

**July 2020 Newsletter
“The Voter”**

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**It's Summer!
Spread the Word!**

***Charlottesville Coalition for
Gun Violence Prevention***

poster

presents...

**“Keep Your Children Safe This
Summer”** with accompanying
information for reporting abuse in
English and Spanish.

**The LWV-CVA Firearms Safety
Committee** is a part of the
CCGVP. For more information
about this campaign, contact Beth
Alley, beth.alley@gmail.com.



National Domestic Abuse Hotline: For any victims and survivors of abuse who need support, 24/7. Call 1-800-799-7233 or 1-800-787-3224 for TTY, or if you're unable to speak safely, log onto thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522.

The number for Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE) is 434-293-8509 V/TTY. If this is an emergency call 911.

The number for Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA) is 434-977-7273.

En Español:

La Línea Nacional contra la Violencia Doméstica : Para cualquier víctima y sobreviviente que necesite apoyo (las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana), llame al 1-800-799-7233 o 1-800-799-7233 por teléfono de texto, o si no puede hablar de manera segura, puede iniciar sesión en thehotline.org or enviar un mensaje de texto con “AMORES” al 22522.

Para “Shelter for Help in Emergency”: Si necesitas asistencia, por favor llama la línea de atención directa las 24 horas al: **(434) 293-8509** V/TTY.

Si esto es una emergencia, por favor llama al 911.

JUNE 23 Elections - POST PRIMARY SURVEY

PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY

The LWV CVA Voter Services Committee would like you to take a minute or two to answer the following 6 questions. We will tabulate the results and present them to the electoral boards involved to help assist them to make the November election proceed as smoothly as possible. Send your response in an e-mail to kerinyates@hotmail.com.

1. Did you vote by **absentee ballot**? Yes or No. **If yes**, please respond to the following:
2. Did you request your ballot from the VA Dept of Elections website **or** did you call your registrar?
3. When did you request it and when did you receive it? **
4. If you used the VA Dept of Elections website, did you use the electronic form that requested your complete SS# **or** print out the form that only asked for the last four digits of your SS# ?
5. Did you mail your voted absentee ballot **or** present the ballot in person at your registrar's office or at your polling precinct?
6. **In-Person Voting**
 - a. In what county or city and precinct did you vote? Did you vote inside **or** curbside? Did you feel "safe" in regard to the Covid- 19 precautions that were taken by your precinct? (Consider social distancing requirements and cleanliness of areas that you used.) If you did not feel "safe", please specify.
 - b. How long did it take you to vote?

Additional Comments:

Thank you for completing the survey. Please note: You may receive this survey again as a separate e-mail. We know that our members may not be able to read the e-Voter as soon as it arrives, but may see the need to respond to a separate request. **You need only respond once.** OUR THANKS for helping MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK. Your LWV CVA Voter Services Committee.

** If you do not remember go to <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/view-your-info/>

Many of our members have asked “Is there a way to check whether my Absentee Ballot was received at my local registrar’s office?”

Yes, go to <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/view-your-info/>

- Click on “View your current voter registration status now...”
- Enter your First, last, name, birthdate, last four digits of your SSN and click “Continue”
- There you will see the record of the date your application was made, the date the ballot was mailed to you by your registrar’s office, and the date the registrar’s office received your ballot.

FYI: The only thing this website link doesn’t tell you is whether the ballot was counted. In that instance, “no news is good news.” If your ballot is NOT counted (for lack of signature, wrong address, etc.) you will get a letter after the election telling you that it was not counted. In June, there were 109 not counted out of about 7037 total ballots received.



June 6 LWV CVA “Board Retreat” plans Calendar for the 2020-21 year:

At the June 6 LWV CVA Board Retreat held virtually, the calendar below was developed. Understanding that the pandemic forces reconsideration of in-person meetings, the Board decided that upcoming fall events, including Board Meetings and Sunday Seminars would be held as virtual meetings using the Zoom platform. The following calendar is subject to change.

