

President's Message



Closing in on the first month of my term as president of the Detroit League of Women Voters, I am reflecting on several vital elements that bring our organization together:

- A drive to mobilize.
- The capacity to educate.
- Our ability to connect with the communities we serve.
- The dedication of the people who make up LWVD.

The Detroit League has done fantastic work at the grassroots level, hosting candidate forums to educate the community, registering new voters, and mobilizing voters to the polls. Expanding our outreach to voters and sharing our knowledge with the community is essential. LWVD has pushed for greater voter education outreach and succeeded.

With the general election just around the corner, this crucial connection with the community will be a significant stepping stone to increased voter turnout. We can't lose our momentum now or later; I don't suspect we will.

This month, I've had the pleasure of meeting some of the most altruistic, community-minded, hard-working people. I will look forward to future collaborations to strengthen our community capacity. I am eager to continue building these relationships and connecting.

Rebeka Islam

President, League of Women Voters of Detroit

Calendar of Events

Michigan will hold the following statewide elections in 2022:

- **August 2, 2022:** Primary
- **November 8, 2022:** General election

For more information regarding ballot races and FAQs about the polls, see [Ballotpedia](#).



Overseas Voter Registration & Education Zoom Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 11am (EST)/ 17.00 (CET)

If you or someone you know is currently living overseas, sort out your overseas voter registration and ballot request at this virtual event. Learn how to get your overseas voter ballot and what to do if it doesn't arrive.

*This event is sponsored by **When We All Vote**.*

Register



Wayne Health Mobile Unit

- In partnership with the Viola Liuzzo Park Association, it is hosting **FREE**:
- Diabetes, Cholesterol and Kidney Function Screening
 - Blood Pressure Screening
 - Vital Signs
 - COVID-19 Vaccinations & Boosters (5+ years old in compliance with FDA/CDC regulations)
 - COVID-19 Testing (5+ years old)
 - Insurance Not Required
- We will collect insurance information, if available, but you will not be billed.
- No ID Required & No Appointment Needed
- Other services that may be available are:
- Live testing (30-jetec) and health advice (30 minutes)
 - Linkage to care and community resources
 - Mental health screenings and/or linkage to mental health resources and care



Time & Date
3:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesday
August 17th, 2022

Location
20087 Winthrop St.
Detroit, MI 48235

Sponsors: Wayne Metropolitan, Detroit Mercy Dental, Disability Rights Michigan, Detroit Mercantile Bank, Detroit Reconnect, meridian, Wayne Health, Wayne State University, Team Wellness Center, LWV League of Women Voters.

If you have any questions or comments, please call 313-442-9830 or visit, www.healthcare.org

Back-to-School Health Fair & Voting Rights Event

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 @ 3pm to 6pm

The Detroit League partners with Wayne State Health, Viola Liuzzo Park Association, and other metro Detroit agencies to offer a Back-to-School Health Fair and Voting Rights Event.



Michigan Women's Equality Day Celebration August 27, 2022 @ 11:30am to 2:30pm

This annual event celebrates the progress women have made and addresses where we need to go from here. The event is limited to the first 90 people who register.

[Click Here FMI](#)

*Sponsored by **AAUW of Michigan**, the **MI League of Women Voters**, and many others.*

Registration



Vote Smart is now MI Vote Counts
Become an active bystander in defense of Michigan's Democracy

MI Vote Counts is a non-partisan web series hosted by the Michigan Department of State and Michigan Bureau of Elections.

From July to November, weekly sessions feature helpful voter how-to's, a deep dive into the logistics of running Michigan elections, and tips for preparing your community for August and November. Voters can sign up for the sessions and email updates. August sessions are as follows:

- Aug 1 Preprimary Q&A: Ask a question before Election Day
- Aug 9 Everything you need to know for November: How to lead conversations in your community
- Aug 16 How do we know elections are secure? Elections security best practices
- Aug 23 Who is voting in Michigan? QVF security and voter roll maintenance

Session recordings are available and will be automatically emailed to your inbox, but only if you register in advance.

Click the link below to 1) register for upcoming sessions, 2) submit a question for the hosts to answer live on the call, and 3) subscribe to receive session updates and recordings.

Questions? Contact DemocracyMVP@Michigan.gov

MI VOTE COUNTS Registration

Member Spotlight: Anne Parker



Our August spotlight is on Anne Parker, who joined the Detroit League in 2019 after hearing about LWV during a CitizenDetroit presentation.

Originally from Rahway, New Jersey, Anne came to Michigan in 1970 to attend Wayne State University, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education. She earned a Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Michigan and a second Master's (MA +30) in Educational Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Not surprisingly and to our good fortune, Anne began her teaching career with the Detroit Public Schools Community District in various positions, starting as a special education teacher and continuing as a consultant and then assistant principal. She was the principal for several Detroit schools

and worked in other administrative positions as assistant director of human resources, director of the office of employment, executive director of school accountability, and eventually executive director of the office of recruitment and retention when she retired from DPSCD in 2006.

Still eager to share her knowledge and experience, Anne worked as the human resources manager for the Pontiac School District, human resources director at Starr Detroit Academy, and finally, administrative coordinator for Chandler Park Elementary School, where she retired (again) in 2019.

