

OUR MISSION: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy

August 1, 2024

The Farmers Market Fun Continues! Farmers' Markets Update:







Many thanks to all our great Farmers Market volunteers who enjoyed good weather—and braved not so great weather. They have reached out to over 400 people, even though we have had to cancel some dates. And there will be more opportunities to come as we head into the end of summer and the start of fall. It has been great to inform people as to why they should VOTE NO for the 2 constitutional amendments on the August ballot. Half the fun has been getting to know each other as we interact with lots of interesting people. Kids have loved spinning the wheel and/or getting a Future Voter Sticker and a piece of candy. If you have enjoyed being a volunteer and want to do it again, or if you haven't tried it yet and have a penchant for educating people about voting and elections, *contact Kay Brooks at* 715–381–8879. We promise lots of support!

We need some help with these events:
Osceola Market on Friday, Aug. 16
Hudson Carmichael Market on Saturday, Sept. 7
and Heritage Days on Saturday, Sept. 21

Post Card Writing: Urgent!

Please join me, Sharyl Manwiller, and Jarell Kuney, at Robert's Cafe in Roberts, WI, to write "Vote No" postcards.

Where: Robert's Cafe When: Friday, August 2

Time: 10:30 AM

Purpose: Reminder to Vote No on the two constitutional amendments on our Wisconsin ballots August 13.

If the amendments are passed, federal funds meant to assist, may be delayed as legislators decrease their cooperation with Governor Evers.

Please RSVP if you can write postcards Friday, August 2 at Robert's Cafe. Kathy Streitz 612-916-8856

Thank you to Kay, Edna, Judy, Beth, Kris, Irene, and Amber for writing postcards! Thanks to all who have helped!

Hudson Farmers Market on Carmichael August 10

Please join Judy Green and Kathy Streitz at our LWVSCV table.

Stop by and shop, or you can sit with us for a while. I will bring extra chairs. Last time we were there, we offered voter information and had conversations with about 60 visitors. There were 50 vendors present and the market was filled with goodies and excited shoppers! Kathy Streitz 612-916-8856

New Members

Please invite friends to join LWVSCV. We are always looking for new members.

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Important dates:

<u>Partisan Primary</u> August 13 Vote No on amendments Request absentee ballot until August 8 - In-person voter registration until August 9

Get ready, get set, GO!

August is a month of planning and preparing for a hefty "to do" list in September and October. We have so many things to tackle and we are hoping to get lots of involvement from all of you!

- -Farmers Market tabling, parades and other community events
- -(re)new efforts to collaborate with our 22 libraries in providing civic information
- -GOTV (GetOutTheVote) postcard writing
- -NVRD (National Voter Registration Day) September 17 many venues!
- -engaging with the high schools to keep the message to register and vote in their sights. This will be an exciting time for newly turned 18 year olds. Let's celebrate with them!

Oxcart Days Grand Parade Star Prairie Sunday Aug 18 at 2 pm

(right after the kiddie parade)

Line up across from the Apple River Inn and west toward the trout farm. This parade travels down main street 4 blocks to the finish line. Wear your LWV shirts, we'll have signs and candy to throw.

RSVP Patty 651-271-9942 or Rita 651-492-8885 by Aug 12

22 Libraries How many can we reach?

LWV SCV, together with the American Library Association (ALA), is working to *Get Out The Vote* 2024. LWV SCV is renewing our relationships with the libraries in our three counties to engage voters and provide accurate and helpful information to the public.

If you have worked with a particular library in the past, we welcome you to keep abreast of the new information and resources we are offering and become a trusted ally to this collaboration. We have members already working in this capacity and are grateful for their efforts and look forward to hearing about your successes.

VS goals:

- -Supply libraries with resources for a display that suits their needs and space. LWV will share materials with voter information, QR codes, bookmarks, and info on local polling places and candidates. We expect these will be unattended displays.
- -There are preliminary plans for hosting a NVRD event at the Amery library. This event would require a volunteer presence to facilitate voter registration. This library also wants to collaborate with LWV during National Voter Education Week, October 7-11.
- -Engage children at story time. You may have already seen the storytime kit at the Winter Gathering or the Annual Meeting. The <u>Young Voter</u> Kit is complete with books, a voting activity, and of course stickers! A presentation takes 20 30 minutes. It is charming and engaging and has been well received by the 'littles' and the 'bigs' alike. Please contact us if you're curious about it and we can help set you up to be a reader.

