



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

June 15, 2024



FARMERS' MARKETS UPDATE

Our presence at farmers' markets in our 3 county area is underway. We have almost 20 volunteers manning tables at 7 locations. We have been able to set up at 5 markets so far, with only one cancellation because of high winds. Our wonderful teams have managed to connect with approximately 130 potential voters so far. Plans are in place for the rest of June and July, so this has been a great chance to impact voter turnout.

NEXT: We are now preparing to fill a calendar for August. We need both past volunteers who already know the ropes and new volunteers who were busy in June and July, and now have time. If you are willing to give it a try, we promise you will have a partner and will feel comfortable with all aspects of what you will do. [We are NOT attempting to register voters. We are simply offering good information about voter registration and the upcoming elections.] The spinning wheel game makes it easy and fun. What better way to spend a few hours than to enjoy a farmers' market!

BEYOND AUGUST: Our great leadership team is making plans to promote voting all the way to November. Stay tuned for opportunities to join other members in actively making a difference!

If you are interested in helping with farmers' markets in August, contact Kay Brooks at kaybrooks48@gmail.com 715-381-8879.

Here are the links you need to see the August calendar and market information:

BALSAM LAKE/ST. CROIX FALLS/OSCEOLA
<https://tinyurl.com/r8exv2py>

HUDSON/RIVER FALLS
<https://tinyurl.com/dm3sabju>

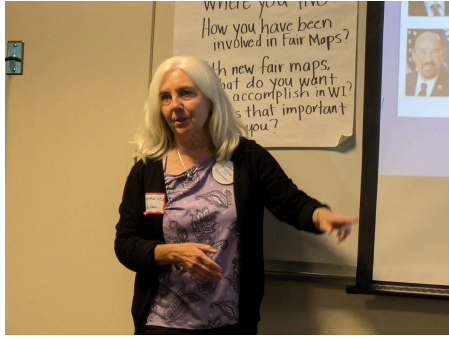
NEW RICHMOND/SOMERSET
<https://tinyurl.com/mvrjwjkm>



Join Our Second Year Supporting Hudson Pride!

The League of Women Voters St Croix Valley is proud to participate again this year during the second annual Valley Wide Pride Event.

Join us in Hudson, WI at
Lakefront Park
Saturday, June 22,
from 10AM to 4PM.



Successful Fair Maps Celebration and Learning Event

Fifty *fair maps* supporters from seven different counties attended the **Fair Maps! Celebrate and Learn!** event in Menomonie on June 13. LWV St. Croix Valley was one of the organizers of this event along with the LWV Greater Chippewa Valley, Chippewa Valley Votes, Public Education Network and GROWW.

The event allowed time for networking plus engaging presentations by **Nick Ramos**, Executive Director of the WI Democracy Campaign and **Annemarie McClellan** from the LWV Voters Chippewa Valley and previously a People's Maps Commissioner and a plaintiff in the latest Fair Maps lawsuit.

Thanks to Carolyn Saunders, Robin Maercklein and Irene Bugge for representing LWV St. Croix Valley at Fair Maps! Celebrate and Learn!

A recording of the two presentations will be available soon along with the slide deck so that all of our League members can access this information.



From Voters Service

ELECTIONS CALENDAR

- August 1: National Poll Worker Recruitment Day
- August 13: WI Primary Election
- September 17: National Voter Registration Day
- October 7-11: National Voter Education Week
- October 29: Vote Early Day
- November 5: General Election Day!

ALA + LWV = LLL (Linking Libraries and Leagues)

The American Library Association and League of Women Voters have announced a nationwide alliance. This partnership will have a greater impact on the services and information we can provide our communities.

The ALA states –

Leagues and libraries have the presence, trust, and community ties to together empower voters and defend democracy in 2024.

LWV SCV has started work on a pilot program to advance our presence within our three county libraries. Similar to our outreach into high schools, we will be looking for liaisons willing to make a personal connection to library directors and to lead the outreach. Watch the newsletter for more information. Feel free to direct any inquiries to Irene irenebugge@gmail.com, Patty pattyvannevel@gmail.com or Rita ritakearns54@gmail.com.

This is a(nother) perfect fit for our mission, Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

August 13, 2024 Primary Election Day in WI

Wisconsin voters will be asked two questions to amend (change) the constitution on their August ballot. These potential changes will impact both the process for distributing federal money, and who has the power to make those decisions. These large sweeping changes will impact a wide range of issues voters care about, from education to the environment to how quickly the government can respond to emergencies (like a public health crisis or a natural disaster).

Voters must be prepared to answer these questions in the August 13, 2024 election.

