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League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area

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-September 25th
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-October 13th 10:00 AM
Candidate Forum for
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-October 18th
6:30 PM Polling in the
Midterm Elections
-Nov 1st Making
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November 6th General
Election!!



State of the City and Schools

Thursday, September 20, 2018 6:30 pm

Again this year, the League of Women Voters Whitewater Area will welcome Whitewater City Manager, Cameron Clapper, as he delivers a State of the City address in the City Hall Council Chambers. Don't forget that this year our new start time is 6:30 pm!

This is an opportunity for Whitewater citizens to become better informed about the condition of our community and to learn about future projects and goals for the city of Whitewater.

We will also be fortunate to hear a presentation from the Whitewater Unified School District Administrator, Dr. Mark Elworthy. He will provide us the opportunity to learn about what the district has been doing in the past year as well as upcoming school year.

There will be opportunity after the presentations for a question and answer session. Please join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

**-November 15th 6:30
PM Hunger in
Whitewater
-December 9th
Holiday Dinner**

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Candidate Forum Scheduled for State Assembly District 43 Race

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, October 13, 10AM-11:30AM**, the League will sponsor a forum for candidates running in the State Assembly District 43 race. The forum will be held in the City of Whitewater Council Chambers, located in the Whitewater Municipal Building (City Hall), 312 W. Whitewater Street. Candidates **Don Vruwink** (incumbent Democrat) and **Gabriel Szerlong** (challenging Republican) have both agreed to participate. The League applauds their interest and willingness to share their views on public policy issues of importance to the District 43 electorate. At League forums, citizens in attendance ask questions of the candidates by writing them on cards, which are forwarded to the forum moderator after being checked for redundancy by a panel of League question checkers. Your voice matters! - so please attend, bring your friends and neighbors and come with questions that you want the candidates to address. The forum will be filmed by Whitewater Community TV and broadcast live with ample time for rebroadcasting prior to the November 6 General Election.

The League board is also developing an online Questionnaire for the District 43 candidates, which will be posted on the League's website, www.lwvwhitewater.org, by the end of the day, Monday, October 15. Candidates Vruwink and Szerlong have already been asked questions by LWVWI related to gun violence in our schools, fair maps, environmental protections verse economic development, and why they are qualified to address issues they see as top priorities during their term should they be elected. Their responses to these questions have already been posted and can be viewed at **VOTE411.org**. VOTE411.org is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information. It was launched in 2006 by the LWVUS Education Fund and has since grown into a powerful, nationwide platform that provides factual content on candidates in various federal, state and local races.



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FACEBOOK

Visit Our LWV – Whitewater Area Website and “LIKE” Us On Facebook!

“LIKING” the League’s FACEBOOK will automatically send posts to your feed. Then, we recommend that you not only “Like” the post but “Share Public” as well. This will help us to get our message out to a much broader audience as well as keep our content visible in the long term in your Newsfeed.

Q and A for Voter Registration

A recent addition to our monthly newsletters, each month we will tackle a commonly asked question from would-be voters. This month Julia Ross tackles one of the most frequently asked questions below:

Q: I just moved to Whitewater from Madison. How do I register to vote? Can I register online?

A: Yes! If you have an unexpired WI Driver’s License or a WI Identification Card, you can register on line. It’s easy! Follow these simple steps:

1. First, make your address changes at wisconsin.gov

Select the “online services” and then select “change address”

“Address may be changed online through the DMV for no fee. There is no charge unless you want a new card showing your new address.”

2. Then go to myvote.wi.gov Answer all the questions, review and submit.

* Please note: Online Voter Registration is only available during the OPEN Registration Period which is up to 20 days before any election. For our November 6, 2018 General Election, that date is October 17, 2018. Otherwise, a voter needing to re-register due to address changes may go directly to the City Clerk’s Office with proof of residency up until the Friday immediately before the election or take advantage of Wisconsin’s Same Day Voter Registration at the polls on Election Day.



Election Observers Needed:

“Wisconsin is one of the few states where elections are administered at the municipal, not the county, level. With over 1,800 cities, towns and villages, discrepancies were bound to occur. The Wisconsin League decided we needed to understand how elections were run across the state, so we launched our pilot initiative with 15 volunteer observers in 18 polling places across the state in 2010.” ([League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, November 2014](#))

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/observing-elections-and-protecting-voters-wisconsin>

If you would like additional information to volunteer as an election observer for this year’s election please contact Voter Education

Coordinator, Eileen Newcomer, at electionobservation@lwvwi.org or (608)256-0827, or follow the link [here](#) to sign up to volunteer

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTIWfBry5nFXs8UeC2z1kYNGoGyRlal-ttShvYnksWpCrYKg/viewform>

National Voter Registration Day:

First observed in 2012, National Voter Registration Day marks a day when organizations across the country hit the ground to assist voters with registration so that unregistered voters do not miss registration deadlines. This year our league is partnering with a campus organization NextGen America for their scheduled ice cream social on September 25th to help UW-Whitewater students become registered voters.