Anne was interested in voter registration and education even before retirement. So, after joining the Detroit League, she quickly signed on to chair the Mini-Van Election Notification Project, which trains other league members to use their mobile phones to text and call voters in various low-voting districts. During the 2020 Presidential Election, Anne and her team made 2,077 texts or phone calls urging people to vote and encouraging them to spread the message.

Around that time, Anne represented LWVD and chaired the Legislative Interview Project, a State League program requesting local leagues to interview their newly elected legislators. Anne's team interviewed elected officials in Detroit, Highland Park, and Hamtramck.

[Click here to read Anne's bio in](#)

Membership Renewal Time



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Membership with LWVDetroit Starts July 1 of Each Year

Membership with LWVDetroit is an excellent way to get involved in your community and play an active role in government. You add your voice to a powerful force of League members from all 50 states, Washington DC, Hong Kong, and the Virgin Islands, giving us the political influence needed to build a voice for citizens and a force for change.

Annual dues for 2022-2023:

- ✓ Individual Membership (join or renew) \$60
- ✓ Adding 2nd Membership for someone in the same household (join or renew) \$30
- ✓ Household Membership for 2 members in the same household (join/renew simultaneously) \$90
- ✓ Students \$0*

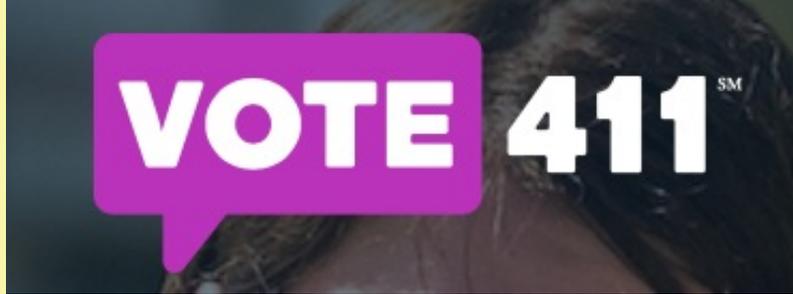
Please renew your Membership at lwvdetroit.org/membership using our **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP APP** and credit card. Or print out and complete the **OFFLINE MEMBERSHIP FORM** and send it along with a check made out to the *League of Women Voters of Detroit* (PO Box 2503, Detroit, MI 48202-9998).

NOTE: LWV has permanently waived membership dues for students* Take advantage of this offer by completing the **Offline Membership Form**.

LWVD also has funds to provide complimentary memberships and is happy to do so if requested. For more information, contact Cheryl Bukoff, Membership Coordinator, at 313-288-9590 or lwvdetroit@gmail.com.

**The League recognizes a student as someone at least 16 years of age, registered at an accredited high school or college, and enrolled in at least one one-credit course.*

Feature Article: VOTE 411



This month's feature article is from Susan Slattery, LWVD VOTE411 Chair

In October 2006, LWVUS launched **VOTE411.org** as a one-stop website offering information on the election process. It's virtual, nonpartisan and available in both English and Spanish. Specifically, *VOTE411.org* provides personalized voting information: races and candidates on your ballot, proposals on your ballot, your voting location/polling precinct, and the closest drop box for absentee ballots. *VOTE411.org* will tell you if you are registered and provide up-to-date online, postmarked mail, and in-person voter registration timelines. There's even a checklist for first-time voters. It's all geared to your mailing address.

The election process can be confusing even for those who've voted before. Election rules differ from state to state and can change between elections. *VOTE411.org* provides personalized information, so you're prepared to vote in every election. Whether local, state, or federal, every election is vital to ensuring our laws and policies reflect the values and beliefs of our communities.

Like the structure of the League, there are national, state, and local components regarding the information provided on *VOTE411.org*. The national does the heavy lifting by maintaining the website, adding the proper links, and creating the software that allows state and local leagues to add information germane to their polling locales. LWVUS handles information concerning national races (i.e., the presidential election), whereas LWVMI addresses candidates running for statewide office and proposals. At the local level, the Detroit League manages candidates and propositions for our municipalities (Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park) and Wayne County offices (e.g., Wayne County Executive and Wayne County Sheriff).

[Click here to read Susan Slattery's blog in full](#)

VOTE411.org provides nonpartisan information on the election process:

- Absentee ballot information
- Ballot measure information
- Early voting options
- Factual data on candidates in federal, state, and local races
- ID requirements
- Polling place locations
- Registration deadlines
- Voter qualifications
- Voter registration forms

The polling place locator enables users to type in their address and retrieve the poll location for the voting precinct in which that address is located. The polling place locator is among the most sought-after information in the immediate days leading up to and on Election Day.

Watch our **VOTE411** video for more information.



VOTE411.org is the one-stop shop for non-partisan information on elections and candidates.

Read and compare candidate responses to questions on relevant issues.

Find your polling place and find out what will be on your ballot.

Your education.
Your healthcare.
Your community.
Your future.
Your vote counts for many things. Take control. Get registered. Get educated. Get out and vote. Learn more at www.VOTE411.org

VOTE411.org is the nation's premiere online election resource.

The League of Women Voters has added our voter's guide to **VOTE411** so that it can serve as a resource for all Michigan voters.



The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates or political parties.

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ICYMI Event Recordings

**In case you missed it,
you can watch LWVD candidate forums and
workshop recordings on our website:
[RECORDINGS/PAST EVENTS WEBPAGE](#)**



The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy and education. The League neither endorses nor opposes candidates or political parties. Membership is open to men and women at least 16 years of age.



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