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

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**Message from the President**

Dear League Members,

Summer is ending and fall will be here soon enough. One of my favorite times of the year! It has been nearly 3 months since I took office. There have been many challenges, but I like a challenge- it keeps me on my toes.

A few changes have occurred in the past couple of months since I have been Co-President. Currently LWV-PA is in the search of a new Executive Director. Our search committee has done an excellent job interviewing prospective candidates for the position of Executive Director. I want to thank the search committee for all their hard work. Hopefully by October 2023 we will have a new Executive Director.

I want to also welcome Alvie Grant, our new Civic Engagement Fellow. Alvie will be with us until December 2023. Welcome Alvie! Thank you for coming on board!

For those that don't know, Mary Grill, our elected Co-President, has stepped down. Mary has decided to focus her talents on supporting her local league at this time. She may consider joining one of our committees at a later date. While this has been disheartening, I am sure she will continue to do well with her local and any committee she decides to join. Wishing Mary all the best in all her future endeavors!

One of my priorities as president is to establish League presence in the counties that currently don't have a local League established. Sam Anthony and I are currently working with individuals interested in forming Leagues in Fayette, Greene and Adams County. Updates will be provided at a later time.

And last but not least, I want to thank our Executive team and staff for their diligence in all they do. A special thanks to Sam Anthony, our Program Manager, for taking on so many tasks at the moment. She is doing a wonderful job! We have a great team of women working hard daily! I am honored to be a part of this organization! I want to also thank them for their patience as I continue to learn. I am observing and absorbing!

In League,

Maria Delgado-Santana

LWVPA President

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## Updates from the State League

- This week, LWVPA filed a brief in support of voter privacy in a federal appeal. [Click here to read our statement.](#)
- Local Leagues are invited to apply for social media stipends to fund Get Out the Vote communications ahead of the election. [Click here for more information.](#)
- The November 7 General Election is fast approaching – and Pennsylvania needs poll workers. [Sign up today](#) for any of C70 and LWVPA's upcoming virtual information sessions covering the basics of working the polls and how you can help Election Day run smoothly in your community.
- Summer is coming to an end, which means we at LWVPA are already gearing up for an exciting 2023 General Election cycle! 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.
- Local Leagues are encouraged to sign up for National Voter Registration Day 2023, coming up on September 19! Partner with LWVUS and LWVPA to get out the vote across the state. [Click here for more information and to sign up.](#)
- Missed Tuesday's Ballot Box Basics on mis and disinformation? Make sure to view the recording [here](#). Register for future events [here](#).
- Take action this September or October to open Pennsylvania primaries! [Click here to read more.](#)
- This November, voters will elect Pennsylvania's newest Supreme Court Justice. Spotlight PA has the complete guide to PA judicial candidates. [Click here to read.](#)

- From the [Clean Air Action Fund](#): “PA entered the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in April 2022. RGGI is a market-driven cap-and-invest program that requires regulated power plants to acquire allowances (limited licenses to pollute) for the carbon emissions they produce. RGGI has a proven track record of reducing emissions and jumpstarting climate change initiatives in other states. But the state’s participation has been blocked by multiple lawsuits, which has resulted in Pennsylvania missing out on over one billion dollars in RGGI proceeds since January 2022. [Sign the petition here](#) to tell lawmakers in PA that you want RGGI passed for all citizens!
  - At this year’s Pennsylvania Climate Convergence, citizens will testify at the People’s Hearing on Climate Change, scheduled for October 2. [Sign the petition](#) urging Governor Shapiro to attend today!
  - LWVPA is looking for a liaison between the Delaware River Basin Commission and our leagues in the area. [Click here to read more.](#)
  - 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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## LWVPA Seeks Executive Director!

With the upcoming departure of Executive Director Meg Pierce, the League seeks a dynamic, experienced, and hands-on Executive Director to lead our organization during a time of steady growth and strategic transformation. Supported by the League’s Board of Directors, this position is responsible for carrying out the League’s mission – to empower voters and defend democracy across Pennsylvania. [Click here to read more about the position.](#)

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## LWVPA Welcomes New Fellow Alvie Grant!



Alvie recently graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor's in Psychology. With a strong passion for community, public policy, and advocacy, Alvie plans to continue her education in the new year by pursuing a Master's in Public Administration. Prior to joining the League, Alvie interned with the City of Philadelphia through the Mayor's internship program.

