

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

The Voter

PROMOTIONS & PUBLICITY PERSON NEEDED!

Do you have creative promotion ideas, have a background in marketing/public relations, or are just wanting to jump in and help during the upcoming election season (in other words, no experience required!). If so, we need you!! The Voters' Guide committee is hard at work getting the guide ready to go. But, getting it printed is just part of the task. Promoting it to the voters and letting the public know where to pick up a printed copy or access the Vote411 digital version is a critical part of the process. The time frame would be September 1st—November 1st. If you're interested, please contact Leslie Carrier at 417-343-5621 to find out more about what is involved.

INFORMED VOTER COALITION

For the August Primary, the Informed Voter Coalition will focus on the races for Greene County Sheriff, Missouri Senate District 29, Christian County commissioner races, both East and West. If you missed the interviews that aired, you can listen to them online at <https://www.ksmu.org/show/informed-voter-coalition>.

The Coalition is made up of the League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri, Ozarks Technical Community College Social Sciences Department, Leadership Springfield, the Springfield-Greene County Library District, the L.E. Meador Center for Politics & Citizenship at Drury University, the Springfield News-Leader, Be Civil Be Heard, Missouri State University Office of Public Affairs, NAACP Springfield, the Junior League of Springfield, Rosie, Show Me Christian County, the Springfield Business Journal, and KSMU Ozarks Public Radio.

MEMBER UPDATES

If you have a new address, phone number or email since you joined the League, please update it to continue receiving communications from the LWVSWMO. [Click here](#) to update your contact information.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The next education committee meeting will be Wed., Sept. 18, 1:00-2:00 at the Brentwood Library. If you wish to join the committee (even if you cannot attend in person), please email Cindy Mueller at cndymllr@gmail.com so that you will receive the agenda, follow up notes, and info about future meetings.

One topic of concern for our committee has been the rise in book banning and its negative impact on libraries. Because book censorship and access to information are First Amendment issues, both our state and local leagues have signed on to the Right to Read Coalition. If you wish to sign as an individual (no cost!) and receive updates from this Missouri pro-library coalition, here is the [link](#).

VOTER & ELECTION SERVICES UPDATE

Voter registrations continued throughout July despite the July 10th registration deadline. Registrars were present at Bungalows East, Alamo Drafthouse, Farmers' Markets, O'Reilly Day of Hope, and the Hurray for ADA celebration of the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

We participated in the History Museum's Community Service Fair and collaborated with NAACP, PAWs and Alamo Drafthouse to honor the legacy of Representative John Lewis and his fight for voting rights. Attendees to the John Lewis Day of Action event had an opportunity to socialize with one another, to view the documentary, "John Lewis – Good Trouble," and then to write postcards to our legislators in Washington, D.C., asking for their support of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

The INFORMED VOTER COALITION interviews for the August 6 Primary Election include the candidates for the Christian County Commissioners race, the State Senate District 29 race, and the Greene County Sheriff's

race. Plans are in progress for the November election candidate interviews.

Want to become involved in the community? Consider becoming a member of the LWVSWMO Observer Corps. The Corps is looking for League members to attend school board, city council and county commissioner meetings.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee has three events coming up in the next couple of months:

“Food Waste,” presentation by Laurie Davis and Ashley Krug from the Department of Environmental Services - August 21, Schweitzer-Brentwood Library, 6:30-8:30 pm

“How Dark Skies Can Impact Our World,” presentation by Lane Pierce and Loring Bullard - September 11, 6:30 - 8:00 at Schweitzer-Brentwood Library

"Local Yard Ethic Program” presentation by Clarissa Hatley, Education Outreach Specialist, Division of Water Quality & Watershed - September 24, 6:30-8:00, the Auditorium at the Library Center

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](#).

- July 8: [Child Advocacy Center says everyone has a moral obligation to report child abuse](#)
- July 15: [Low voter turnout has been a 'Red Flag' issue in the Springfield Community Focus report since 2006](#)
- July 22: [Summer civics series connects youth to community and citizenship](#)

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July 29: [National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch programs allow the Springfield Police Department to connect with residents](#)

PROGRAM / POLICY PLANNING

The Policy Positions team will continue our work this summer. If you have ideas about policy positions or would like to join the work team, please contact one of following: Ann Elwell, Marge Bramer, Cindy Mueller, or Sherry Buchanan.

GOTV BUS WRAPS

We hope everyone has seen some of the Get Out the Vote bus wraps that have been rolling around Springfield!

The League does a wonderful job of registering voters, but voter turnout is a perennial problem. This bus wrap project, a collaboration between LWVSWMO, NAACP, and Leadership Springfield, is an effort to improve voter participation.

Keep your eyes open for our buses!



SUMMER SOCIAL – YOU’RE INVITED!

Join us at The Pitch Pizza & Pub on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 5:30 PM for our Summer Social and New Member Recruitment Event!

This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, discuss upcoming ballot issues, and learn more about our focus groups. Whether you're a long-time member or new to our community, we encourage you to find a focus group that sparks your interest and get involved.

We look forward to seeing you there!

DEPUTY REGISTRAR TRAINING

There are two more Deputy Registrar classes for the year. Both sessions will be held at The Library Center, 4653 S Campbell Ave, Springfield.

- Tuesday, August 27, 2024, from 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Saturday, September 13, 2024, from 10:00am-11:30am

If you would like to attend, please email Chelsea Pointer at cpointer@greenecountymo.gov.



UPCOMING DATES

Primary Election Day

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Summer Social

Monday, August 19, 2024, 5:30pm
The Pitch Pizza and Pub

Food Waste Presentation

Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 6:30pm
Schweitzer-Brentwood Library

Springfield Labor Day Parade

Monday, September 2, 2024
Parade is at 10:00am, meet at 9:30am if walking with League

How Dark Skies Can Impact Our World

Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:30pm
Schweitzer-Brentwood Library

Education Committee

Saturday, September 18, 2024, 1-2:00pm
Schweitzer-Brentwood Library

Local Yard Ethic Program

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 6:30pm
The Library Center Auditorium

Deputy Registrar Training

Community Room B, The Library Center
Tuesday, August 27, 2024, 5:30pm
Friday, September 13, 2024, 10:00am

Trash Pick-Up Dates

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9:00am
Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9:00am

