

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. Mark your calendars for these upcoming Summer Sounding Board sessions covering some of the most pressing issues facing our community and our democracy.

July 18 | League Positions on the August 4 Ballot
Saturday, 9:30–11:00 AM | Library Center, AB Auditorium

Governor Kehoe recently placed two amendments on the August 4 ballot, and the League opposes both. The League of Women Voters of Missouri has a "Vote NO" position on Amendment 4 (Initiative Petition Changes) and Amendment 5 (Tax Changes). At our July Summer Sounding Board, we'll hear from four other groups about why they're also voting NO on these ballot issues: Respect MO Voters, Missouri Jobs with Justice Voter Action, Missouri Realtors, and Missouri Retired Teachers Association. While our nonpartisan League does not endorse candidates, we do take positions on ballot issues, and this session is a great opportunity to dig into the details before election day.

August 22 | Local Immigration Enforcement Q&A
Saturday, 9:30–11:00 AM | 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 8, 2026.

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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

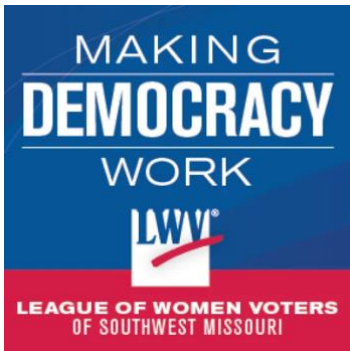
New Members (people who joined the League from October 2025 through August 2026)-Mark your calendars for New Member Orientation on Saturday, August 29th, from 10:30-12:00 at Midtown Carnegie Library conference room. Come learn about the history of the league. Meet League officers and hear from Committee 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.

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 LWW of Southwest Missouri shirts available for a \$10 donation. Both styles will be available at upcoming Summer Sounding Boards.



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](#).

June 1: [MSU professor talks about importance of civic engagement](#)

June 5: [Local women's emergency shelter now has permanent home](#)

June 15: [Americans and The Holocaust exhibit and programs at the Library](#)

June 22: [Local nonprofit seeks to establish a shared regional identity](#)

June 25: [Missouri Humanities Council celebrates America's 250th anniversary](#)

VOTER SERVICES UPDATE

League registrars continue to provide opportunities for voter registration and election education to members of our community. During June we registered folks at Pridefest and Juneteenth, at 5 different senior living communities, the Drew Lewis Foundation and Harmony House and at the Farmers' Markets on S. Republic. The deadline for new registrations in Missouri is July 8 at 5 pm. If a voter changes location in Missouri and is already registered to vote, that person can update the address online or at the County Clerk's office.

LWVSWMO REGISTRATION EVENT AT SPRINGFIELD PRIDEFEST — JUNE 13TH

At Pridefest on The Square in downtown Springfield on Saturday, June 13, our League of Southwest Missouri set up voter registration tables and signed up a record number of new voters. There were Thirty-two

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registrations from six counties in Southwest Missouri. We are so proud of our registrars and the work they do to protect democracy!!



Cindy Mueller enjoying the day!



Sherry Buchanan and Kelly Sutton meet a new voter.

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>

WE ARE AMERICA: UNITE FOR 250

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July 4, 2026 — America's 250th anniversary — is upon us.

Some people want us to believe that this holiday, and this country, are only for a select few.

But America is for every one of us who lives, works, raises our families, and contributes to our communities.

We all make up the fabric of this nation, across different social classes, political parties, racial and ethnic identities, sexualities, and more.

And as we learned in 1776, when we the people Unite and Rise, no one can stand between us and our freedom.

What Else Can I Do?

Celebrate Our 250 by empowering voters and defending democracy!

1. Join our movement to defend a democracy for all of us. **Sign up for our [Unite and Rise 8.5](#) initiative.**
2. Let us know why this day matters to you! Post to social media with hashtags like **#UniteandRise**, **#Unitefor250**, **#TogetherWeRise**, **#Our250**, and **#July4th**!
3. We the people are America. Find ways to support your community by [joining your local League](#).

UPCOMING DATES

Summer Sounding Board

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 9:30-11:00 AM
Library Center, AB Auditorium
4653 S Campbell 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

General Meeting

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

Adopt-A-Street Cleanup Dates

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