League volunteers have also been attending the Whitewater City Market at an information table to answer questions for community members about voter registration. If you happen to pass by during a market, make sure to say hello to these dedicated volunteers!

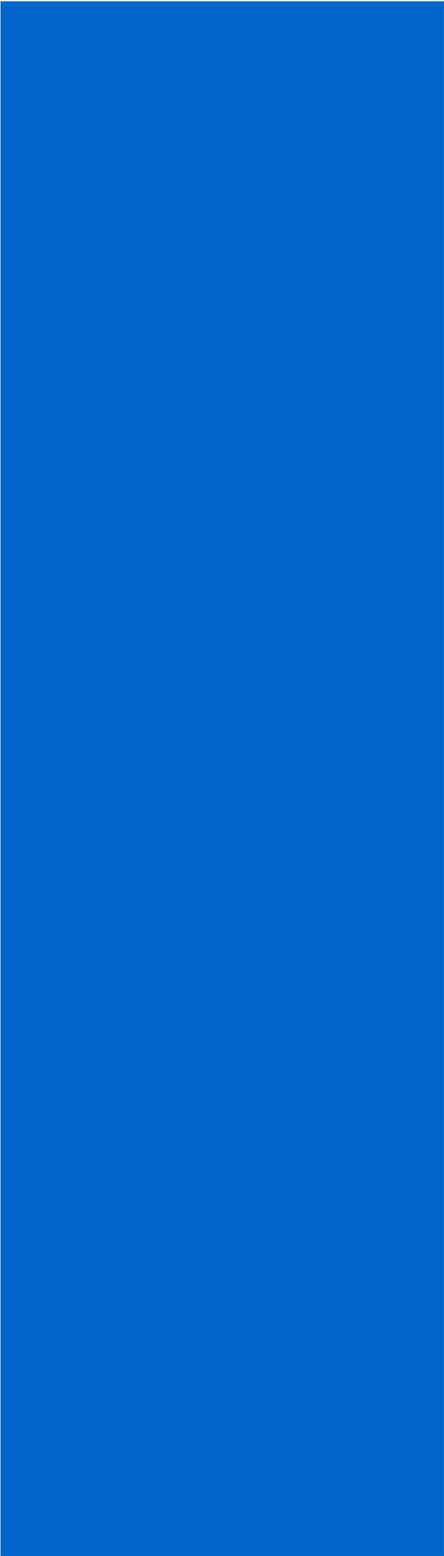
If you are available to help with either of these efforts please reach out to one of our board members, we're always excited for more help. Director Karl Brown is directing the campus efforts, and off-campus inquiries can be directed to Kathy Brimmer.

Mark your Calendars!

October will mark our annual membership renewal period. Renewals can be made during our October programming and a renewal form will be included with your October newsletters as well. Thank you for continuing to support the work of the League of Women Voters with your membership renewals.

Nominations Open for 8th Annual Making Democracy Work Award

Since 2010, our League has recognized and celebrated fellow Whitewater citizens who have demonstrated through their work or volunteerism, ways in which to improve our community, making it a safer and fairer place in which to live. Their contributions reflect the League's values of nonpartisanship, diversity, equity, inclusion, and informed civic engagement. In all cases, past winners such as Whitewater Banner creator Jim Stewart (2010), and last year's co-honorees, SweetSpot owner and founding member of the Whitewater Grocery Co. Lacey Reichwald and UWW Professor James Hartwick, have effectively mobilized others to work with them to affect positive change. The work and accomplishments of all previous recipients of the League's Making Democracy Work award can be viewed on our website. (http://lwvwhitewater.org/making_democracy_work.html)



We're confident that you know of someone in the Whitewater community equally deserving of this award, which will be presented at the League's Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 9. Nominations are due November 1st so please pick up a nomination form at the September 20th public meeting or you can download the form on the League's website. (a copy is also included at the end of this newsletter)

What We're Reading

This was an excellent article shared by the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin on September 12, 2018. The link is embedded in the title of the article should you be interested in reading it.

[The epic journey of American voters](#)

**League of Women Voters - Whitewater Area
2018 *Making Democracy Work* Award
Nomination Form**

Name of Nominee _____
Address of Nominee _____

E-mail Address _____
Phone _____
Profession _____

The League's Making Democracy Work award celebrates community leaders; individuals who have envisioned a way to improve the community and have mobilized others to work with them to effect change that has benefited the broader community.

In one sentence, please explain why the individual you are nominating should be considered for the Making Democracy Work award:

Please describe what impact this individual has had on our community. What population, organization, and/or event has benefited from the nominee's leadership?

How does this individual stand out from other leaders in the community?

What is your name, contact information and relationship to the nominee?

**Please mail completed form by November 1, 2018 to:
Virginia Laurent, 1268 West Court Street, Whitewater, WI 53190**