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September 2021



Dear Friends in League,

Our League’s Annual September Membership Event will focus on the League’s “People Powered Fair Maps” Campaign and the efforts of the partner organizations in the Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition to end gerrymandering in Wisconsin. Debra Cronmiller, the Executive Director of LWV Wisconsin will be

the guest speaker on Thursday, September 9 at 6:30 pm. In addition to her role in the League Deb is a member of the leadership team of the coalition so she is well-positioned to speak knowledgeably about redistricting and other activity in the state that is of concern to League members. The public is invited to attend this online event.

Because efforts to end gerrymandering and protect voting rights are topics of broad interest, we hope that League members will attend the event and invite friends to come to learn about the League and our mission, “Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.”



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Due to concern about the rising rates of COVID-19 infections, the Board reluctantly decided that we should hold this event on Zoom rather than meet in the room we had reserved for this event. You and your guests are invited to visit online beginning at 6:00 pm for a brief social period, prior to the 6:30 p.m. program. Persons can RSVP and register for the event on our website www.lwvjvl.org up to the day of the event to receive a link to participate via Zoom.

Guests who join the League within a week following the event will receive a LWVWI “End Gerrymandering. Every Vote Must Count” yard sign or car magnet. Guests and members can join or renew League membership online at www.lwvjvl.org/join-the-league.

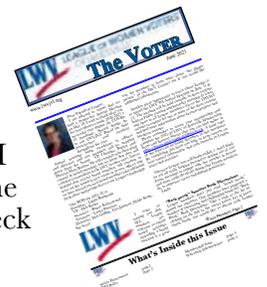
In addition to inviting guests to this event by phone and email, members may like to try using Outreach Circle to invite some of your Contacts to the event. (Read the related articles about Outreach Circle in this issue of “The Voter.”)

I’m looking forward to the day when we can meet safely in one room—but in the meanwhile, I hope to see you on Zoom.

Linda

PRINT COPIES OF “THE VOTER”

In an effort to save postage, printing costs, time and trees, and because our local League keeps only \$3 of a member’s Annual Dues, we plan to discontinue printing and mailing hard copies of The Voter unless requested by phone (815-298-8671), email (JanesvilleLWV@gmail.com), or US Mail (LWV-Janesville, PO Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064). If you wish to receive a printed copy of The Voter in the US Mail for the remainder of the 2021-2022 League year, we ask that you please consider including a check for \$10 payable to the LWV-Janesville to help defray the costs of printing and postage.



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END GERRYMANDERING

EVERY VOTE MUST COUNT



LWV-Janesville Annual Membership Event Thursday, September 9 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Guest Speaker: Debra Cronmiller, Executive Director of LWV of Wisconsin

Topic: The “People Powered Fair Maps” Campaign in Wisconsin

Invite friends — especially potential League members – to attend.

Guests who become League members will receive an “End Gerrymandering” yard sign or car magnet

RSVP and register on our League’s website to receive a link to the Zoom meeting.

Missed Anniversaries

2021 - 2022 SEASON



Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra Concerts

“Missed Anniversaries” is the theme of the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra concerts in October. The BJSO will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Adoption of the 19th Amendment & Beethoven’s 250th Birthday with a special program honoring women composers and a performance of a Beethoven Symphony.

The Leagues of Women Voters in Janesville and

Beloit have been invited to provide program notes about the 19th Amendment and to set up a display at the concerts that will be held at the Janesville Performing Arts Center on Sat. October 23 at 7:30 pm, and at the Castle in Beloit on Sun. October 24, at 2:00 pm. I hope that many League members will be able to attend one of the concerts.

Affordable Housing Program



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The Hedberg Public Library has tentatively scheduled the Affordable Housing Program for October 12. Janesville League of Women Voters is a cosponsor for this program.



Reminder to renew League membership

Because we did not meet in person at our Annual Meeting this past May, we missed the opportunity to remind members to renew their membership in the League at the registration table. The 2021-2022 League year began on July 1. We thank the members listed below for remembering to renew their membership in the League. (Please notify us if you believe we have omitted your name in error.)

If your name does not appear on the list, please renew your membership to receive your “End Gerrymandering. Every Vote Must Count” yard sign or car magnet and the printed LWV-JVL Membership Directory for 2021-2022. The signs and directories will be delivered to you soon after the September 9 membership event. For information about membership levels and options for paying dues, go to www.lwvjvl.org/join-the-league. Thank you.

Den Adler & Judy Adler
Carolyn Brandeen
Fran Brien
Mary Buelow
Barbara Dubois
Tom Evert & Betty Lang
Edna Feldman-Schultz
Debra Griffith
Diane Henrichs
Carol Herzig
Ethel Himmel & Bill Wilson

Jan Hoopes
Judy Jaggard
Marilyn Jensen
Lisa Johnson
Heide Keith
Jan Kinnaman
Deb Kolste
Nancy Lader
Sue Ellen Madere
Brad Munger
Teresa Nguyen

Helene Ramsdell &
Robert Ramsdell
Linda Reinhardt
Ann Roe
Sue Scott
Nancy Sonntag
Nancy Stabb
Linda Stehura & Tom Stehura
Lori Stottler
Coral Swanson
Gloria James Ziegler

