

LWVAA September, 2016

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## Editorial published on voting challenges

The Presidents of the Akron, Hudson, and Tallmadge Leagues teamed up to write a Letter to the Editor that was published as commentary on the ohio.com Editorial Page on August 27. Below is the article which can also be found at this [link](#).

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Ohio voters do not need to be concerned that their ballots will not be counted as the voter intended, because Ohio laws and procedures protect the integrity of the ballot.

For the last 10 years, Ohio law has required that every ballot must have a paper record that can be hand-counted and audited. All votes are cast either on (A) a paper ballot that can be scanned electronically or counted by hand, as in Summit County, or on (B) an electronic touch-screen machine that has a visible paper record that the voter can check to assure that it records the vote as cast and that can be hand-counted in a recount or audit.

For more than 6 years, based on the settlement of a lawsuit by the League of Women Voters of Ohio, every county board of elections is required to prepare an Election Administration Plan before every general election. The plan details exactly how they have prepared for every aspect of the election, from personnel to facilities to supplies to security. These plans are

### VOLUNTEER CORNER

Get involved with LWVAA!

Click [here](#) for a complete list of volunteer activities or fill out this [form](#).

- Volunteers needed for upcoming voter registration events and 2017 LWVOhio convention in NE Ohio, [contact](#) Jackie Darrow
- Join the Observer Corps, openings for

Summit County Council  
and Akron City Council  
- Voter Services  
Committee to work on  
Vote411 (replacing  
Voter's Guide)  
- Update the National  
Database (ongoing)

To volunteer, email  
lwvaa@lwvaa.org



## LWVAA Upcoming Events

September 8, 2016

### LWVAA Board Meeting

1250 W. Exchange St.,  
Akron, Ohio  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

This meeting is for  
Board Members only

reviewed after each election so that any problems can be corrected before the next election. It also allows the public to see how each county has planned for the election and recommend changes.

In Summit County, like all counties in Ohio, state law requires that all aspects of elections be administered by a Republican and a Democrat working together – making it one of the most secure systems in the nation. This is most evident on Election Day when each polling place is staffed by an equal number of Democratic and Republican poll workers. It also applies to the staff of the board of elections all the way to the Director and Deputy Director having to be of opposite political parties. The Board Members must be 2 Republicans and 2 Democrats.

The security of your ballot is assured by this 2-by-2 requirement, because it means one party cannot “rig” the election if both parties have to sign off on everything. At the end of Election Day, the bipartisan poll workers count the votes in their polling place, sign the results, and post them where the public can read them. Then all the ballots and records are delivered by a Democrat and a Republican together driving them to the board of elections.

The ballots and records are stored in a room that is secured with two locks, one held by the Director and the other by the Deputy Director, so no one can have access to the room without the other. This bipartisan procedure is also followed when the official count takes place 10 days after Election Day, when validated provisional ballots and absentee ballots are included in the final tally and when there is any recount or audit.

Any Ohio voter who is still concerned about the integrity of the election can check it out by calling the Summit County Board of Elections and volunteering to be a poll worker on Election Day. Go to the training session, then work 15+ hours on Election Day (you will be paid), and observe the protections that are built into the system.

Do not allow anyone to discourage you from voting. The deadline for registering for the November election is October 11, 2016. Check with the Summit County Board of Elections or the Secretary of State's website to be sure your registration is up to date with your current address, make sure you know the location of your polling place, or vote by mail or early in person at the board of elections. Remember to take your identification on Election Day.

The League of Women Voters urges every citizen to make your voice heard and VOTE.

September 16, 2016

Voter Information and  
Registration Event

University of Akron  
Student Center  
Constitution Day  
10:00am-3:00 p.m.

September 21, 2016

Public Forum on  
changes to the  
landmark Gorge Dam

Sheraton Suites  
Cuyahoga Falls  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by WKSU  
and Exploradio

Please [register](#) in  
advance

September 22, 2016

Barbara Hunsicker: President, Akron Area League of Women Voters

Helen Fire: President, Tallmadge League of Women Voters

Maria Palma: Liaison, Hudson League of Women Voters

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## Buckeye Battleground Author to discuss Presidential Elections

Submitted by Jodie DeLamatre

The battle for the voters of Ohio is underway!

Come to the Hudson Library & Historical Society to learn about this epic political struggle for the Buckeye State with political science professor, Daniel Coffey, on Thursday, September 15 at 7 p.m. He will discuss his book, "Buckeye Battleground: Ohio, Campaigns & Elections in the 21st Century."

