

The VOTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



THE ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

In case it's escaped anyone's attention, the 2024 general election is right around the corner.

Federal offices on the November 5 ballot are President/Vice-President and Alabama's seven US House of Representative seats. State offices include the Alabama Supreme Court Justice, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (Place 1, 2, 3, and 4), Court of Criminal Appeals (Places 1, 2 and 3), Court of Civil Appeals (Places 1, 2 and 3), Public Service Commission President, State Board of Education (Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7), Circuit Court Judges (various seats) and District Court Judges (various seats). Various county offices will be on ballots to include Circuit Clerks.

LWVAL Vote411 Manager, Judy Jones, reports that candidate surveys have been sent to all candidates in these state races. She says in her experience, candidates who are incumbents and/or unopposed are not typically motivated to respond to survey invitations but that the information will still be beneficial to voters. LWVAL expects to publish Alabama information on Vote411 Thursday September 12.

LWVGB plans to activate Vote411 for greater Birmingham candidate races before the end of September. Greater Birmingham Ministries plans to publish a voter guide during October.

Relevant election dates/deadlines registration and absentee ballots for are as follows:

- October 21**
Voter registration deadline
- October 29**
Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail
- October 21**
Last day to apply for an absentee ballot in person
- November 4**
Last day to hand-deliver absentee ballot
- November 5**
ELECTION DAY
Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by noon

It is absolutely **imperative** that Alabama voters check their registration and polling place. You may do that by clicking the button below.

[Check your Alabama Voter Registration Information](#)

GOTV for CD-2 Time to Pack MORE Postcards!!!!



Leaguers! It's time to gather again to package postcards for dispatch to volunteers handwriting GOTV messages to voters in CD-2!

Stephanie Butler, LWVAL treasurer and LWVGB Board Member, thanks the Birmingham League for all their support thus far in this project. She invites everyone to join her at Monday Night Brewing on 5 pm Tuesday night September 3 to package 4000 postcards now ready to go!

(Butler said an added benefit to this location on this night is that it is Taco Tuesday - two tacos and a pint for \$12!)

Monday Night Brewing is located at 14 12th St South, Birmingham, AL 35233 (phone 205-444-1429) See you all there for tacos, beer and postcards!



VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION WORK August Update

Committee Chair Dana Ellis reports that in August the VRR team:

- Attended Birmingham Drug Court on 4 occasions - registered voters and gave out information to verify polling locations
- Visited the Lovelady Center and in 2 hours registered 17 people, validated registration for many people, and assisted with 4 CERV (Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote) applications
- Presented information to residents of the Fellowship House- registered 2 voters at that event, helped others to verify their registration status
- Had a table at the "kickball and Kick Drugs" event- registered 7 voters on that day

The state league offered training voter registration and voter rights restoration July 15. If you missed that event and would like to see it, a video is available on the state's YouTube Channel at the link below.

[To Watch the July 15 Voter Registration/VRR Training](#)

Email Dana Ellis (danaellis865@gmail.com) if you have an interest in supporting Greater Birmingham's Voter Rights Restoration (VRR) work.

Observer Corps Volunteer Training 3:00-4:30 pm Sunday, September 8



Observer Corps Chair Leonette Slay will provide Observer Corps training on September 8 from 3:00 - 4:30 at The Lumbar (Incubator Room) 212 29th St. South, Pepper Place.

The committee plans to create a list of government meetings in the 30+ Greater Birmingham area municipalities, recruit individuals to attend these meetings and inform the LWVGB board if calls to action are warranted.

If you are interested in more information and/or attending the training, email Leonette at lwslay40@gmail.com so she will have sufficient materials.

AND other Leaguers and friends, since this training will be informal, if you'd like to hang with some other Leaguers and socialize (or commiserate) over an adult beverage, drop by the Lumbar that afternoon. The Lumbar has been a very good friend to the LWVGB through the years.



Samford Students Return to Campus!



Samford University League Faculty Advisor and LWVGB Member Ellen Buckner was on hand with other LWVGB Leaguers to welcome students returning to campus. LWVSU was presented with the *Community Connection* award given at the Student Organizations Award Ceremony for 2023 and plans to be even more active during the coming school year. The group especially looks forward to voter education and registration activities on campus in run-up to the general election in November.

VOTE 411 ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

Email Judy Jones (jjflowgoer@aol.com) if you have an interest in supporting the League's VOTE411 project. This work will involve surveying Greater Birmingham area candidates and initiating follow-up to candidate responses. Information on the election, ballot and candidate responses will be made available to the public on the VOTE411.org website. The work will begin in early September with a goal of publishing by the end of the month.



September is Membership Renewal Month for many LWVGB members. We will be sending an email out to those members within the next week.

If you already know you are a September renewal, hit the link below to renew your membership and pay your 2024-2025 dues.

[Renew Membership](#)



Julie Reese and Stephanie Butler from the League of Greater Birmingham attended the grand opening of the Girl Scouts DreamLab in Vestavia. DreamLab is a STEM, arts, and production/performance space. The facility is the first of its kind in Alabama and the southeast and the largest in the United States.



JJ's sneaky end of email 'add 'from her playlist'. If you've read this far, you deserve to enjoy this video!

Editor's Note: Sometimes we get the feedback that we, LWVGB, send too many emails. Please watch the subject title and notice whether the email is coming from national (LWV), state (LWVAL) or local (LWVGB) league so the feedback can be lobbed in the right direction. ;-)

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