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## June 2024 "eVoter"

League Events Come to Charlottesville in June!

*Just Ask!*

*Comes to C'ville Downtown Mall  
Saturday, June 22nd  
from 10-12*

LWV-CVA's Gun Violence Prevention Committee has engaged in this activity over many years. The purpose is to remind parents that during the summer, when they may be sending their children on playdates, ask the host family, "Is there a gun in the home? If so, is it stored safely?" As in previous years our gun safes will be on display, and handouts about gun safety, bracelets and tattoos will be given out. Meet will be at the fountain on the downtown mall. All are invited to participate and you can come for all or part of the time. Please contact Beth Alley ([beth.alley@gmail.com](mailto:beth.alley@gmail.com)) or Maggie Hoover ([maggie.hoover@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.hoover@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

*Healthy Streets, Healthy People*

June 29th from 11-2  
at C'ville's Washington Park

Our Health , Voter Services and Gun Violence Prevention Committees team up to table this community event that showcases Non-Profit organizations in our area that promote the health and safety of area residents. Demonstration: both informative and hands on will be available. We'll be there providing information handouts and take aways for the event. All are welcome to attend.

### July 4th Naturalization Ceremony 2024 at Monticello LWV-CVA Welcomes New Citizens

*Lisa Hilgartner and Kim Harris ,representing the League, will be under the tent with other non-profit organizations at the request of the Monticello Foundation for the Naturalization Ceremony again this year. To welcome new citizens we are offering Information about our League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area is along with information the coming election and Facts for Voters in our Area will be available.*



### LWV - State , Local, and National 2024 Meetings Setting Positions and Agendas

#### LWVVA Council June 8 , 9am to 12

This biennial meeting will be held virtually this year. The Council will hear updates from each participating local league and set out plans for the coming year. Meg Heubeck, current president , and Lisa Hilgartner, in-coming president our League will be present as delegates representing Charlottesville.

**LWV-CVA Retreat June 12 10am to 3pm**

### LWV-CVA Retreat June 12, Team to Split

This yearly event for the New Board 2024-2025 with its newly elected members will meet at Restoration in Crozet. This year's retreat will focus on training and planning for the coming year.

### LWVUS Convention June 27 - June 30th

This biennial event will be held in Washington DC at the Downtown Hilton Conference Center and Hotel. Meg Heubeck, Lisa Hilgartner, Evette Barton, and Stephanie Lowenhaupt will represent LWV-CVA as delegates

## *Our Website is Now Up to Date!*

With the help of NBR Consulting , a firm that manages LWVVA's website, our website is now up to date. You'll find up-to-date information on our board , local leaders, Facts for Voters 2024 for all 6 areas, all our past eVoters ,and Local Positions and Actions that we approved at our Annual Meeting in May. We also have information about our committees ,all our past eVoters and much more. Check it out!

[lwv-cva.org](http://lwv-cva.org)



Primary Season  
is Underway.

**June 18th- Primary Election Day**  
poll at your assigned precinct open at  
6am and close at 7pm.



Where do I vote?

where do I vote?

Who's on my ballot?

Am I registered in my area?

*Find out where candidates stand on issues the League cares about. Each candidate answers the same League questions for equitable comparison.*

Go to [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) for answers.



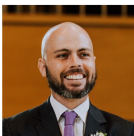
## Want More Information on Local Candidates?

### LOCAL CANDIDATES

Local Candidates may be just the ticket!

This new website is designed and curated by one of our local League members, Toshya Penton, has information on candidates and gives links to their websites . According to Toshya his mission is to promote civic engagement with accessible information on elections and government.

Go to [localcandidates.org](http://localcandidates.org). for more information.



Toshya is a digital marketer with a passion for politics. According to Toshya, " When I vote, I want to learned with information, and in the 2022 general election, I didn't find what I was looking for. I have since become obsessed with election information and why it's hard to find.

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## Committee News

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### International Relations and Foreign Government News By Gerry Kruger

The International Relations/Federal Government Committee met on Wednesday, May 29 at Northside Library. Attending were Chair Rice Wagner, Anita Piling, Gerry Kruger, Jean Minehart, Lois Sandy, Carol Cutler, Kathy Sudduth, and Diane Skalak.

**Anita Piling** and **RiceWagner** have highly recommended two books for members of our chapter to read:

1. *Reading the Constitution: Why I Chose Pragmatism, Not Textualism* by Stephen Breyer (Justice Breyer

1. *Reading the Constitution: why I Chose Pragmatism, Not Textualism* by Stephen Breyer (Justice Breyer shows a better way to interpret the Constitution.)
2. *Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve* by G. Edward Griffin

**Anita Pilling** again led our discussion of Vladimir Putin's Russia and the danger he presents. Anita is a friend of a Russian born woman named Tatianna, who left Russia in 2010 due to the economic situation there. She now lives in Louisa and is married to a Ukrainian man. Tatianna has verified Anita's notes about Putin's dangerous activities, even though she once was a Putin supporter.