QUESTION 1: “*Delegation of appropriation power.*”

Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?”

QUESTION 2: “Allocation of federal moneys.

Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?”

Adding another layer of government to the disbursement of funds will cause delays of money.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin knows that if these amendments are passed they will be harmful to the people of our state.

We urge voters to VOTE NO on both questions.

The amendment is also opposed by the Wisconsin Education Association Council, Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments & Boards, Wisconsin Conservation Voters, and Wisconsin Public Health Association.

Why Vote No: August 13 Statewide Constitutional Amendment Questions

The Constitutional Amendments on the August 13 ballot put Wisconsin's share of federal funding and the distribution of emergency funds at risk. Join the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin for this virtual program to learn why you should vote no to both of these constitutional amendments. Learn what's at stake. These constitutional amendments are confusing and harmful.

We have a great panel of speakers who will break down the two ballot questions and talk about the implications.

Professor Chad Oldfather, Marquette University Law School

Atty Stephanie Bloechl-Anderson, Department of Administration

Atty Bryna Godar, State Democracy Research Initiative

Register for the Zoom meeting, July 10, 2024 at 7 pm

Copy and paste this address into your search engine

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZokduuhrjMiHdwMgFAuZMyOLSuq4-1XDIIa#/registration>



✗ Question 1: “*Delegation of appropriation power.* Shall section 35 (1) of article IV of the constitution be created to provide that the legislature may not delegate its sole power to determine how moneys shall be appropriated?”

✚ A “yes” vote supports amending the state constitution to prohibit the legislature from delegating its power to appropriate money.

✚ A “no” vote opposes amending the state constitution to prohibit the legislature from delegating its power to appropriate money.

Q1: [Wisconsin Prohibit Legislature from Delegating Appropriations Power Amendment \(August 2024\) - Ballotpedia](#)

✗ Question 2: “*Allocation of federal moneys.* Shall section 35 (2) of article IV of the constitution be created to prohibit the governor from allocating any federal moneys the governor accepts on behalf of the state without the approval of the legislature by joint resolution or as provided by legislative rule?”

✚ A “yes” vote supports amending the state constitution to require legislative approval from both the senate and assembly before the governor can expend federal money appropriated to the state.

✚ A “no” vote opposes these amendments, thereby allowing the governor to accept and allocate federal funds without seeking an approval vote from the state legislature.

Q2: [Wisconsin Require Legislative Approval for State Expenditure of Federal Funds Amendment \(August 2024\) - Ballotpedia](#)

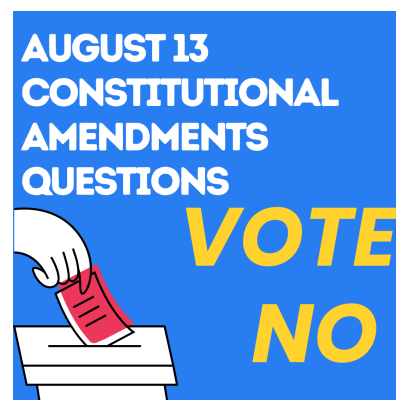
CURRENTLY Wisconsin state law Chapter 16, Section 54 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes the governor to accept and allocate federal funds. The section reads:

“Whenever the United States government shall make available to this state funds for the education, the promotion of health, the relief of indigency, the promotion of agriculture or for any other purpose other than the administration of the tribal or any individual funds of Wisconsin Indians, the

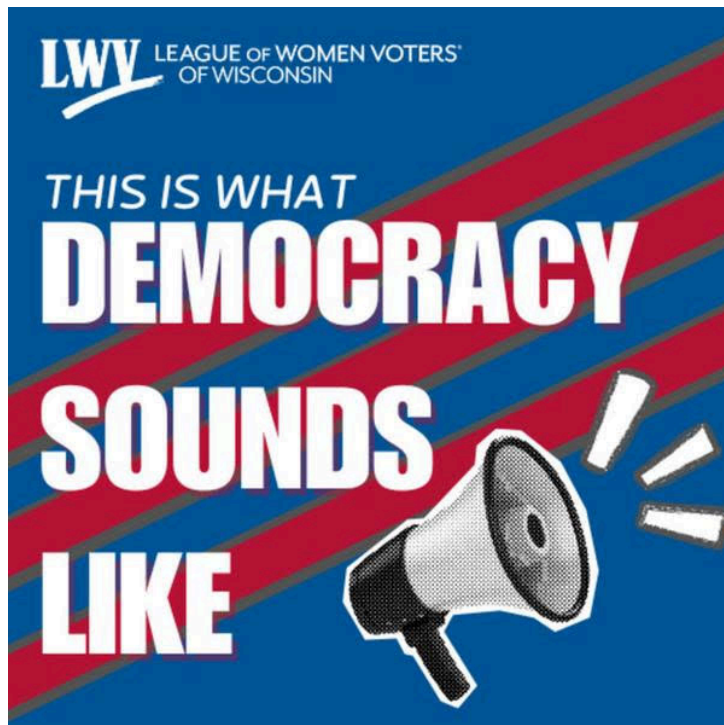
governor on behalf of the state is authorized to accept the funds so made available. In exercising the authority herein conferred, the governor may stipulate as a condition of the acceptance of the act of congress by this state such conditions as in the governor's discretion may be necessary to safeguard the interests of this state.”

