



Dear Friends in League,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well during this challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic.

By the time you read this newsletter I hope that you will have already requested your absentee ballot for the April 7 election and that you have read about the candidates on www.VOTE411.org and have watched the video recording of our March 4 Janesville City Council Candidate Forum. You can view the video on JATV Media's YouTube channel or through a link on our League's website www.lwvjvl.org, Facebook page or Twitter feed.

I believe that you all should have received your invitation from the US Census Bureau to participate in the 2020 Census. Please respond online if you possibly can and encourage others to do so as well. The Census Bureau will need to send out interviewers to the homes of people who do not respond online or by mail. You can follow the response rates to the Census <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>. As of March 24, 2020, the national response rate is 26.2%. Wisconsin's

Announcement of Annual Meeting date will be made following the April 6 Board Meeting. (The Board will meet via Zoom.)

Contact Linda Reinhardt if you would like to attend.)

rate is 32.9%, Rock County's is 35.3%, and Janesville's rate is 36.1%. We're doing relatively well, but we have a long way to go.

Because of the need for social distancing we have postponed or cancelled events that we had planned for this Spring including our League's Annual Meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 6. Our Board will be meeting via Zoom web conferencing on Monday April 6, and we will decide when and by what mode we will conduct our Annual Meeting. The Wisconsin local League Presidents had a teleconference with state League staff on March 25, and many Leagues are making plans for holding their Annual Meetings via some sort of

conferencing system. If our Board decides to meet via Zoom, League members will be able to participate in the meeting through video conferencing on their computers, tablets and smartphones, but they will also be able to participate in the audio of the conference by telephone they prefer.

We will notify you about the date of the Annual Meeting soon after April 6 and we will provide detailed information in the Annual Meeting packet we will send to you at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Until then, keep safe and stay well.

Linda



Groups Call for the April 7th Election to be Postponed

Today, March 27, 2020, the Governor has called on the Legislature to provide absentee ballots to all registered voters. The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin supports this action but we also know from the Wisconsin Elections Commission that there may not be enough printed ballots and envelopes to send all 3.3 million registered Wisconsin Voters absentee ballots in time for voters to exercise their right to vote on April 7th. Additionally, this action alone does not address how currently unregistered but eligible voters will be able to cast their ballots without jeopardizing their health and potentially the health of election officials and other voters.

Last night, LWVWI in partnership with Reverend Greg Lewis, Souls to the Polls; Voces de la Frontera; Black Leaders Organizing for Communities; American Federation of Teachers, Local 212; AFL-CIO; and SEIU Wisconsin State Council called upon the Western District Court to rule to delay this election.

In this unprecedented time of worldwide pandemic, we must afford ourselves the time to create solutions and technology that will allow all eligible voters to participate in this important Spring Election and Presidential Primary.

Remember absentee
ballots can be
requested until
April 2nd.



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Janesville City Council Candidates Forum



Linda Reinhardt, photos

Laura Peterson moderated the forum for the April 7th election.



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Polling Places to Change and Other Important Election Information for Tuesday, April 7, 2020

In light of COVID-19, the Clerk-Treasurer's Office has made the decision to reduce the number of City of Janesville's polling places for the upcoming election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

While absentee voting is highly encouraged at this time, in person voting will still occur on Election Day. The following polling places will be open on April 7 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- *If you vote at New Life Assembly of God, the Church of Latter-Day Saints, St. Mark's Church, First Lutheran Church or Blain Supply you will vote at the old Sears store at 2500 Milton Ave.*

- *If you vote at the Job Center, Mt. Calvary Church, or Faith Lutheran Church you will vote at the Job Center at 1900 Center Ave.*

- *Individuals who vote at the Library will continue to vote at the Library.*

- *Individuals who vote at City Hall will continue to vote at City Hall.*

These facilities are large enough to encourage social distancing while voting in person. The following social distancing measures will be taken at all polling places:

- *Six foot boxes will be taped onto the floor with an "x" in the middle*

- *Voters will stand on the "x" until instructed to move forward*

- *Voting stations will be six feet apart or further*

- *Voters are encouraged to bring their own pens to use throughout the process of voting*

- *Hand sanitizer will be available upon entry and exit from the polling places.*

The Clerk-Treasurer's Office appreciates your adherence to these guidelines on Election Day.

