LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

The Voter

Upcoming Meetings

Unit Meetings

The topic of our November Unit meetings will be Sunshine Laws. We will be joined by members of our local media who rely on Sunshine Laws to keep citizens informed as well as local government employees who comply with Sunshine requests. If you wish to submit a question for this panel discussion, please submit HERE by Nov. 10.

- Monday, Nov. 16: **5:30-7:00 PM, Prima's Mexican Kitchen,** 3662 South Glenstone.
  Panel: Garrison Keagan (*Daily Citizen*) and Anita Cotter (Springfield City Clerk)
- Tuesday, Nov. 17: **12:00-1:00 PM at the MIDTOWN Carnegie Library** Meeting Room (2nd floor)
  Panel: Amos Bridges (*NewsLeader*), and Anita Cotter (Springfield City Clerk)

January General Meeting
When: Saturday, January 16, 2027, 9:30-11:00 AM
Where: Library Center
Topic: Overview of the Legislative Process and How to Become an Informed and Active Participant

League Winter Social

When: Monday, December 7, 2026; 5:30-7:00 PM
Where: Springfield Golf and Country Club, 3106 E Valley Water Mill Rd, Springfield, MO 65803
What to Bring: Finger Food (Appetizer or Sweet)

Save the date and join league members for our annual winter social, Monday, Dec 7, 5:30-7:00. This is not a meeting. It is a fun social event where members mingle and visit and enjoy delicious bites. Thank you, Kelley Nichols for reserving a location, the Springfield Golf and Country Club. Members should bring a finger food (sweet or savory) to share; board members should bring a bottle of wine.

New this year will be a silent auction put together by our fundraising committee. If you would like to donate a gift basket or could ask a business you know to donate a gift certificate or merchandise please let our Treasurer Kelley Nichols know: kstill@drury.edu.

We are hopeful that we can get a large turnout for the Winter Social as it is important to our fundraising efforts this year. It is essential that we send delegates to the national and state conventions, and our membership fees only cover normal operating expenses. If you would like to bring a baked good for the silent auction (rather than a finger food to share) let Kelley know.

If you would like a ride to the event or want to volunteer to carpool, please contact co-president Kelly Sutton: kellyasutton5@gmail.com. See you there!

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.

October 2: Community Focus Report shines a light on strengths and weaknesses of Springfield
October 12: Informed Voter Coalition conducts candidate interviews
October 13: How often is the Missouri state constitution amended?
October 20: Missouri Voter Protection Coalition works for smooth election day
October 26: Election judges play key role in election integrity

Environment & Sustainability Committee Update

The Environment and Sustainability Committee sponsored our street cleanup on October 25, with four members attending. The weather was great and we were able to get our work done in less than an hour! This work finishes our Adopt-A-Street commitment for 2026. We'll be back again in 2027.



Also, if you are interested in seeing one of our new state parks, and take part in gathering native seeds for re-distribution, please mark your calendars for a seed collection event at 9:00, November 7. We will meet at 4424 Sycamore Church Road, Shepherd of the Hills State Park. All are welcome to join us!

Education Committee Update

The next **Education Committee Meeting** will be Saturday, January 16, 2027, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM, following the General Meeting. Our discussion will be guided by current issues concerning public education and public libraries. A recommended resource for keeping informed with education issues in Missouri is Missouri Independent, a free nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization. The weekly LWV legislative bulletins that begin in January frequently have education related legislation, so it is vital that we all stay informed and do our part in protecting PUBLIC schools.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee would like to extend a welcome to October 2026 new member, Glenna Weis. A special thank you to five new members: Jessica Allison, Carolyn Crim, Ann Dettmer, Susan Hicks and Cindy Whitten for their willingness to complete short videos on the League position on the ballot amendments and Prop A.

Legislative Action Committee

Being a Legislative Tracker is one of the best ways to learn the ins-and-outs of the legislative process! It's an important LWV role that you can do from home and pretty much on your own schedule. You work with a team and an experienced team leader, so you have lots of support. You help to produce the weekly Calls to Action that help LWV members and allies advocate with our elected officials. Teams will be forming over the next few weeks so that we'll be ready to go in January when the Legislative Session begins. Zoom trainings are scheduled for 11/11/26 (4:00 p.m.), 11/21/26 (1:00 p.m., especially for new Trackers), 12/6/26 (6:00 p.m.), and again after the Session begins. If you haven't tracked before and think you might be interested, please contact Sherry Buchanan so that you can be added to the email list to get the Zoom links and other information. Sherry's email is legislativechair2@lwvmo.org

Voter Power Hour

LWVMO will host the next MO Voter Power Hour webinar on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 6:30 PM

This special Power Hour is in lieu of the Virtual Fall Conference. Topic of Discussion: What's Next? Experts in Jefferson City will discuss the November election and what's in store for Missouri citizens in 2027.

The Voter Power Hour is an informative Zoom webinar accessible to all League members and guests statewide, as well as visitors to our website. The Voter Power Hour is presented by the League of Women Voters of Missouri as a FREE educational service.

To register, visit lwvmo.org.

Upcoming Dates

Legislative Tracker Training (Zoom)
Wednesday, November 11, 2026, 4:00 PM
Saturday, November 21, 2026, 1:00 PM
Sunday, December 6, 2026, 6:00 PM

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

Voter Power Hour Webinar
Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 6:30 PM

Winter Social
Monday, December 7, 2026; 5:30-7:00 PM
Springfield Golf and Country Club, 3106 E Valley Water Mill Rd, Springfield, MO 65803

Education Committee Meeting Dates
Saturday, January 16, 2027, 11:10 AM-12:00 PM (following General Meeting)
Tuesday, March 16, 2027, 1:00-2:00 PM (following Unit Meeting)

General Meeting
Saturday, January 16, 2027, 9:30-11:00 AM
Library Center, 4653 S Campbell Ave

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