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September 2013 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear League Members:

Your League is off and running with a wide range of programs and opportunities for your involvement this fall. We hope you received and have posted in a prominent place a postcard with the dates of upcoming LWVFC events.

So that you have them, here is a recap of events yet to come:

- ε City Council Candidate Forum - 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25 in the Falls Church City Council Chambers.
- ε Membership Social/New Member Event - 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17 at Dominion Wine & Beer, 107 Rowell Court in the City.
- ε Special Program titled "The Corrupting Influence of Big Money in Elections" - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27 in the Falls Church Community Center. LWVFC Member Robert Crowe will moderate a panel including Sean Barnett, spokesperson for Move to Amend; Dick McCall, Falls Church City citizen and former legislative aide and foreign affairs specialist; and a representative from the national League, among others.
- ε Program from the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area (LWVNCA) on "Pros and Cons of Legalizing Marijuana and Other Drugs" - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 17 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in

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Washington, DC, followed by an optional lunch and tour of the Portrait Gallery. Speakers will include representatives from the region's police, state legislatures, and judiciary.

- Annual Holiday Party - 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8 at the Falls Church Episcopal Church.

Many thanks to all who are involved in planning and executing these events, and especially Genie Flahie, voter services chair, and Linda Garvelink, vice president, programs. I hope to see you at each of them.

Lastly, we continue to renew members for the 2013-2014 League year. If you have not yet renewed your LWVFC membership, please do so today. We depend on your active participation in our League to ensure an informed electorate.

Edith Snyder

LEAGUE STAFFS BOOTH AT FALL FESTIVAL

LWVFC was well represented at the September 7 Falls Church City Fall Festival.

Volunteers Ellen Salsbury, Edie Smolinski, Linda Garvelink, Cindy Donaldson, Dick McCall, and Alina Gawlik staffed the booth. Barry Buschow helped set it up, and Pam Spofford provided balloons and membership material.

Information on registering to vote and voting deadlines were distributed. A big thank you to all the volunteers!



Barry Buschow

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LWVFC CO-HOSTS WATER FORUM WITH VPIS

The Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) joined LWVFC in sponsoring a September 8 forum on the referendum to sell the City water system to Fairfax County. City Manager Wyatt Shields, City Attorney John Foster, and Fairfax Water's General Manager Charles Murray each made a presentation, followed by questions from the audience.

More than 70 people attended the lively discussion of this important issue on the ballot this November. Falls Church Cable Television (FCC-TV) taped the event, which is available for viewing on the [League website](#) and directly by clicking the video link below:



Video: Water Referendum Town Hall Meeting

Additional forums will be held on the sale of the water system between now and the November 5 election. Citizens for a Better City (CBC), the Falls Church Republican and Democratic Committees, and the Falls Church American Legion Post will co-host another Water Referendum Forum open to the public on Thursday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Falls Church American Legion Post 130, 400 N. Oak Street and again at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23rd at Creative Cauldron, 410 South Maple Ave.



Barry Buschow posed questions during the water referendum.

In addition, City Hall will conduct two "Water Sale" Town Hall meetings at the Community Center- the first on Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., and the second on Wednesday, October 16 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES' FORUM **SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 25**

On September 25, the League and VPIS will hold a forum for the candidates running for City Council in the November 5 General Election.

There are five candidates for four seats. The forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Please contact Genie Flahie at (703) 532-7713 or email her at genief@verizon.net if you would like to help with this important voters service effort.

In addition to the League-VPIS forum, CBC will host a Local Candidate Meet & Greet on Sunday, September 22, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Fall Properties, 212-A North West Street, Falls Church. CBC invites all citizens to meet the candidates for the Falls Church City Council and School Board on the ballot for the City's first ever November Election.



LWV-VA Fall Workshops September 28

"Power the Vote" is the theme of this year's LWV-VA fall workshops in Richmond on September 28. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet Leaguers from across Virginia and discuss issues that matter to us.

Morning workshop topics are:

- ε *Increasing Civil Rights for Felons
- ε *Will Virginia be the next North Carolina?

Afternoon workshop topics are:

- ε *Best Practices: Voter Registration
- ε *Putting a Face on Legislative Action

The reservation deadline is noon on September 23. The registration fee, including lunch, is \$50. The flyer and registration form are available [here](#).

If you are interested in attending, please contact Ellen Salsbury, who is coordinating transportation to Richmond, at 703-534-2159 or ellensals@aol.com.



SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 8

It's several months away, but the planning starts early. At this point, if you have the names and/or contact information from a new business in town or one of your favorites, please send that information to Ellen Salsbury at ellensals@aol.com.

We send out letters to donors to ask for donations of goods and services, and we've learned that we have to start this process in October. Additionally, now is the time to start scouring your cupboards for those lightly used items you would like to pass on for our silent auction and raffle baskets.

Our league's fundraising chair, Bernadette Baroukh, and Ellen Salsbury are again the principal planners for this event, and they would love your volunteer help in any way you'd like to assist. Contact Ellen at the above email address or Bernadette at blf2475@aol.com.

About Us

The League of Women Voters Falls Church is a non-partisan 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.

A Voice for Citizens and a Force for Change in the United States.

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