2020

DATE	EVENT	TIME/VENUE = Virtual Meeting-TBA
July 15	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Aug - TBA	Seminars on Justice Reform (2)	two one-hour seminars
Aug 19	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Aug 21	Women’s Equality Day	
Sept 12	LWV-VA Fall Workshop on “Program Planning”	
Sept 16	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Sept 20	Sunday Seminar: Election Laws	2:00-4:00 pm
Sept 22	National Voter Registration Day	
Oct 4	Sunday Seminar: Affordable Housing	2:00-4:00 pm
Oct 21	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Nov 3	Election Day	
Nov 10	100th Birthday LWV of Virginia	
Nov 15	Sunday Seminar	2:00-4:00 pm
Nov 18	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Dec 2	Pre-Session: Women’s Legislative Round Table	
Dec 6	LWV CVA Program Planning	2:00-4:00 pm
Dec 16	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm

2021

Jan 13	General Assembly opens - Richmond	
Jan 13	Women’s Legislative Round Table (WLRT) -	Richmond
Jan 17	Sunday Seminar	2:00-4:00 pm
Jan 20	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Jan 20	Women’s Legislative Round Table (WLRT) -	Richmond
Jan 23	Finance Drive Launch	
Jan 27	Women’s Legislative Round Table (WLRT) -	Richmond
Feb 3	Women’s Legislative Round Table (WLRT) -	Richmond
Feb 10	LWV VA League Day	
Feb 10	Women’s Legislative Round Table (WLRT) -	Richmond
Feb 17	Women’s Legislative Round Table (WLRT) -	Richmond
Feb 17	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Feb 21	Sunday Seminar: Natural Resources	2:00-4:00 pm
Feb 24	Women’s Legislative Round Table (WLRT) -	Richmond

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2021

DATE	EVENT	TIME/VENUE = Virtual Meeting-TBA
Mar 3	Women's Legislative Round Table (WLRT)	Richmond
Mar 14	Sunday Seminar	
Mar 17	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Apr 18	Sunday Seminar	2:00-4:00 pm
Apr 21	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
May 3	LWV CVA Annual Meeting	
May 19	Board Meeting	1:30-3:30 pm
Jun 5	LWV-VA Convention	
Jun 16	Board Retreat	10:00am-3:00pm

Calendar Notes:

Monthly Calendar is published in the LWV CVA "eVoter" Newsletter (emailed to members) and posted on our website: lwv-cva.org. For 2020-21, please note that the Board has determined to hold Board Meetings and Sunday Seminars virtually (i.e., zoom meetings)—members will receive instructions on how to "join." Contact LWV CVA Committee Chairs (see below) for meeting information. Check newsletter and website for possible changes and additions to this handbook calendar.

Board meetings, to which all League members are welcome, **will be held virtually the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 – 3:30 pm**. Check your newsletter calendar and/or contact Pat Cochran (326-7873) to confirm the day and time. Changes do occur.

Sunday Seminars will be held virtually for 2020-21. Instructions for joining will be sent to members via email.

Women's Legislative Round Table – Richmond (Tentative Schedule)

Go to <http://lwv-va.org/> for updated. Pre-Session: Dec 3. Wednesdays during Session: Jan 13, 20, 27. Feb 5, 12 (League Day), 19, 26. Mar 4.

LWV CVA Committees - Meetings:

Voter Services: Contact Sue Lewis (434-295-1485) for information.

Voter Services Observer Corps: Contact Kerin Yates (434-964-1840) for information.

International Relations/Federal Government Committee (IR/FG):

Contact Marge Cox (434-245-5228) for monthly meeting information.

Natural Resources Committee: Contact Muriel Grim (740-818-7179) for monthly meeting information.

Justice Reform Committee: Contact Kit Murphy McNally (414-405-3302) for monthly meeting information.

Firearms Safety Committee: Contact Maggie Hoover (703-625-9219) or Beth Alley (434-996-8075) for information.

Child Care Committee: Contact Beth Kariel (434-964-6238) for information.

Program Planning: Contact Carol Cutler (434-293-2463) for information.

Election Laws Study Group: Contact Carol Cutler (434-293-2463) for information.