Voters will be required to show a photo ID in order to cast an absentee ballot in person or to vote on Election Day. To learn more about acceptable forms of ID, please visit bringitwisconsin.com

In-person absentee voting can still be done at Janesville City Hall on the first floor off the Wall Street entrance until Friday, April 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On April 3, 2020 only, the Clerk-Treasurer's Office will conduct in-person absentee voting until 5 p.m.

Please see the links below for information regarding the following activities:

[Spring 2020 Election Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Register to vote](#)

[Vote by absentee ballot](#)

[Become an Election Day poll worker](#)

The State of Wisconsin manages myvote.wi.gov, a website which provides information about registration, a sample ballot, municipal clerk and polling place information, and more to voters.

Please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office with any questions at (608) 755-3070 or visit www.ci.janesville.wi.us/vote.

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, work style, 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.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Activities 2019-20*

*Additional events may be planned. Check website: lwvjvl.org/upcoming-events

April 2020



April 6 Board meeting @ 6:30 p.m. location

April 7 Republican Primaries

Democratic/ p.m. location

May 2020
May 4 Board meeting @ 6:30

May 6 Annual Meeting @ 5:30 p.m., social; 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. business meeting at TBD

2020 Census During a Pandemic

The 2020 Census goes on! Our current situation highlights how important it is for everyone to complete their Census questionnaire. Census data is used for planning and funding hospitals, health clinics, emergency services, and emergency preparedness – all of which are vital to help our country weather a pandemic successfully. Please respond to the Census online as soon as you receive your invitation!

The Census Department has made some timeline adjustments to adapt to the current situation. They will make further adjustments as the situation warrants. Here are the changes under the timeline adapted March 20, 2020.

In-person Mobile Questionnaire Assistance programs delayed until April 13 (from March 30). These include all in-person “Get Out the Census Activities” such as the League of Women Voters planned activities at the Hedberg Public Library.

- Group count of people experiencing homelessness delayed until May 1 (originally April 1). This is the two-day window where service providers count all unhoused persons at the point of receiving services.

- Please note, individuals without home addresses don’t have to wait for the group count. The best option

is for them is to log on to 2020Census.gov, click “I do not have a Census ID”, then check the box “I do not have a street address”, and fill out the form for themselves.

Together, we can ensure that our community receives the resources it needs.

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Learn more at 2020census.gov.

- Non-response followup (aka “the knock on the door”) delayed from mid-May to the end of May.

The final deadline for self-response extended through August 14 (from July 31)

Don’t delay! If you have not filled out your Census form yet, do it now. The ten minutes you spend on the 2020 Census today will impact the next ten years. Our community is counting on you to be counted!

Calendar of Diversity Events

April 2020

April 13 Janesville Police Department Latino Liaison Advisory Committee

1 p.m. at the JPD

April 14 NAACP - 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., 2639 Sunshine Lane, Beloit Pentecostal Church

April 16 Diversity Action Team LGB Coming Out Journeys: Time, Place and Intersectionality

April 18 LWV Community Film Discus-

sion title TBD

10:30-11:00 Hedberg Public Library, Public Meeting Room

April 20 LWV DEI - Monthly meeting Hedberg Public Library, Public Meeting Room

April 27 Courageous Conversations, 5:30-7:00

Merrill Community Center, 1428 Wisconsin Ave, Beloit

April 28, Allies of Native Nations (ANN) 6-8 at Hedberg Public Library Public Meeting Room

Are you reading this newsletter as a 'guest'?
Joining the League of Women Voters is easy simply fill in this form and mail.

Name

Address

E-mail

Phone Number

Individual \$65.00
 Supporting \$75.00

Household \$100.00
 Student \$10.00

I am unable to join the League at this time but enclosed is a contribution of \$_____.

Please make your check payable to: League of Women Voters -
Janesville, P.O. Box 8064, Janesville, WI 53547-8064

I request consideration for a LWV scholarship.

Web addresses of National, State and Local Leagues:

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

<www.lwv.org>

LWV-WI *<www.lwvwi.org>*

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