POSTCARDS Write on!

LWVWI has provided 500 names and addresses of people in our three county area that we can invite to vote via a postcard campaign. We hope you will consider joining us when that happens. Stay tuned ...August 1, 2024- Voter Services Newsletter

A Message from Delany Zimmer LWVWI

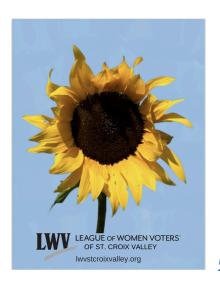
Voter Services Coordinator, League of Women Voters of Wisconsin

Hi everyone!

I thought it might be a helpful reminder to reiterate some mis/disinformation best practices following the events that occurred in Pennsylvania on Saturday.

When encountering content online always remember to:

- 1. Consider the source
- 2. Read beyond the headline
- 3. Research the author
- 4. Check the publication date
- 5. Verify the supporting sources
- 6. Check if other sources are reporting the same information
- 7. Watch for AI clues



LWV SCV Summer Picnic

All Members Encouraged to Attend!

- Tuesday August 27, 2024
- 3PM Board Meeting
- 4-5 Social Hour
- 6PM dining
- Kathy Palmquist's cabin

☐ Brats, Burgers, Lemonade, Water, Wine and Beer provided.
☐ Please bring a dish to share if desired.
$\ \square$ Please RSVP to Kathy by the weekend prior to the picnic, so she will know how
much food and seating to prepare.

☐ Carpooling is encouraged.

The theme of our gathering will be Self-Care.
"Self-care means giving yourself permission to pause." Cecilia Tran

As we do the important work of the LWV, we must remember to take care of ourselves and each other. Regardless of the outcome in any election, the work of the

LWV does not change. We inform, engage, empower and get out the vote!



Join together to celebrate our friendship and the work of our league!



First Tuesday League Gatherings!

Exciting news to share! Due to a conversation by Barb Katt at the Pride event with the owner of the New Richmond business *Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop*, Alicia Cypher, we were generously offered private space for gatherings until the election. I have met with her daughter Chastity and at this time we have the following plan:

☐ Aug 6	4:00 - 7:00
☐ Sept 3	4:00 - 7:00
Oct 1	4:00 - 7:00
☐ Nov 5	4:00 – TBD Election Night!!!

This is a private entry workshop room with a bathroom, a kitchenette, T.V., tables, chairs, couches, and a great vibe for meeting together

to work on postcard projects, share league materials, focus on league work, watch webinars together, host an informational presentation, set up an information table in

the parking lot, a member book exchange, whatever you want it to be! It will be BYOB and snacks to share. Informal, comfortable, and a way for us to gather, process what is happening in the election and be supportive of one another as we do the work necessary between now and November 5. And YES, we have a safe private space to gather to watch the election returns and experience history together.

Beth Wood is the responsible member for this project. "I invite any suggestions or ideas you may have for how to spend this time. Please, feel free to bring a friend. We are welcoming, inclusive, and focused on Forward Together!"

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Address to Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop 1027 N Knowles Ave. New Richmond



August	1	Newsletter
	2	Postcard Writing- Roberts Cafe- 10:30 Roberts, WI
	6	Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM
	10	Hudson Farmers Market on Carmichael 8-12
	13	August Election - Partisan Primary
	15	Newsletter
	TBD	National Night Out, Burnett County Locations

	26	National Women's Equality Day
	27	Summer Social Picnic, Grantsburg, 4pm
September	1	Newsletter
	3	Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM
	15	Newsletter
	17	NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
	21	Heritage Days New Richmond
October	1	Newsletter
	1	Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM
	7-11	NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK
	15	Newsletter
	15	"Uniting Americans to Depolarize America" Bill Doherty, Braver Angels 7PM American Legion Post 143, St. Croix Falls
November	1	Newsletter
	5	Gather at Little Piece of Mind Quilt Shop New Richmond 4PM
	15	Newsletter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ST. CROIX VALLEY LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024-2025

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