Coffey is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Akron and a Research Fellow in the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics. His research interests include political parties, state politics, campaigns and elections, public opinion and political psychology. His classes include Government and Politics, and American Political Parties. Coffey co-wrote Buckeye Battleground with the Bliss Institute's John Green and Stephen Brooks.

No registration is required. For more information, please contact the library at 330.653.6658, x1010

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**Submit article or idea for The Akron Voter**

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## Volunteer for Voter Services!

Submitted by Jackie Derrow

We are pursuing a very active schedule of voter registration activities this month heading into the final day of voter

Voter Information and  
Registration Event

Countryside Farmers  
Market at Highland  
Square  
Conger Avenue at West  
Market Street  
4:00-7:00 p.m.

September 23, 2016

Voter Information and  
Registration Event

Constitution Day  
Naturalization  
Ceremony at Summit  
County Public Library,  
4:00-5:30 p.m

September 24, 2016

Voter Information and  
Registration Event

Countryside Farmers  
Market at Howe

registration, October 11. Many thanks to the following volunteers who have come forward to support our efforts this summer and (yikes) fall who are truly making a difference in our community: Roberta Aber, Jessie Coffey, Frederica Cohen, John Fitzpatrick, Carla Goar, Barbara Hunsicker, Oscar Hunsicker, Laura Hunsicker, MaryAnn Jopperi, Ardith Keck, Mary King, Steve Kutnick, Karen Merlitti, Michelle Mostow, Jean Questel, Arrye Rosser and Susan Vogelsang.

We are still seeking volunteers for Tuesdays, both at the OhioMeansJobs Center on Tallmadge Avenue, a very impressive facility that's worth a visit if you've never been there, and at Adult and Family Services at the Triangle Building on S. Main. We also need volunteers for the Akron Bar Association-sponsored Constitution Day Naturalization Ceremony on September 23. Michelle Mostow and I hosted a voter registration table at a similar ceremony in June and it was very moving to witness the eagerness with which these new citizens registered to vote.

Please [contact](#) Jackie Derrow at if you would like to assist.



New citizens receive citizenship certificates from Judge Adams. Elaine Woloshyn, executive director of IIA, looks on.

### Upcoming events

**Monday 9/12:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday 9/13:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday 9/14:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Friday 9/16:** Voter Information and registration at University of Akron

Meadow  
4040 Riverview Road,  
Peninsula  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

September 27, 2016

National Voter  
Registration Day

Celebrate the right to  
vote with the League of  
Women Voters  
throughout the U.S.

Our local volunteers will  
be at the Urban League,  
Summit County Job &  
Family Services, and  
Summit County  
Department of Family &  
Adult Services.

October 6, 2016

Candidates Night  
for Ohio and Summit  
County

Cuyahoga Falls High  
School  
6:30-9:00 p.m.

Constitution Day, 10:00-3:00 p.m.

**Monday 9/19:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday 9/20:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and at Summit County Department of Family & Adult Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday 9/21:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Thursday 9/22:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Department of Family & Adult Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and at Countryside Farmers Market at Highland Square, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Friday 9/23:** Voter Information and registration at Constitution Day Naturalization Ceremony at Summit County Public Library, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Saturday 9/24:** Voter Information and registration at Countryside Farmers Market at Howe Meadow, 9:00am-12:00 p.m.

**Monday 9/26:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday 9/27:** National Voter Registration Day at Urban League and Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and at Summit County Department of Family & Adult Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday 9/28:** Voter Information and registration at Summit County Job & Family Services, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Thursday 10/6:** Candidates Night at Cuyahoga Falls High School, 6:30-9:00 p.m. - Summit County and State of Ohio candidates are invited to participate!

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## New citizens register to vote



John R. Adams, federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, administers the Oath of Allegiance

Submitted by Jackie Derrow



Co-sponsored with Hudson and Tallmadge Leagues, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron

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October 11, 2016

Voter registration deadline in Ohio

Click [here](#) to check your voter status and to make changes online

October 13, 2016

LWVAA Board Meeting

1250 W. Exchange St.,  
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On June 23, 44 people from countries as far as Bhutan and close as Canada took the Oath of Allegiance and became U.S. citizens. Accompanied by their proud families, more than half of the new citizens walked out of the auditorium at the Summit County Public Library, bypassing the cake and punch, and registered to vote assisted by the League (Jackie Derrow and Michelle Mostow).



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The ceremony was organized by The International Institute of Akron (IIA) which offers the English language and American civics training which are required for citizenship eligibility.

So many of us are born into our citizenship and take it for granted. It was truly heartwarming to see these individuals who had worked so hard to make their lives here take the great steps to become full participants in our society. It was a great privilege to be part of the process.



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nonpartisan  
political

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November 8, 2016

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Ohio General Election



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action, and  
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