



THE AKRON VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area

October, 2016

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Candidates Night October 6!](#)

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Get involved with LWVAA!

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

- Volunteers needed to distribute the Voters Guides October 14-16, and for the 2017 LWVOhio convention in NE Ohio, [contact](#) Jackie Darrow
- Join the Observer Corps, openings for Summit County Council and Akron City Council
- Update the National Database (ongoing)

To volunteer, email lwvaa@lwvaa.org



LWVAA

Upcoming
Events

Message from the President

A big push is underway to register voters by October 11, and along with it, voters are encouraged to vote early in-person or absentee. Early voting begins October 12 and in Summit County, voters must go to the Board of Elections to cast their ballots. Dates and times are listed below, or can be found on the Board of Elections [web site](#).

This year some pundits predict that around one-third of voters will cast their ballots early or absentee before election day. For that group, the final deluge of campaign ads, literature and stumping have no effect on their choices in the last days before the election. In the meantime, candidates are campaigning furiously over the next few weeks to sway those voters to their side.

Some people I've spoken with say they will not vote in this year's election because they find the presidential candidates unacceptable. By abstaining they lose their voice, not just in the presidential election but in other important elections closer to home. This year, several State Senate and House of Representatives offices are on the ballot, as well as Summit County Council, County Executive and judicial offices. It can be argued that these elected officials have more influence on your day-to-day life than the president.

Regardless of who you vote for, make your voice heard on or before November 8. Know who you are voting for by visiting Vote411.org, the League of Women Voters online voter guide.

October 3, 2016

LWVAA Board Meeting

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

This meeting is for Board Members only

October 6, 2016

Candidates Night
for Ohio and Summit County

Cuyahoga Falls High School
2300 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
6:30-9:00 p.m.

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

Suggested parking is close to the entrance off of
Stow Street

Summit County and State of Ohio candidates
are invited to participate!

October 11, 2016

Voter registration deadline in Ohio

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

October 19, 2016

Summit County Executive Debate

Barbara Hunsicker
President

Candidates Night October 6

The Leagues of Women Voters of the Akron Area, Hudson, and Tallmadge will jointly present a Candidates Forum for Summit County residents that covers open positions on the ballot for the November 8 General Election. This event is co-sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron.

The evening will feature three parts: first the opportunity to meet the 8 judicial candidates in an informal small group setting, second will be a similar format for the 15 Summit County Council candidates, and finally a traditional panel session with the candidates for the Executive Offices. Before the panel, the state representative (34th, 35th, 36th, 38th districts) and state senator (28th district) candidates will speak for 3 minutes each.

The Executive Offices that will be on the ballot include: County-at-large Candidates (4), Candidates for County Engineer (unopposed), Sheriff (unopposed), Prosecutor (2) and Clerks of Courts (2), Fiscal Officer (2), and County Executive (2).

The event is Thursday, October 6, 2016, 6:30 – 9:00pm, free and open to the public, and will be held at Cuyahoga Falls High School, 2300 4th Street, with parking close to the entrance off of Stow Street.

Please plan to join us for one of our most important events of 2016!

Vote411.org is Live! All the Election Information You Need

Submitted by Jackie Derrow

Please go to our online voter guide VOTE411.org and you'll find it's as easy to use as 1, 2, 3.



Quaker Station, 135 South Broadway, Akron, OH
Free parking behind the building
11:55 a.m. (doors open at 11:00 a.m.)

Please make a [reservation](#) to attend by October 14

Co-sponsored by Akron Press Club, University of Akron Bliss Institute, LWVAA

November 3, 2016

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6:30-8:00 p.m.

This meeting is for Board Members only

November 7, 2016

Postmark deadline for absentee ballots!

November 8, 2016

VOTE! Ohio General Election



[Customized information from LWV by state and by topic](#)

- 1) Type in your address and press enter;
- 2) click on the green bar that reads "Get personalized information on candidates and issues;" and
- 3) click on the blue bar that reads "Go to My Races"

If you follow those steps, then you'll be in business. You'll see a line up of candidates and their responses to questions posed by the League that conforms to the races for which you're eligible to vote.

If you're having difficulty with the site or one of the races you should be seeing isn't found on your personalized ballot of races, please contact [LWVAA](#). Even though LWVUS has been using [VOTE411.org](#) for nearly a decade, this is our first General Election using it (we did use it for the primary) so there is a possibility there could be a need for a fix.

Note that candidates input their own responses - we don't alter anything they have written. All candidates were given many opportunities to respond, so it was their choice if there is no response from a candidate.

[Find credentials and experience of the Judicial candidates for 11/8 Election](#)

LWVAA supports removal of Canal Diversion Dam

Submitted by Arrye Rosser

An official comment was submitted to the National Park Service planning website regarding the Canal Diversion Dam removal in Brecksville. Launch the project [link](#) for more information.

