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**[test] The Communicator: October Updates from the State League**

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**Updates from the State League****2023 General Election Dates****October 23: Registration Deadline****October 31: Last day to request mail-in ballot****October 31: Recommended last day to send mail-in ballot****November 7: Election day!****Click here to register!**

- The voter registration deadline is less than two weeks away! [Click here](#) for information on how to register or update your registration.
- Governor Shapiro's administration announced that it will implement Automatic Voter Registration in PA. [Click here for our statement.](#)

- [From Spotlight PA](#): The Pennsylvania House has advanced a bill to change the date of the 2024 presidential primary while rejecting an effort to implement expanded voter ID requirements, mail ballot rule changes, and a slew of other provisions.
- The Department of Environmental Justice has announced a public comment period regarding its proposed Interim Final PA Environmental Justice Policy. [Click here](#) for more information.
- From LWVUS: The climate crisis is devastating our planet, harming our nation, and threatening our democracy. The window of opportunity to secure a livable and sustainable future for all is rapidly closing. Now, there is a legislative opportunity before Congress known as the *Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Resolution*. This resolution recognizes the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis on the health, economic opportunities, and fundamental rights of children in the United States. The League has endorsed this resolution, but we need YOUR help in demanding that Congress acts now to address the climate crisis and protect our youth. [Click here for more info and to contact Congress today!](#)
- Committee of Seventy's Lauren Cristella and LWVPA Program Manager Sam Anthony joined Keystone State News Connection to discuss the need for poll workers in PA. [Click here to read.](#)
- Public News Service interviewed representatives from several local Leagues to discuss book bans in schools and the upcoming school board elections. [Click here](#) to read.
- The 2023 General Election is right around the corner! Looking for a way to prepare for November? Support the League and our historic mission! With a [donation of \\$50](#) or more, you'll receive a free nonpartisan Vote411 yard sign featuring voting information and encouraging citizens to make their voices heard in 2023. Order before Monday to receive your sign before the election!
- Missed Tuesday's Ballot Box Basics on the Judiciary? Make sure to view the recording [here](#).
- LWVPA joined LWV Bucks County, Education Voters PA, and the Education Law Center for a panel discussion on censorship in PA schools. [Click here](#) for the recording and resources.

- Need help writing a Letter to the Editor? LWVPA Board Member Kathy Cook is here to help! Whether it's concept, editing, or ghost writing, send Kathy an email at [kathy.cook@palwv.org](mailto:kathy.cook@palwv.org) to brush up on your LTE skills.
  - In the new virtual work environment, we are moving to a coworking space in Harrisburg to better suit our needs. ***Mail should now be sent to: League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania 922 N 3rd Street, 1st Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17102.***
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## Sign Up to Help the Associated Press Monitor Voter Turnout this Election!

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania is partnering with the Associated Press on an Election Day Voter Turnout Pilot Project – and we need your help!

If you are planning to vote on Election Day (or if you are working at the polls), please sign up to volunteer. It's easy to do and will only take a few minutes of your time. You'll be helping the Associated Press provide faster and more accurate results on Election Night.

You can sign up by sending an email to the AP with your name, your county and your precinct location to [pturnout@ap.org](mailto:pturnout@ap.org). Reid Magney, the project coordinator, will confirm your participation and send you detailed instructions. Here's a sneak peek:

- When you vote on Election Day, make sure you ask the poll worker what voter number you were (i.e., you were the 250th voter today).
- Also, remember exactly what time you voted.
- After you vote on Election Day, call the AP's Election Call Center at the toll-free number you will be provided. Tell them your name, the name of your county and precinct, the time you voted, and your voter number.
- If you are working at the polls on Election Day, you can call the AP a few times throughout the day and provide the number of voters so far at your precinct.
- That's all!

The information you share about voting will help the AP refine its voter turnout data models throughout the day before the polls close. That helps them know how far along they are in tabulation after polls close and helps with accurate and timely race calls.

The League of Women Voters and the Associated Press share many of the same values. We're both independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit and fact-based organizations. We hope you will consider participating in this pilot project designed to improve Election Night reporting.

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## Reimagine Sustainability Week Highlight: LWV Lycoming County Holds Community Garden Event

On Oct 7, LWV Lycoming County held its Reimagine Sustainability community event. The local League worked with community organizations to host an afternoon of sustainable activities and gardening. The Audubon Society had information on birding and tree planting, Penn State Master Gardeners provided educational information on edible and native plants, and the Penn College Horticulture Club helped plant trees. In addition to the League's contribution, the Lycoming Audubon Society is continuing to support the garden by planting native plants and adding signage to the garden as part of the Bird Friendly Blooms program. Congrats to the Lycoming League on their awesome event!

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## Partner Highlight: FDPA Launches New Program: Hey Young Voters, Engage!



**Hey  
Young  
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Engage!**

Be part of the conversation  
**Join FDPA-HYVE**  
<https://tinyurl.com/FDPA-HYVE>  
Text JoinHYVE to 94253  
[HYVE@FairDistrictsPA.com](mailto:HYVE@FairDistrictsPA.com)



Are you under 35 and want to get more engaged in the political process but don't know where to start? Now's the chance for younger voters like us to be heard above the drone of PA politics as usual.

Two young Fair Districts Pennsylvania ( FDPA) volunteers are organizing FDPA HYVE (Hey Young Voters, Engage!) for under 35-year-olds, starting with a series of webinars. FDPA HYVE will help us connect, learn, share ideas, and grow the influence of Gen Z and young Millennials. Young voters, who will be affected for years by what our politicians do today, need to speak loudly and forcefully about what matters to us.

FDPA HYVE's next webinar is October 18, at 7 pm. Attendees will hear from Senator Nick Miller, a Democrat representing parts of Lehigh and Northampton counties. At age 28, he is the youngest state senator currently serving in Harrisburg. Other webinars are scheduled for November 15th and December 13th. [Register for the webinars here](#). We hope to see you there!

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## **Partner Highlight: 2023 Appellate Courts Candidate Forum with Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts**



On October 24, 2023, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts will host a virtual forum with candidates for Pennsylvania's appellate courts, including the Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court. This event will provide viewers with an opportunity to get to know the candidates through a moderated forum. [Register here to attend.](#)

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## **LWVPA in the News**

## Pennsylvania Voting Rights Groups Are Working To Expand Ballot Access Through Education And Advocacy

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### Stay Connected!

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