



OUR MISSION: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy*

July 1, 2024

LWV-SCV Getting Out The Vote!



Hudson Valley Wide Pride Event
June 22



2024 St. Croix Pow Wow held at the MAKWODE Arena and hosted by The Croix Band of Chippewa June 23

League of Women Voters Wisconsin Collaborate With These Organizations to Vote 'No' to upcoming Amendments



The questions on voters' ballots ↓

✗ **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?"

What does a "Yes" vote mean and what does a "No" vote mean?

✚ A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to require legislative approval via a joint resolution before the governor can expend federal money appropriated to the state.

✚ A "no" vote opposes this amendment, thereby allowing the governor to accept and allocate federal funds without seeking legislative approval.

Stance: The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin opposes these constitutional amendments and are urging voters to VOTE NO on both questions.

Wisconsinites take care of one another. ❤️ When natural disasters like floods or tornados hit our communities, we need relief money quickly. These proposed amendments could drag out the process and delay necessary federal funds from

getting to the folks who need it. #VoteNoWisconsin ❌ on both constitutional amendments this August. Learn more: bit.ly/AugustVoteNo

More Resources:

- ☐ [August 2024 Constitutional Amendments | MyLO \(lwv.org\)](https://www.lwv.org/august-2024-constitutional-amendments)
- ☐ Ballotpedia
- ☐ MyVote
- ☐ Vote411
- ☐ To **see your ballot** and find other important information, log onto MyVote.WI.gov or capture this QR code with your phone.



Important! Stay informed. Spread the word.

August 13 / Primary Election

This is a **Partisan Primary** election. You may only vote within one political party. You will be able to vote in nonpartisan contests.

List of Candidates in the August 13 Primary:

Senate District 10

Paul Hambleton
Rob Stafshold (I)

Assembly District 28

Danielle Johnson
Rob Kreibich
Brady Penfield

Assembly District 29

Terry Schoonover

Treig Pronschinske

Assembly District 30

Alison Page
Shannon Zimmerman (I)

Assembly District 67

Jeff Foster
David Armstrong
Jimmy Swenson

Assembly District 68

Richard Pulcher
Cliff Taylor
Rob Summerfield

Assembly District 69

Roger Halls
Karen Hurd
Lori Voss

Assembly District 73

Angela Stroud
John Adams
Frank Kostka

Assembly District 74

Jeanne Rand Bruce
Scott Allen Harbridge
Chanz Green (I)

Assembly District 75

Jane Kleiss
Neil Kline
Duke Tucker
Jay Calhoun

Jodi Emerson (I)
Michelle Magadance Skinner

Assembly District 92

Joe Plouff
Caden Berg
Clint Moses

Assembly District 93

Christian Phelps
Nikolas Butler
James Rolbiecki

Senate District 23 >no race this year

Senate District 25>no race this year

Senate District 31 >no race this year

Assembly District 91



FARMERS MARKETS

If you enjoy being surrounded by people shopping for fresh produce, delicious canned goods, beautiful flower bouquets, and more—be part of a team of LWVWCF volunteers. We are attending several farmers markets in order to spread our message that voting matters. We want voters to know that there is an important

Primary Election in August that includes 2 constitutional amendments. The League recommends that they vote NO. They also need to know that district maps have been redrawn, which might affect which candidates they are voting for.

A big THANK YOU to our small army of volunteers who have helped in several places already: Balsam Lake, St. Croix Falls, Somerset, New Richmond, Hudson, Turtle Lake, and River Falls. We hope to revisit those places and add on a couple more. We need volunteers once again—experienced and new—to make the final push before the August election.

The following markets are open for us as follows:

New Richmond Heritage Center	Saturdays 8-1
Osceola United Methodist Church	Fridays 2-6
Balsam Lake Catholic Church	Fridays 3-5:30
River Falls Rush River Brewery	Thursday 5-8
St. Croix Falls Library	Thursdays 10-1

Email Kay Brooks with your interest. kaybrooks48@gmail.com. We will provide a partner (unless you pick one) and all the supplies and help you need.



Want to DO something with all of that post debate energy???

Join the LWSCV on
Sunday, July 14, 2024
in New Richmond
to participate in the
annual Fun Fest Parade.

THOUSANDS of people line the streets and we can show them that Voting is Important and that Democracy is NOT a spectator sport.

We will meet at **Table 65 starting at 11:00** to distribute signs, candy, etc. and find out our parade line up spot. Wear your good walking shoes, a League shirt OR anything *nonpartisan*. The parade begins at noon. We would LOVE to have a large presence and share our enthusiasm for voting. Join us! any questions - Beth Wood - 715-338-1902 or bwood@frontiernet.net

Temporary Injunction Allows Email Delivery of Accessible Absentee Ballots for Voters with Print Disabilities

A Dane County Circuit Court judge granted a temporary injunction that will allow voters with print disabilities to request that their municipal clerks send their absentee ballots by email, instead of by U.S. mail, so these voters can use assistive technology to read and mark their ballots privately and independently.