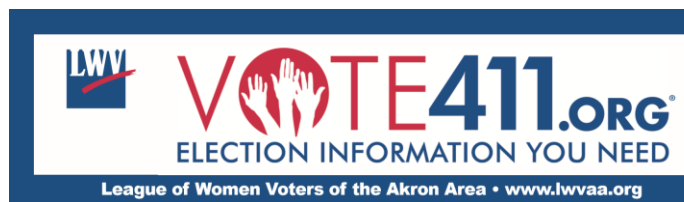
"The League of Women Voters of the Akron Area (LWVAA) fully supports removal of the Canal Diversion Dam in Brecksville, Ohio. This is consistent with the League's policy positions regarding environmental protection. At the national level, we seek to: "Preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem, with maximum protection of public health and the environment." Regionally, we work "to preserve and restore Lake Erie and its tributaries."

Committee Updates

<u>Voter</u>			<u>Services</u>
Submitted Voter	by	Jackie Services	Derrow Chair

Bus advertising campaign

With the support of the LWVAA Education Fund we are embarking on our first-ever bus advertising campaign to promote VOTE411.org, our online voter guide. The ads are directed to bus riders and will go on the street side of Akron Metro buses October 8 - November 8.



The ads coordinate with League-produced bumper stickers that you can expect to receive by the time early voting starts October 12. Please help reinforce the VOTE411.org message and display the sticker, if not on your bumper, on your rear windshield.

Voter Registration

League members have been registering voters around town and as of the end of September we've added more than 200 to the eligible voter roles. Two big days were the University of Akron's Constitution Day celebration on September 16th and the Akron Bar Association's Constitution Day Naturalization Ceremony on September 24. Thanks to Carla Goar, Jessie Coffey, Angela Cooper, Mary King and Jodie Delamatre who volunteered at these events.

The deadline for voter registration in Ohio is Tuesday, October 11. Please make sure every eligible voter in your world is registered by the 11th.

<u>Communications</u>		<u>and</u>	<u>Publicity</u>
Submitted Communications	by	Jessie and Publicity	Coffey Chair

The newsletter deadline for November will be early to get to our members and supporters before the November 8 General Election. Please submit your articles and updates by Tuesday, November 1.

Removal of this dam would be a significant step toward achieving the delisting of the Cuyahoga River as a Great Lakes Area of Concern. In addition to the water and habitat quality improvements, we value the new recreational opportunities for paddlers.

In our view, the restoration of the Cuyahoga River is vital to the revitalization of Northeast Ohio.

Sincerely,
Arrye R. Rosser
LWVAA Natural Resources Chair"

Summit County Executive Debate October 19

The Democratic and Republican candidates facing off in the November election for Summit County executive will participate in a debate to be presented by the Akron Press Club on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the University of Akron's Quaker Station. The two candidates – Republican Bill Roemer and Democrat Ilene Shapiro – have agreed to the debate format.

The Summit County Executive Debate will be held Wednesday, October 19 at Quaker Station, 135 South Broadway, Akron, OH. It will be co-sponsored by Akron Press Club, University of Akron Bliss Institute, and LWVAA.

The cost to attend is \$20 for Press Club members, \$25 for non-members, and \$25 for all reservations made after Friday, October 14 (members and non-members).

For reservations please [click here](#) for fast and easy online registration or contact Lianne Fowler, Press Club administrator, at 330-552-8860 or akronpressclub@gmail.com. Cash or check only accepted day of luncheon.

Cancellation requests must be received no later than 48 hours before the event. After that time, there will be no refunds and an invoice will be issued for payment.

Free parking is available behind the building and additional details on the candidates are posted [here](#).

Summit County Early Voting begins October 12!

Summit County Voters may vote in person starting October 12 for the 2016 General Election. Dates and times will be posted as reminders on the LWVAA Facebook and Twitter.

Summit County In-Person Early Voting
For the NOVEMBER 8, 2016 General Election

Will be held at the **Summit County Board of Elections**

500 Grant St. Akron, Ohio 44311

Beginning Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Call (330) 643-5200 with questions.

October 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10 Closed Columbus Day	11 Registration Deadline 9PM	12 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	13 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	14 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	15
16	17 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	18 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	19 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	20 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	21 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.	22
23	24 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	25 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	26 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	27 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	28 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	29 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
30 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	31 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.					

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6 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.	7 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.	8 Election Day	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 11-5 Deadline	16	17	18 Deadline for receiving ballots	

Submit article or idea for The Akron Voter



EARN 5% CASH BACK
for Your Non-Profit Organization!



GAVE OVER \$190,000
Cash Back to Local Non-Profit Organizations in 2015!

Acme Cash Back Time

Submitted by Janice Jacobs

It's time to start saving your Acme tapes. Once again this year the fine folks at Acme Fresh Market are supporting the Community Cash Back program. This year the qualifying dates are: 08-11-16 thru 12-31-16.

To get the full scoop you can go to the [Acme Website](#) which explains that we receive 5% on eligible purchases and also outlines what items qualify as eligible. Acme brand items and many others are shown, including 2 new items: Cape Covelle seafood/fish and Nostimo yogurt. These are 2 popular brands in my household and I recommend both!

At the end of each register tape, during the period shown above, the Community Cash Back amount is totaled. Just send those Acme tapes to me and I'll do the rest: Janice Jacobs, PO Box 26, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222-0026

This has been a small but consistent fundraiser for League since 2002, and is easy!



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