



**League of Women Voters
of Falls Church**

*A Voice for Citizens and
A Force for Change in the United States*

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church is a nonpartisan organization that serves the citizens of Falls Church City through encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, go to www.lwvfallschurch.org.

Dear League Members,

After the non-winter, spring is here and so is election season and year end activities. We've had a very busy year and it's going to end with an event-filled next few weeks.

Mark your calendar for these dates:

Wednesday, April 18: LWV FC City Council Candidates Forum at Council Chambers at 7:30PM. All the candidates will be there to answer questions posed by LWV and VPIS, our co-sponsors. Moderator will be past president of LWV VA Olga Hernandez.

Tuesday, May 1: Election Day. It's our last local election in May and voting wards have changed. Check out the Voters Guide on the website for your polling place. Make sure that your vote counts; vote absentee if you're going to be away. Check out the Voters Guide on our website.

Saturday, June 2: Annual meeting at La Cote D'Or. Registration and membership renewal information elsewhere in the bulletin.

Our speaker for the Annual Meeting will be Bob Edgar, president of Common Cause. The restaurant has a spacious dining room, so for the first time ever, we will be opening this up to the general public. Members are asked to RSVP by May 18. After that time, we will allow others to make reservations, so don't miss out on the deadline. The business meeting will start promptly at 11:30.

A committee of Genie Flahie and Madalyn Cafruny have worked on

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bylaws revisions and we've had several drafts to respond to in board meetings. We have come to some decisions and will be sending out the bylaws with original wording and revisions in a separate email at the beginning of May. The revisions will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting Booklet will be mailed separately, so be on the lookout for that, also in early May.

Volunteers are needed for the LWVUS Convention, June 8-12 at the Washington Hilton. It's a great opportunity to see the League in action and if you volunteer, you get a free ticket to the Capitol Steps on June 9th.

The nominating committee has done a fine job and the final slate will be available at the annual meeting. The good news is that Edie Snyder has agreed to be the next president! Best wishes to Edie and her board as they continue the league's exemplary work. We all look forward to working with her.

Let's finish this year out with a good turnout on all the events. See you there!

Sincerely,
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LEAGUE RELEASES VOTERS' GUIDE, PARTNERS WITH VPIS TO HOLD APRIL 18 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM



The League of Women Voters has released its voters' guide for the Spring 2012 local elections to be held on May 1. The guide, which includes candidate biographies and answers to questions posed by the League, as well as information about the newly organized wards and polling places, is available [here](#).

The elections for City Council and School Board include seven candidates for three Council seats: Nader Baroukh, Philip David Duncan, Paul Frenette Handy, William Andrew Henneberg, John David Lawrence, P. David "Dave" Tarter, and Lawrence Lamont Webb; three candidates for three School Board seats: Justin Graf Castillo, Kieran Sharpe, and Joan Wodiska; and one candidate for one School Board seat to complete

two years of an unexpired term: Charlotte Hyland.

In addition, the League of Women Voters of Falls Church and the Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) will co-sponsor a forum on Wednesday April 18 featuring the candidates seeking election this year to three seats on the Falls Church City Council. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers at 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church.

Candidates will be asked to respond to a variety of questions on issues facing the city; the event will be moderated by Olga Hernandez, past president of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. FCCTV will broadcast the forum live.

"We hope that this event will provide the citizens of Falls Church with an opportunity to get to know the candidates and hear their views on some of the subjects they will have to tackle as City Council members," said Ellen Salsbury, president of the Falls Church League. Added Michael Volpe, president of VPIS: "This year's election is critically important, and we want to do what we can to encourage City residents to become informed and get out and vote."

In addition to the live broadcast of the forum, voters will be able to view it at later times on FCCTV (RCN Channel 2, Cox Channel 11, and Verizon Channel 35). A link to the taped forum will also be made available through the LWVFC and VPIS websites, <http://www.lwvfallschurch.org/> and <http://www.vpis.org>.

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday May 1 to elect three members of the City Council, three persons to fill full terms on the School Board, and one person to fill an unexpired term on the School Board. The deadline to register to vote in that election is 5 p.m. Monday April 9. In-person absentee voting is available through April 28. Absentee voting is also available by mail through April 24. Download the [ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION](#) from the Virginia State Board of Elections.