Current state law requires all absentee ballots to be mailed to voters except for military and overseas voters. But state and federal law require that people with a disability must be able to vote on equal terms to those without disabilities, and Wisconsin's Constitution protects voters' right to a secret ballot. For many voters with print disabilities (including voters who are blind or have a physical disability that impairs manual dexterity), the mailing restriction means that they are required to share their vote with a third-party assistant who manually marks the absentee ballot on behalf of the voter.

Under today's order, beginning with the November 2024 election, a voter is qualified to request an emailed ballot from their municipal clerk if they certify that they are unable to independently read and/or mark a paper absentee ballot due to a print disability. For now, qualifying voters must still print their marked ballot and return it to their municipal clerk by U.S. mail, just as military and overseas voters do, but this relief allows voters with print disabilities the option to complete their ballot independently without

disclosing the content of their vote to a third party. Voters with print disabilities may still vote in-person or absentee with an assistant if they choose.



An Opportunity to Learn

[NEW PODCAST "This is What Democracy Sounds Like" | MyLO \(lww.org\)](#)

Welcome to This is What Democracy Sounds Like, the official podcast from the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, hosted by Carol Koby. Dive into the heart of government, explore hot-button issues, and stay informed on everything related to voting. Each episode features insightful discussions with experts,

policymakers, and community leaders who bring clarity to the political landscape. Whether you're a seasoned voter or just beginning to engage with the democratic process, our podcast is your go-to resource for understanding and participating in the democracy that shapes our lives.



Story Time - *Amery Library* - June 26

The American Library Association and League of Women Voters formed an alliance nationwide to reach voters with non-partisan information and to Get Out The Vote! This past week members of LWVSCV launched a local initiative using the Story Time Kit that was developed with the help of Kris Surbaugh and the Frederic Library staff. The kit has

four story books, a voting activity for the kids and 'Future Voter' stickers. It's charming and engaging and if you are interested in participating we have 20+ libraries in our three counties available for outreach.

Patty Van Nevel and librarian Miss Emma took turns reading to a variety of ages at the Amery Library Story Hour using the kit.



- ☐ LWVSCV is interested in expanding our outreach through collaboration with our libraries. As with all our efforts in our work, care must be taken to address the special requests and circumstances that individual communities require.
- ☐ Story Time is a built-in activity for most libraries and our Story Kit is ready to go.
- ☐ Are you interested in helping with this initiative? Do you have other ideas that may be a fit for your local library?



2nd Annual Valley Wide Pride Fest

The Hudson Pride Co. seeks to create and promote inclusiveness, visibility, and acceptance. The 2nd Annual Valley Wide Pride Fest was held at Hudson High School, June 22. Several members from LWVSCV attended the fest and sponsored a table with a wide variety of voter information to educate and inform the LGBTQ+ community.





Members of **COMMUNITY**:
La Crosse Tribune, WKBT News 8, WIZM News, WKOW,
Wisconsin Public Radio, Great Rivers United Way and
LeaderEthics.



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Artificial Intelligence... **Political Concerns in November 2024 and Beyond**

Artificial intelligence (AI) is exploding on the scene, showing promise for dramatic applications in health, climate science and automation, to name a few. Yet there are concerns that AI applications are already posing new threats in homeland security...and in politics. This program will take a conversational approach with a recognized national leader in discussing where AI may have a dramatic impact on election disinformation and the election process itself.

Miles Taylor is the Chief Policy Officer of The Future US.



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Security Strategy at Google.

He has published two New York Times best-sellers -- *A Warning* (under the pseudonym, Anonymous) and *Blowback* -- and in 2020 launched a campaign of ex-officials to shine a light on presidential misconduct. He's worked as an advisor in the George W. Bush administration; on Capitol Hill; appeared as a regular contributor on CNN, MSNBC, and BBC; and is the cofounder of a Washington DC-based charter school and multiple democracy-reform groups.

Rusty Cunningham, moderator, is the highly respected and accomplished former Executive Editor of the La Crosse Tribune and Winona Daily News. In his distinguished career, he has more than 40 years experience in the newspaper industry, serving as a champion for integrity and community collaboration.



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**This virtual program will be offered at 12pm (central)
on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 on Zoom.**

**The video presentation will also be available on the
Facebook pages of the Program Hosts**

**There is no fee for attendance in the virtual program,
but registration is required.
To register, visit: leaderethics.us, or scan the QR code**



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 Kathy K.)
	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	<i>Fun Fest Parade, New Richmond</i>
	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
		Looking for volunteers for Farmers Markets, Powwow,etc.
	13	August Election - Partisan Primary
	15	Newsletter
	17/24	<i>Pow Wow, Danbury, 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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