## Local League Highlight: Upcoming Webinar with Southeast PA Leagues

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**Need to help  
TWEENS and TEENS navigate  
boundaries, identity, privacy,  
and reputation in their  
DIGITAL WORLD?**

**LET'S TALK:  
KIDS AND  
SOCIAL MEDIA**

**DEVORAH HEITNER, PH.D.**  
Author, social media expert, and parent

**Register for webinar link, discussion  
guide, and to submit questions:  
<https://bit.ly/3smnTZq>**

**OCTOBER 5, 2023  
7PM Webinar**

**REGISTRATION:**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
SOUTHEASTERN PA Collaboratively Present  
this FREE Webinar with:  
The Delaware County, Montgomery County,  
and Chester County Library Systems.  
Partially funded by the area Rotary Club.

Join the Leagues of Southeast PA for “Let’s Talk: Kids and Social Media” on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM via YouTube. Social Media researcher, author, and parent Devorah Heitner, Ph.D. will present insights from her just-released book “Growing Up in Public: Coming of Age in a Digital

World." It was written to help meet the digital challenge of tweens and teens navigating boundaries, identity, privacy and reputation. [Click here](#) for more event info and to register to attend!

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## Local League Highlight: LWV Westmoreland County Timely Topics Series

LWV Westmoreland presents the second of its Timely Topics Series: "*Finding One Billion Dollars: Funding Westmoreland County Schools*," presented by Matt Cesario, Former President of the Keystone Oaks School District. In the 2023-2024 school year, Westmoreland County K-12 public schools are projected to have combined budgets and fund balances of nearly one billion dollars. Where does this money all come from? This talk will cover the basics of Pennsylvania public school funding, with local examples including: Timeline and process; Federal Funding; State Funding; Local Funding; and Understanding Fund Balances. [Register here](#) to attend this event on October 11 at 6:30 PM.

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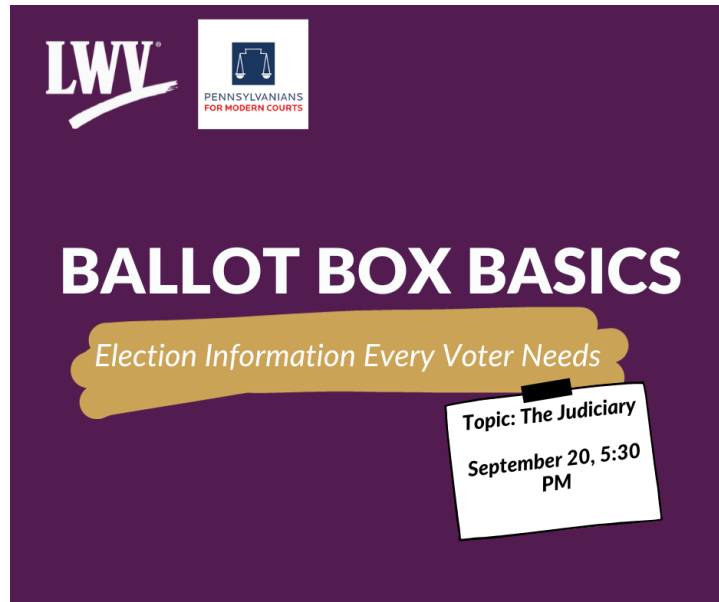
## Partner Highlight: 2023 Appellate Courts Candidate Forum with Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts



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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## Upcoming Events



### **September 20, 5:30 PM: Ballot Box Basics: The PA Judicial System**

Our September 20 program will feature Our September program will feature [Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts](#) for a discussion on the PA Judiciary. [Register here to attend.](#)

### **October 3, 7:00 PM: Censorship in Schools: What Can You Do?**

Join LWVPA, [Education Voters PA](#), the [Education Law Center](#), [LWV Bucks County](#) for a discussion on censorship in PA schools and actions you can take in your community. Panel will be moderated by Susan Boser, Social Policy Director at LWVPA. [Register here to attend.](#)

Panelists:

- Susan Spicka: Executive Director, Education Voters PA
- Ashli -Giles Perkins, Esq: Education Law Center
- Amy McGahran: Member, LWV Bucks County

### **October 9-15: Reimagine Sustainability Week**

This fall, the Reimagine program will hold its first ever "Reimagine Sustainable Development Week." This event will celebrate current sustainability projects in all Pennsylvania counties and assist counties in developing these projects further.

This is an exciting opportunity for Leagues to collaborate with community members and partner organizations to show the incredible progress Pennsylvania citizens have made towards sustainable communities. This will be a week of collaboration and education for the betterment of all.

Want to get involved? Please get in touch with Heather Harr, [heatherharr007@gmail.com](mailto:heatherharr007@gmail.com), to schedule a consultation on planning a sustainability week for your chapter.

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