Please join us
for the
61st Annual Meeting & Luncheon
of the

League of Women Voters of Falls Church
Saturday, June 2, 2012
At 11:30 AM
La Côte D'Or Café
2201 North Westmoreland Street
Arlington, Virginia 22213

Please print out the reservation and annual dues form and mail to
PO Box 156, Falls Church, Virginia 22040 by May 18, 2012.
Please click [here](#) to access the form.

Our speaker for the Annual Meeting will be Bob Edgar from
Common Cause. In May 2007, Bob Edgar was named president and
CEO of Common Cause, a national nonpartisan, non-profit
"citizens" lobby working to make government at all levels more
honest, open and accountable, and to connect citizens with their
democracy.

Under Bob's leadership, Common Cause is championing a number
of critical issues and reforms, including the public funding of
political campaigns at all levels, election reforms that make voting
more accurate, secure and accessible, improved ethics at all levels of
government and a diverse and open media. One of Bob's first
actions as president of Common Cause was to call for the
resignation and then impeachment of former Attorney General
Alberto Gonzales for politicizing the Justice Department and failing
to serve the public interest.

News from LWV-US

Would You like to See 🎵 The Capitol Steps 🎵 Musical Political
Satire For Free??

Saturday, June 9th, at the Hilton Washington Hotel

Be a LWVUS National Convention Volunteer, June 8th-12th
And you will have a ticket to the fundraiser for the LWVNCA

We are looking for volunteers for at the 2012 convention to be held
at the Hilton Washington Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D.C. Volunteers are needed for many different types of
jobs, some behind the scenes and some on the floor of the
convention. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of an exciting
League function. It's work, but it's a lot of fun too.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

Every day (June 8 - 12)

Registration-staff registration desk; distribute badges and materials
Credentials-certify voting eligibility of delegates; prepare official

daily attendance report

Information- staff information desk; provide local tourist information to delegates and visitors

Personnel-staff volunteer room; assist with assignments; provide back-up to other volunteer areas

Teller/Elections-process vote cards; count and record results

Friday through Sunday (June 8-10)

Hospitality-greet delegates and guests; host hospitality suite; assist with information

Dine Around-staff dine around desk-sign-ups, reservations, information

Saturday through Tuesday (June 9-12)

Floor Committee: Doorkeeper-check badges for eligibility to enter; distribute official materials;

monitor doors. Usher-distribute, collect, deliver motion slips; collect vote cards; usher guests. Microphone monitor-monitor floor mikes; keep order in lines; assist with vote counts.

Timekeeper-notify speakers when time has expired

Questions? Contact Diane Hibino trihib@verizon.net 301-263-9876 or Anne Kanter akanter@cox.net 703-448-6626

Detach and return form to Diane Hibino, 5051 Waukesha Rd., Bethesda MD 20816

Name _____ Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____

League _____

Area(s) of Interest: (please mark in order of your preferences - 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Floor Committee: Doorkeepers _____ Ushers _____ Timekeepers _____
Microphone Monitors _____

Other: Registration _____ Credentials _____ Information _____

Personnel _____ Teller/Elections _____ Dine Around _____

Hospitality _____ Whatever else you need _____

Dates: Please choose times and days you are available to work and indicate AM, PM or all day. The number of hours you will be asked to work will depend on the number of volunteers and their areas of interest.

Friday, June 8 (PM and/or Eve) _____ Saturday, June

9 _____ Sunday, June 10 _____

Monday, June 11 _____ Tuesday, June 12 (AM only)

If you are willing to work more than one day, please indicate here _____.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Congratulations to our Voter Services Chair, Edie Snyder, for the fine job on the Voters Guide. The Electoral Board sent a note, praising the Guide. The complete guide is available on the our website at www.lwvfallschurch.org.

2011-2012 Calendar

Please click on the following [link](#), for the complete calendar.

Here are a few of the upcoming events:

April 18, 2012

City Council Candidates' Forum at 7:30pm, Council Chambers

May 1, 2012

Election Day: General Election for the City of Falls Church

June 2, 2012

Annual Meeting at 11:30 AM, La Côte D'Or Café, 2201 North Westmoreland Street, Arlington, Virginia 22213

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