

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

The Voter

SUMMER SOUNDING BOARD

Monday, July 17, meeting begins at 6:00 PM

The Library Center, 4653 S Campbell, Springfield

Speaker: Dr. Grenita Lathan, Superintendent of SPS

Dr. Grenita Lathan serves with pride as the Superintendent of Springfield Public Schools. Her greatest joy is seeing students reach their full potential. She believes it is her mission to mentor future leaders and to give back to the community. She lives by the motto, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living has not been in vain."

It is a special treat to have Dr Lathan come to speak to us, please make every effort to join us on July 17th.

The final Summer Sounding Board will be Monday, August 21st 6:00 PM at the Pitch Pub, 2924 E Sunshine. Summer Social and League Kick Off!

BOARD PLANNING RETREAT

The Board will hold its annual planning retreat on July 24. If you have issues that you would like to be considered, please contact Sherry Buchanan or Emily Fessler before July 17.

AUGUST 8 ELECTION DAY

Greene County: City of Springfield

Shall the City of Springfield, Missouri, impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3 percent) on the retail sale of adult use marijuana with proceeds from such tax to be used for public safety, mental health services, housing, and substance abuse service?

Webster County: City of Seymour

On August 8, the city of Seymour will place a half-cent sales tax for transportation on the ballot, which is estimated to generate around \$200,000 annually to improve the city's streets.

Election Information

Voter Registration Deadline for folks not previously registered to vote in Missouri was July 12, 2023.

Voter Registration for folks who are already registered in Missouri but move to a new voter jurisdiction (i.e., change counties) after the July deadline and provided you are still on file at your previous location ... go to your County Clerk's Office to change your address up to and including Election Day.

Voter Registration for folks who change addresses but remain in the same voting jurisdiction ... you can change your address at your polling location on Election Day.

Absentee voting for the August 8, 2023, election will begin June 27, 2023.

In-Person, no excuse Absentee voting begins two weeks before Election Day.

Polls open Election Day from 6:00AM – 7:00PM. To find your polling place in Greene County, go to vote.greenecountymo.gov/voting-information

If you live in Christian or Webster County, call your County Clerk's Office.

If you are registered, you can vote. Present one of the following valid government-issued photo IDs: current Missouri driver or non-driver license, U.S. Passport, military ID or other official state or federal photo ID. If you do not have a valid photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot.

DEI UPDATE

Safe to Sleep, an overnight shelter for adult women, is an important outreach project for LWVSWMO. Thanks to a successful fundraising drive during Christmas of 2022, the DEI group has been able to provide meals to approximately 30-40 women once a month. However, we will run out of funds in July. We are seeking donations at this point to help pay for monthly meals from August until December. Any amount is welcome. You can bring your donation to our monthly meetings; or you can donate online by going to [Donate - League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri](https://www.donate-lwvswmo.org) ([lwvswmo.org](https://www.lwvswmo.org)) and mentioning Safe to Sleep on it.

We are hoping to have another successful fund-raising drive during our holiday party in December to continue pay for meals in 2024. We deeply appreciate your generosity.

VOTER SERVICES UPDATE

Voter registration continued throughout June with League members registering folks during Pridefest and Juneteenth and every Saturday at the Farmers' Markets on Republic Road. Registrars will be enjoying a "cool down" break the last half of July. Activity will pick up again in August and continue through mid-October. At this point, there is nothing scheduled for the November election but that could change. 2024 will be a busy year for voter registration and education.

RADIO PROGRAM

Have you listened recently to our weekly Making Democracy Work program on KSMU radio? The League hosts a weekly program, every Monday at 9:45am, on KSMU 91.1FM. In case you missed the most recent episodes, you can click here to browse through the archives for topics you might want to listen to now: [Making Democracy Work](#).

- June 1: [‘Effects of influence are not universal,’ says MSU professor about the impact of mass media](#)
June 5: [Hospice care and advocacy from a physician’s perspective](#)
June 12: [Over the past 50 years, ideas of what makes a ‘good neighbor’ continues to change, says local expert](#)
June 19: [The Ozarks will be featured at upcoming Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C.](#)
June 26: [‘Public health has evolved into population health over past several years,’ says local health expert](#)

POLICY POSITIONS

The public policy positions of the LWVUS and LWVMO can be found at these links:

Impact on Issues 2020-2022--LWVUS
<https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/LWV-impact-2020.pdf>

Guide to State Action 2021-2023---LWVMO

July 2023

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uEsQ44pt4oI8Pwg_18-aYHiZ1PbueyL6/view

Members are encouraged to review these publications that outline the issues our collective energy is addressing and to see how Missouri applies national policy positions to things that pertain to our state.

UPCOMING DATES

Summer Sounding Boards

Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6pm
Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6pm

LWVSWMO Board Retreat

Monday, July 24, 2023

Election Day

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Deputy Registrar Training

Thursday, August 17, 2023, 1pm-2:30pm

Trash Pick Up

September 30, 2023 at 1:30pm
Meet at 1010 West Sunshine