2020-21 LWV CVA Sunday Seminars Planned

LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee to present two Zoom events in August. In actions taken at the June 6 LWV CVA Board Retreat, it was decided the LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee would re-schedule its presentation originally planned for April Sunday Seminar, but postponed due to the COVID 19 outbreak. The program is now planned as two zoom meetings in August: August 16 – “Seeking Justice,” and August 30 – “Finding Justice.” Complete information about these seminars will follow in the August eVoter. For now, further information can be obtained from committee chair, Kit Murphy McNally, email: murphymcnally@gmail.com.

LWV-VA Election Laws Position Study Update

by Carol Cutler, LWV CVA Vice-President

Following the LWV-VA Council meeting held on June 6, our LWV CVA members are planning to hold a **Sunday Seminar (virtual meeting) on September 20 featuring an update on the “LWV-VA Election Laws Position Study.”** The Council meeting featured several presentations by Leaguers, including review of the in-depth information provided regarding laws and regulations on election processes (intended to ensure free and fair election results, transparency, security and accountability); as well as formulating an opposition statement to internet voting, and the requirement for photo ID at the polls. Carol Cutler, LWV CVA Program Chair, will be contacting the presenters at Council to see if they can share their presentations at our Sunday Seminar. To assist members in conducting their review, a LWV-VA study committee prepared the following two publications, which should also be of interest to members of the general public: Elections Laws Study Part 1: https://lww-va.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/publications/election_laws_part_1_final.pdf Elections Laws Study Part 2: https://lww-va.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/publications/election_laws_part_2_final.pdf

LWV-VA Affordable Housing Study Update

by Pat Cochran, LWV CVA President

Following the LWV-VA Council meeting held on June 6, our LWV CVA members are planning to hold a **Sunday Seminar (virtual meeting) on October 4 featuring an update on the “LWV-VA Affordable Housing Study.”** The study’s presenter at Council, Alice Tousignant is the study chair, has agreed to give the presentation she made at Council for us at our **Sunday Seminar (virtual meeting) on October 4**, so that we can be prepared to answer the seven Consensus questions prepared for this study. Alice has also submitted “Study Questions to Guide League Conversations” on affordable housing, and these questions will be published in the October newsletter. For more information about this study, go to LWV-VA website and click on: <https://lww-va.org/publications/our-studies/lww-va-affordable-housing-study-2019/>. For an update on the Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority, click on: <http://www.cvillerha.com/uncategorized/crha-celebrates-major-state-grant-award-for-south-first-st-public-housing-redevelopment-project/>

LWV-VA Natural Resources Committee Sunday Seminar scheduled for February 21. Program and venue to be announced at a later date.



LWV CVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS—2020-2021

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In Memoriam: Barbara Drake

Sadly we note the passing of League member **Barbara Drake**, who passed away on June 4, 2020. Born and raised in Bellevue, Michigan, Barbara passionately pursued multiple business ventures, equal rights for women, and anti-gerrymandering legislation. A virtual memorial was held for Barbara on June 10. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made in Barbara's honor to Hospice of the Piedmont (<https://www.hopva.org/donate-online-now/>).

LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting Report by Muriel Grim

At the June 18th virtual Natural Resources Committee meeting we discussed the Albemarle County Climate Action Plan and the Board of Supervisors work session on that plan. Sean Tubbs has made an audio recording of the work session available: <https://soundcloud.com/sean-tubbs/albemarle-supervisors-briefed-on-progress-of-climate-action-plan> Our discussion included the importance of city and county plans, especially the Comprehensive Plan. Decisions regarding the siting of new facilities, affordable housing, security of our water supply, preservation of historical, cultural, and scenic resources, and many other government responsibilities are made based on a comprehensive plan. Yet very few people understand the importance of these plans and even fewer know what is in the plans.

We decided to examine what local plans say, starting with the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan. We will create an ad hoc 'book club' to read through it. We intend to invite all LWV CVA members as well as non-members to join us. Representatives from county government with expertise and interest in specific topics will be invited to our virtual meetings. More information on this project will be sent out soon.

