire year. Visit [MyVote.Wi.Gov](https://www.myvote.wi.gov) to make your request today.
#ResolveToVote



While the 2024 elections might seem a long way away, many Wisconsinites will have elections as early as February 20, and everyone will have the opportunity to vote in the spring election and Presidential Preference Primary on April 2.

Take two minutes today to get a head start on this goal by requesting all of your mail-in ballots for the year. Visit MyVote.Wi.Gov today to make sure you are registered and to request your absentee ballots for all elections in 2024.

Encourage your friends and family to take up this resolution and check in with one another as we get closer to the elections. Post the link to MyVote.Wi.Gov on social media and tell your friends that they can request their mail-in ballots today.

Let's celebrate the New Year and the freedom to vote in 2024!

Annual Meeting: Save the Date!

SAVE THE DATE

EVENT DETAILS AND YOUR
INVITATION COMING SOON!

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

THE BALLOT BOX AND BEYOND

ANNUAL MEETING

———— MAY 16, 2024 ————

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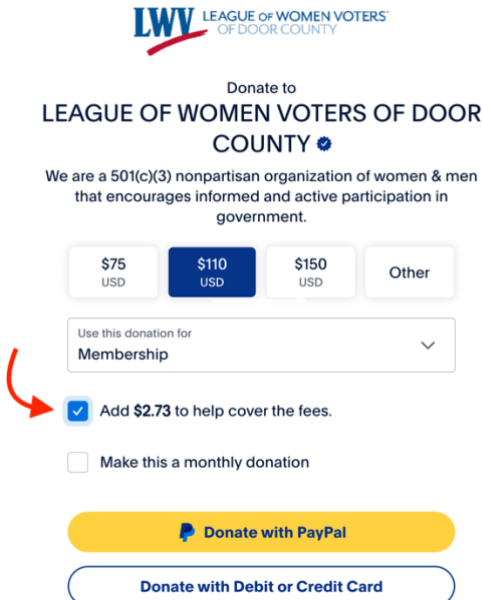
Welcome, new members

In this section, new members will introduce themselves. We want to get to know you! If you haven't sent us your short bio, please do.

Website

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

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.



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Donate to
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We are a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan organization of women & men that encourages informed and active participation in government.

\$75 USD **\$110 USD** \$150 USD Other

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Membership

Add \$2.73 to help cover the fees.

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We are continuing to add information to our website. One page in progress is **Volunteer Opportunities** under the Our Work navigation link:

<https://www.lwvdoorcounty.org/volunteer-opportunities>.

Stay tuned for more ways to get involved!

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

Communicate with Your Representatives!

Tip: Post the updated attached list on your refrigerator to have it handy!

PRESIDENT

Joseph Biden

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/executive-office-of-the-president/>

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Legislative Hotline 1 (800) 362-9472

2023-2024 Official County Directories

One complimentary copy of the 2023-2024 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. Additional directories are available for \$4 each.

This directory is also online at the Door County government website:

<https://www.co.door.wi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/967/Official-County-Directory--2023-2024?bidId=>

If you would like the directory mailed, please submit \$6.00 each. Remit to: Door County Clerk 421 Nebraska St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235