City of Janesville Begins Comprehensive Plan Update; Seeks Public Input

Post Date:08/12/2021 12:35 pm

The City of Janesville is in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan, first adopted in 2009. The Comprehensive Plan helps guide the community’s growth and development and is one of the primary tools used to make community decisions. The plan addresses a variety of issues including economic development, historic preservation, housing, land use, transportation, and recreation. Designed to provide our community’s vision to maintain and enhance the quality of life in Janesville, citizens are encouraged to provide their input and feedback during the update process.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, tasked with guiding the update, will hold meetings on designated Mondays at 5:00 p.m. The first meeting of the

committee was held on August 16, 2021. You can view that meeting and related materials at www.janesvillewi.gov/materials. All meetings are open for members of the public to attend and comment. All attendees and participants at these meetings must wear face masks, as dictated by the City’s current mask requirements for City buildings and facilities.

For more information on meeting times and general information about the update, please visit the Comprehensive Plan Update website at www.janesvillewi.gov/comprehensiveplanupdate.

For questions, contact the City of Janesville Planning Division at (608) 755-3085.

2021 Resident Satisfaction Survey | Janesville, WI

The City of Janesville has utilized community-wide surveys to collect and measure our resident’s inputs about the quality of life in Janesville. www.janesville.gov

<https://www.janesvillewi.gov/government/2021-resident-satisfaction-survey>

Opportunity to use OutreachCircle: Invite Friends to Sept. 9 Membership Event

by Linda Reinhardt
President LWV-JVL

I have created an Action on our LWVJVL Outreach Circle to invite our Supporters to our League's September 9 membership event and to share the information about the event with their friends with text messages and/or email. (Our Outreach Circle has 17 League members who are Supporters. When I'm in my administrative role, I am an OutreachCircle Client.)

After creating the Action that will show up in Supporters' Outreach Circle app, I created a sample text message and email message that our Supporters can send to their friends. The Supporters can use my sample message, or they can edit it to personalize the message.

When I activate the action, I can send a message to the Supporters to advise them of a new Action they can take.

To become a Supporter of our Outreach Circle:

- 1.) Open a web browser on your computer or smart phone and go to OutreachCircle.com to search for the Name or App Code of the organization (or campaign) you wish to support.
- 2.) These are App Codes of OutreachCircles you may want to support:
- 3.) League of Women Voters of Janesville: WGJ515
- 4.) League of Women Voters of Wisconsin: UZK498
- 5.) League of Women Voters US: TQF3490
- 6.) Click or tap on "View Actions" to join OutreachCircle
- 7.) Sign up or Login to support.

After you set up your account, scroll through the feed to see the actions you can take.

Some actions you complete yourself (like writing to your elected representatives); others, you'll share with your friends (like inviting them to attend a League event).

Periodically, you'll receive updates and new actions.

Why I joined the Outreach Circle

Debby Griffith
Outreach Circle

The Outreach Circle Application is an important tool for participating in LWV National, State and Local Actions. Posted there you will find Action Alerts for you to respond to, resources and information explaining current events and ways for us all to be informed. Filled with "clickable links" you are able to easily navigate to whatever action or response is called for.

I noticed that Eileen Newcomer, LWV-WI Voter Education Manager, posted a call for volunteers to sign up to text bank or phone bank as a phase two outreach to the Wisconsin voters who have been removed from

the 4-year voting maintenance list. After a short virtual training session, I am now able to use Outreach Circle to peer-to-peer text bank with the LWV-WI list as my time permits. Two clicks and a customized message is sent. Depending on the person's response, if any, the League has a menu of approved messages to send back. How simple they have made it for us to achieve such an important task!

Have you downloaded Outreach Circle? It can be used on any of your devices. Don't hesitate to make it a part of your LWV arsenal of tools. Think about how much more effective we can be using it to advance our mission: Empowering Voter, Defending Democracy!

League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, Inc.

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Voter Services - National Night Out



Carol Herzig, photos

National Night Out

The League of Women Voters handed out materials at the National Night Out between the rain drops, it was a lovely evening. Evon Mitchell, Lisa Johnsonm and Linda Reinhardt setting up the canopy (upper left photo). Linda Reinhardt enjoying some ice cream (upper right photo). Jennifer Bleak (middle left photo) Deb Kolste (middle right photo). Some of the people that attended the evening (lower two photos as well as the two photos on the next page).



The “Janesville League of Women Voters “ on YouTube



Search YouTube for the “Janesville League of Women Voters” channel, and you will be able to view our interviews with our League’s Lifetime

Members (Judy Adler, Carolyn Brandeen, Jan Kinnaman and Nancy Stabb) and watch the recording of our Earth Day forum, “Carbon Neutrality for Janesville by 2050?” that we conducted in April. You may even decide to subscribe!

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

Each month we will be placing our position on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Voter, as a service to our members.

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity and inclusion are central to the organization’s current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, workstyle, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or

any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

The Janesville LWV commits to the diversity of Janesville and fully endorses the LWV’s DEI policy.





The Board Of
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President—Linda Reinhardt

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Keith, Sue Scott

Web addresses of National, State and Local Leagues:

To check out the action go to: **LWV-US**

<www.lwv.org>

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