Reasons to Vote No on Question 1 and Question 2

1. Wisconsin law already gives legislators a say in how tax dollars are spent through the state budget-making process. This change does not belong in our state constitution. These changes are not fixing a problem.
2. Wisconsinites deserve a well-resourced government that is able to fund necessary programs and infrastructure like our roads in a timely manner (especially in emergencies). These changes to our state constitution would add red tape and slow the government’s ability to respond to emergencies when we need help the most – harming our communities and Wisconsin families.
3. Our tax dollars go toward federal funds that support our schools, infrastructure, parks, health care, renters, small businesses, public benefits and so much more. They provide relief to Wisconsinites in urgent times of crises, such as natural or economic disasters and public health emergencies. When Wisconsin gets federal funds, it’s our money coming back to us. The governor should be able to act quickly to get that money where it needs to go.



4. It is easier for Wisconsin voters to hold the governor accountable for how federal funds are spent than the entire legislature. The governor is accountable to the whole state. The governor was elected in a fair, statewide election and entrusted to deal with federal money.
5. Our current legislators were elected under rigged, non representative voting maps which means they are not responsive to Wisconsin voters. Wisconsin residents should not have funds they need held up in legislative gridlock.



League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

This is What Democracy Sounds Like

is a new podcast from the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin. Dive into the heart of government, explore hot-button issues, and stay informed on everything related to voting. For the pilot episode, host Carol Koby talks with guests Emily Lau (State Democracy Research Initiative) and Debra Cronmiller (LWVWI) about constitutional amendments and our state

constitution. Check it out! [#Podcast #Democracy #ConstitutionalAmendment #WisconsinVotes](#)

(You can find a link to this on FACEBOOK League of Women Voters of Wisconsin; or go to Spotify)



The LWV-SCV will be attending the
St. Croix Casino Powwow
 in Turtle Lake, WI on
Sunday, June 23.

Grand Entry at 12Pm (noon)

Members who wish to help should contact Barb Katt
 at 715-566-0356

Summer is going fast!

June		
	18	Board/Comm. Chairs Mtg., zoom, 4:00-5:00 <i>canceled for June</i>
	20	River Falls: Rush River Brewery (Karen M. & Katrina) Somerset American Legion (LeAnn & Susan B.)
	22	Valley Wide Pride Fest, Hudson, 10am - 4pm Everyone Welcome
	23	St Croix Casino Powwow Turtle Lake, WI Everyone Welcome! 12 Noon Grand Entry
		<i>LWVUS/National Convention, even-numbered years.</i>
July	1	Newsletter
	10	LWVWI Webinar on the proposed Constitutional Amendments for the August Ballot, 7:00-8:30
	6	SCF Farmers Market (Nanette and Kay)
	7	New Richmond-45th Parallel (Peg & Susan B.)
	13	Hudson Carmichael Farmers Market (Judy G. and Kathy S.) New Richmond-Heritage Center (Vicki & Jarell)
	14	Fun Fest Parade, New Richmond
	15	Newsletter
	16	Board/Committee Chairs Meeting, 4-5pm
	18	Somerset-Apple R Liquor (LeAnn & ?)
	19-21	<i>Wannigan Days SCF</i>
	19-21	<i>Lucky Days, Classic Car Show, Bed Races, Parade and More</i>
	24	Last Day for Online Voter Registration (August Election)

	30	Last day (suggested) to request Absentee Ballot for August 13 Election
August	1	Newsletter
	13	August Election - Partisan Primary
	15	Newsletter
	17/24	<i>Pow Wow, Siren, WI</i>
	TBD	<i>Arts Festival Frederic</i>
	TBD	<i>National Night Out, Burnett County Locations</i>
	26	National Women's Equality Day
	27	Summer Social Picnic, Grantsburg, 4pm



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