At our meeting we discussed some other issues. One was the *Smart Scale* projects evaluation process, especially as it relates to the Route 20 Gateway trees being removed for the pedestrian/bike pathway. Another was the need to pay attention to development proposals happening in the rural areas. These reminded us that the best way to know what is happening to land and natural resources is to attend committee and commission meetings.

The next meeting of the NRC will be a virtual meeting on July 16 at 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. To join the meeting, contact Linda Goodling email: linniecg740@gmail.com

LWV CVA Child Care Update by Beth Kariel, Child Care Committee

Beth Kariel has continued to follow child care issues during the pandemic. She watched Carla Moody live streaming, as Carla described the recent re-opening of St. Mark Preschool/Child Care Center. The first hand challenges for those who work at child care centers are extensive.

Beth also spoke on the phone with the state licensing inspector who is responsible for inspecting many of our local licensed child care centers. The inspector filled Beth in on many of the technicalities of the requirements for re-opening. These include social distancing within classrooms, small class sizes, and mask-wearing for adults and for children over two years of age, while indoors.

Beth has also been reading about the effect of the pandemic on child care. One recent article she read described the long term nation-wide probable effect on women. With very little child care available, women will not be able to return to work and earn income.

LWV CVA Program Planning Notes from Carol Cutler, LWV CVA Vice-President

Put September 12, 2020, on your calendar! This is the date of the **LWV-VA Fall workshop** which will have a component on program planning. It would be great for all members to tune in to the speaker's description of this process and have any questions we have addressed. Hopefully, this will give us a more consistent understanding about our local program process for 2021.

LWV CVA Finance Drive Report by Kerin Yates, LWV CVA Finance Drive Chair

Thank You to all who donated to the 2020 Annual LWV CVA Finance Drive this year. As of June 1, donations to the **Education Fund** totaled \$2,405; contributions to the **Operating Fund** amounted to \$5,480. We are appreciative of the continued support of members and friends especially in these trying times. We look forward to maintaining our presence in the community and living up to our mission as a “nonpartisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major policy issues and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.”

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Meetings and Events for July and August 2020: *Mark Your Calendars Now!*

Date/Time	Event	Place	Contact
Mon., July 13 - Noon	LWV CVA Election Laws Study Group meeting	Home of Shirley Payne, 3002 Longbranch Farm, Charlottesville	For further information and directions, contact Carol Cutler, email: gertrude3@icloud.com
Wed., July 15, 1:30 – 3:30 pm	LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting	Zoom Meeting	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, email: patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com
July 16, 11 am – 12:30 pm	LWV CVA Natural Resources Committee Meeting	Virtual Meeting(s)	For further information, Linda Goodling email: linniec740@gmail.com
July 29	LWV CVA Justice Reform Committee Meeting	Zoom Meeting	For further information, contact Kit Murphy McNally, email: murphymcnally@gmail.com
Wed., Aug 19, 1:30 – 3:30 pm	LWV CVA Board of Directors Meeting	Zoom Meeting	For further information, contact Pat Cochran, email: patcochranlwvcva@gmail.com

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You can check at
elections.virginia.gov

OR

Check out the Leagues's [vote411](https://vote411.org)
- for the links to voter
registration



2020-21 LWV CVA Handbooks will be mailed to all members at the beginning of August. Our Handbook is a member bonus for belonging to the League of Women Voters! In addition to the 2020-21 League Meetings "Calendar" and listing of our newly elected and appointed directors and committee members, the Handbook contains: **Mission Statement and Principles of the League**, our **Non-Partisan Policy**, **History of the League of Women Voters**, **Program "Positioned for Action"** statements, **glossary of League terms**, **Membership and Dues** for belonging to the League (which were due on July 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020), and **current member Roster**. Plus ads from our devoted sponsors of many years.

Reminder: Have you paid your dues for 2020-21?

Reminder notices were mailed to all current members whose remittance is still outstanding! If you are still remiss, go to the LWV CVA website, lwv-cva.org and open the dropdown menu, "Explore the League" and click on "Join the League/Renew Your Membership."