

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

The Voter

SUMMER SOUNDING BOARD

The League of Women Voters of Southwest Missouri keeps the work of active, informed citizenship going year-round — and this summer is no exception. The final Summer Sounding Board is August 22, 2026.

August 22 | Local Immigration and Customs Enforcement Q&A

Saturday, 9:30–11:00 AM | Schweitzer Brentwood Library

Our summer series wraps up with a candid conversation about how Immigration and Customs Enforcement is being managed at the local level. Two representatives from the Greene County Sheriff's Office will be on hand to answer member questions.

If you have a question that you would like addressed, please [SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION HERE](#) by August 10, 2026. Those in attendance will also have a chance to submit written questions via our moderator during the event. Light refreshments begin at 9:30. The program runs 10:00–11:00.

We hope to see you. These gatherings are a chance to learn, connect, and carry the League's mission into our broader community.

UNIT MEETINGS

Location: Election Center, 1126 North Booneville Ave
Monday, September 21, 6:00–7:00
Tuesday, September 22, 12:00–1:00

Topic: Voter Education: Election Security & Integrity / Role of Election Judges / Equipment
Speaker: Shane Schoeller, Greene County Clerk

Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller will speak to us about election security and the training and responsibility of election judges. Attendees will also learn about election equipment. Bring a friend, especially someone who may question election integrity. Attendees may come away ready to volunteer as a future election judge. Several League members already

routinely sign up for this very rewarding civic duty. Our Monday Night Unit meetings are typically held at a restaurant, but we were offered a chance to meet at our local Election Center and couldn't pass that up. After the event, please feel free to join others at Hold Fast Brewery, 235 N Kimbrough Ave, for a beverage or bite.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

New Members (people who joined the League from October 2025 through August 2026)–Mark your calendars for New Member Orientation on Saturday, August 29th, from 10:30–12:00 at Midtown Carnegie Library conference room. Come learn about the history of the league. Meet League officers and hear from Committee Chairs about what their committees are about. Connect with other new members, sign up for a committee, and become more involved with your local league. Check your mail mid-August for a postcard invitation with all the details, including RSVP information.

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

Join us for our first New Member Social on Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 AM, hosted at Sandy Hopper's home. This year's theme is a Tea Party and wear your League t-shirt if you have one! Beverages and snacks will be provided. Seasoned members are welcome too — come meet our newest League members and enjoy some tea and conversation together!

LEAGUE HAPPY HOUR!

Mark your calendars — join fellow League members for a Happy Hour on Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:30 PM. Location is still to be determined, so stay tuned for details. All League members are invited to attend — come relax, connect, and enjoy some good company!

**SAVE
the DATE**

INFORMED VOTER COALITION



The Informed Voter Coalition, a collaboration of 13 nonpartisan organizations started by the LWVSWMO, has produced candidate interviews for the August 4 primary election. Voters can hear directly from candidates in three contested local races: Greene County Circuit Clerk, Senate District 20, and the 7th Congressional District. Interviews aired on KSMU Ozarks Public Radio (91.1 FM) July 22–24 during the noon hour, and video versions are now available [on demand here](#). The August 4 primary is coming up fast. Use these free resources to feel confident and informed before you vote.

RADIO PROGRAM



Have you caught our weekly **Making Democracy Work** program on **KSMU 91.1 FM**? The League hosts this show every **Monday at 9:45 AM**, covering timely topics about civic engagement and public policy.

If you missed recent episodes, you can explore past programs and listen at your convenience here: [Making Democracy Work Archives](#).

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June 30: [OTC financial aid program helps students and workforce](#)

July 6: [Blind Community Thrift Store supports visually impaired individuals](#)

July 14: [The Kitchen addresses affordable housing shortage](#)

July 24: [MSU professor discusses the importance of civic engagement](#)

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Environment & Sustainability Committee will meet twice this fall to pick up trash along our adopted section of Sunshine Street:

- September 27 at 9:00 am
- October 25 at 9:00 am

Also, members of our committee are asked to bring snacks for the August 22 league meeting. Please let Pam Shaver know if you can bring some food items for our meeting.

DISPLAY YOUR LEAGUE LOVE WITH A T-SHIRT!

We have "vintage" t-shirts available for a \$20 donation. The design has an interesting story and makes for a fun gift. An intern assisting an Ohio league with their archives discovered napkins from 1966 printed with this cartoon.



"No, Mom can't come to the phone. She's gone to jail with the League of Women Voters." There are still several sizes and colors to choose from. We also have a handful of white LWV of Southwest Missouri shirts available for a \$10 donation.

Both styles will be available at our August Sounding Board.

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ELECTION WATCH PARTY

Thanks for all your work on Amendments 4 and 5, we hope you can join us for the watch party on **Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 PM** at **National Avenue Christian Church (1515 S National Avenue)**. There will be a taco truck & a bar. We'll spend the evening together watching results come in. Feel free to share with your members, but please have them rsvp using the link below so we can prepare enough food and drinks.

Here is the link to RSVP:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/no-on-4-election-night-watch-party-springfield>



STAY CONNECTED

Don't miss important League news and opportunities to take action! By signing up for our SMS program, you'll receive timely updates, event reminders, advocacy alerts, and ways to stay engaged — all delivered directly to your phone.

We're committed to keeping messages meaningful, concise, and respectful of your time. You can reply with questions at any time, and you may opt out whenever you choose.

Sign up today:

<https://mailchi.mp/f614c099e92c/sms-signup>

UPCOMING DATES

Watch Party

Tuesday, August 4, 2026; 7:00 PM
National Ave Christian Church
1515 S National Ave

Summer Sounding Board

Saturday, August 22, 2026, 9:30-11:00 AM
Brentwood Library, 2214 S Brentwood Blvd

New Member Orientation

Sat, August 29, 2026, 10:30 AM – Noon
Midtown Carnegie Library Conference Rm
397 E Central St

Unit Meetings

Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:00-7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 22, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM

New Member Social

Saturday, September 26, 2026; 10:00 AM

General Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9:30-11:00 AM

League Happy Hour

Thursday, October 22, 2026; 5:30 PM

Adopt-A-Street Cleanup Dates

Sunday, September 27, 2026; 9:00 AM
Sunday, October 25, 2026; 9:00 AM

Unit Meetings

Monday, November 16, 2026, 5:30-7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 12:00-1:00 PM

Winter Social

Monday, December 7, 2026