



# *The Voter*

*League of Women Voters — Loudoun County*

## **LWV-LC Plans Four County Board of Supervisor Candidate Meet & Greets**

Help us host a candidate meet and greet in your voting district. LWV-LC has scheduled four such forums for Board of Supervisor candidates this fall. All will be moderated by a local media representative from 7 to 9 PM. Voters can meet the candidates and ask them questions about issues in their communities. We need help with set up, clean up, and other logistics, please contact Betsy Mayr, [emayr59433@aol.com](mailto:emayr59433@aol.com), 703-777-9425.

**September 10:** 7 to 9 PM for Sterling, Broad Run, and Algonkian Districts at the Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling,

**September 28:** 7 to 9 PM for Dulles South, Dulles, and Ashburn Districts at the Gum Springs Library, 24600 Millstream Dr., Stone Ridge with a representative from Ashburn Patch.

**September 30:** 7 to 9 PM for Leesburg, Catocin, Blue Ridge Districts at the Leesburg Senior Center, 102 North St, Leesburg with moderator Judy Stearns of The Purcellville Gazette.

**October 6:** 7 to 9 PM, for the four candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors at the NVCC Waddell Theatre, 21200 Campus Dr., Sterling with Norm Styers of Leesburg Today.

For further information about the candidates and their views, go to [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org). For more information about this event, go to <http://loudoun.va.lwvnet.org/>.

### ***Members Are Invited to Attend 2015 LWV-LC Planning Meeting***

Please join us Monday, August 17, 2015, at 6:30 PM at Rust Library in Leesburg for a planning meeting for this next year; find out what the League is doing in Loudoun to engage and increase voter registration. Drinks and dessert are provided.

## **Join Us in Getting Out the Vote for Election 2015 – November 3**

The League of Women Voters-Loudoun County (LWV-LC) needs all members and supporters to help us get out the vote on November 3 when all seats for the Virginia General Assembly, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, School Board, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Commonwealth Attorney, and Treasurer will be determined. This is a very important election that affects all of us in Loudoun County—our schools, roads, public safety, taxes, and future development are set by our publically elected officials. Historically, there is very low turnout (only about 25 percent!) but the issues are crucial to our lives. Tell your new neighbors and friends that the last day to register to vote in the November 3, 2015 election is October 13. Tell your college students and military members that the last day to apply for an absentee ballot is October 27 by mail, or October 31 in person.

### **National Voter Registration Day 2015 – September 22**

Help us register new voters! LWV-LC will register voters in our county during National Voter Registration Day, September 22. For the past three years, the League of Women Voters has been the single-largest, on-the-ground partner registering new voters. We are joining more than 225 other Leagues nationwide who have signed up to participate!

Last spring, LWV-LC registered 1,064 new voters at eight of the county's fourteen high schools.

If you would like to help us register voters at LWV registration outreach events, you will need to take training online <http://elections.virginia.gov/Files/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationDrives/ThirdPartyTraining/story.html>

## ***LWV-VA Announces New Consensus Studies***

### **You Can Participate**

If you are interested in participating in any of the following three consensus studies being led by LWV-VA, please contact Frances P. Schultz, Program Director, LWV-VA, 1685 Union Mills Rd, Troy, VA 22974, 434-979-5413.

#### ***Impacts of Fracking in Virginia***

**Reason for Study of Fracking:** The current LWVVA natural resource positions do not address recent developments in Virginia of hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”)

and energy pipelines. Fracking affects health as well as natural resources. Fracking and pipeline effects go beyond the current LWVVA positions. The effects should be included in Virginia positions and in the background/history.

The scope of the study may include: Impacts of water withdrawal on ground water and surface water supplies; impacts of inadequate treatment of wastewater from fracking on drinking water; health, safety and ecological effects of natural gas pipeline and/or rail transport of shale oil through Virginia.

### ***Constitutional Amendment***

Materials can be found here to start your discussions:

<http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/constitutional-amendment-study>

The timeline for this study is:

**Summer 2015:** Consensus questions, study guide and educational materials posted on LWV website.

**Late Summer 2015:** December 1, 2015 - Leagues hold consensus meetings.

**December 1, 2015:** Consensus reports (electronic) from Leagues due to LWVUS.

### ***Money in Politics Review***

Materials for this study can be found at :

<http://lwv.org/content/money-politics-developing-common-understanding-issues> OR

<http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/money-politics-review>

The Money in Politics Committee will conduct an update of the League's position on campaign finance for the purpose of addressing the lack of member understanding and agreement as to whether financing a political campaign is protected speech under the First Amendment. The campaign finance position will be updated through a study and consensus process to consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position.

**Fall 2015:** Study guides and consensus questions posted for the Money in Politics Review and Constitutional Amendment Study. Leagues hold consensus meetings; February 1, 2016 - Consensus reports (electronic) from Leagues due to LWVUS .



**Gov. Terry McAuliffe**

*photo Bob Pierce*

## **Governor Calls for Special Session on August 17 to Address Virginia Redistricting**

OneVirginia2021, the nonpartisan group working for fair redistricting in Virginia, needs our help. Here is their recent announcement:

“Governor McAuliffe indicated he will call a special session of the General Assembly to comply with the court-ordered redraw of the 3rd Congressional District by September 1st. The special session is likely to be held the week of August 17th so we are canceling our vacation

plans here at OneVirginia2021 and buckling down for another round of fighting for reform.

This time, however, the spotlight is on us! And on the General Assembly. They can agree to better rules or an independent commission, but they’ll need some encouragement.

Gov. McAuliffe has started out by saying the right things. “This special session is an opportunity to work together to fix Virginia’s congressional district lines so that politicians do not have a greater say in who represents Virginians than voters do,” McAuliffe said in a statement.

We need your help. So what can you do?

Ask 3 friends to sign up at [www.onevirginia2021.org/petition](http://www.onevirginia2021.org/petition). (This automatically emails their delegate and senator.)

Find us on Facebook and help us spread the message on social media.

Are you a member of a civic organization, neighborhood organization, or community group? We are spreading the word about reform...so let us get them on board as supporters! Email us for information on how. We need to mobilize as many citizens as possible before August 17th!

We are growing this organization. Help us build and grow with your support!

Let’s get ready for this battle! Stay tuned for more updates as our plans firm up.”

## **Welcome to Our New Members**

Do you know someone who believes in voter education and is passionate about preserving voter rights? If so, forward this newsletter and bring her or him to the next meeting on September 8 so she or he can meet the Board and learn about the many things League does. Dues are \$60 per year or \$90 for family. Membership applications can be found on our website.

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Click here (<http://lwvnet.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=569f03fa81dc2e360513b4796&id=9a38b1cd7f&e=d2b667f45e>) for a membership application. For more about the LWVLC and its Public Policies, clickhere (<http://lwvnet.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=569f03fa81dc2e360513b4796&id=f13f8bd97b&e=d2b667f45e>).

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