After his first two terms as President, Putin's actions showed his increasingly aggressive and violent ways: his use of mercenaries in Africa to cause a civil war and extract mineral wealth; his violent suppression of Chechnya and Georgia separatist movements; his invasion of Crimea when protestors ousted the Putin-backed President; and his slaughter of hundreds of thousands in his all-out war against Ukraine.

Not helping Ukraine win the war would send a signal to our enemies that the US and the West will forsake our allies. This would encourage more attacks on Moldova and the Baltics. As Putin continues to fight this war, his dependence on China for technology and weapons increases, and the people suffer under a brutal totalitarian regime. A victorious Russian army could leave Putin commanding a superior fighting force with 21<sup>st</sup> century warfare skills and armed with thousands of nuclear warheads.

In the March 2024 election, there was no opposition and no scrutiny. Putin won with 87% of the vote. His power rests on systematic repression, violence, lies, and corruption. His wars have also put a strain on the economy. As the Russian economy wanes, so does its population. More and more Russians are escaping from the country, and fewer Russians are having babies. This hurts the economy even more.

Putin spreads misinformation about NATO, Nazis in Ukraine, and the West's decadent social norms. Also hobbling global institutions such as the UN Security Council makes Russia a threat to the liberal world order.

But the West can defeat Putin by promoting universal liberal values, countering Russian misinformation, and welcoming Russians who wish to leave their country. We should also ensure there are humanitarian exceptions to sanctions, such as medical supplies and educational materials. Financing Ukraine's struggle is cost effective for the United States. Helping Ukraine keeps us from having to fight, which would result in huge losses in money and lives. If we provide ammunition and weapons for their cause, this also provides jobs for our people.

During our June meeting, several committee members will lead our discussion on important aspects of Project 25, the conservative plan for the Presidential Transition. The date and time of our June meeting has not been set because Northside Library has reserved the third Wednesdays for another group. We hope to arrange another day soon. Stay tuned.

NOTE: There will be no July or August IR/FG meetings.

## Voter Services by Kim Harris

**Volunteers needed** for the following events:

**Healthy Streets Healthy People Fair** - Washington Park, Charlottesville, Saturday, 29 June, 11-2. 1-2 folks needed.

**Louisa African American Cultural Festival** - Moss Knuckles Elementary School, Saturday, 24 August, 10-4. 4-5 folks needed for this one!

For each of these events, we'll be registering people to vote, so you'll need to have completed voter registration training beforehand. Don't worry - it's easy and you can do it online!

As a reminder, anyone who wants to help register voters must **complete training annually, beginning on 1 July** each year (so even if you take the training in June, you'll have to retake it in July!). The training can be found at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/> and takes about 30 minutes to complete.

If you are interested in helping us register voters this year - and I hope you are! - please complete the training **AFTER 1 July** and let me know so that I can keep a list of who in our chapter is trained.

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### Gun Violence Prevention Committee by Meg Heubeck

Along with Just Ask and Healthy People, Healthy Streets GVP committee is also involved with Back to school Bash at the Ting Pavilion on Charlottesville Downtown Mall on August 10th from 10-12. Volunteers are needed.

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## LWV CVA Calendar of Events for June and July 2024

**Mark your Calendars!**

**LWVVA Council Meeting- June 8th from 9-12 .held virtually**

**LWVUS Convention in Washington DC from June 27- June 30th**

## Retreat for the new LWV-CVA Board of Directors 2024-2025

at Restoration on June 12th from 10-3

Just Ask- C'ville Downtown Mall- June 22nd from 10-12 Gun Violence Prevention Committee volunteers meet at the Fountain .

Healthy Streets, Healthy People event June 29th in C'ville Washington Park from 11-2- Health, GVP, and Voter Services will b there.

## Natural Resources Committee Meeting

Contact Linda Goodling [linniecg740@gmail.com](mailto:linniecg740@gmail.com) for details for June.

## International Relations/Federal Govt. Meeting

### **Northside Library on Wednesday June 26 , 1 to 3 pm**

Contact Rice Wagner for information on their June meeting.

Questions: contact Rice Wagner 386-527-5392 at [rice123@icloud.com](mailto:rice123@icloud.com)

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**The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization,** encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We are committed to applying the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of our operations and activities. We support governmental policies that apply these principles in addressing the social, environmental and economic problems in our communities.

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