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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
LWVCC board meeting	Sept 12	W	7 - 9 p.m.	Vogelson library (confirmed). New date!
LWVCC Fall Kickoff	Sept 15	Sa	12 - 2 p.m.	Beneficial Bank, corner of Route 70 & Springdale Rd., Cherry Hill.
LWVNJ Fall Workshops	Sept 22	Sa	Morning to early afternoon	PSE&G Training Center, 234 Pierson Ave, Edison, NJ. Forum on campaign finance reform, specifically Citizens United. Afternoon workshops on policy. Moderator training and some additional skill building workshops as well. All welcome (there is a charge)

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Board Report

At its Aug 6, 2012 meeting, the LWVCC board:

1. Decided to invite the Burlington County LWV to the Kickoff and ask them to talk about their Running & Winning event.
2. Decided that the Kickoff will be 12-2 pm and will be a pot luck luncheon, like last year.
3. Accepted Ed's offer to chair the September board meeting, **which was moved to September 12.**
4. Agreed to work with the Deltas on voter registration Sept 27 on the CC College in Blackwood. We also talked about several locations (Covered Bridge, Saltzman House) where we hope to do brief, targeted drives, on the Sept 29-30 weekend.
5. Discussed without final decision a request to participate in, but not moderate, a forum for Adler versus Runyon.
6. Divided up the non-renewal list for calls.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

Board Message:



Dear League members:

1/ Best news: We were able to welcome Renee Robbins to our Board Meeting after her illness. She's doing well!

2/ Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

3/ Voter Registration: Apologies to those stranded at Ponzio's on July 19th. Next Naturalization Ceremony is Tuesday, September 18th. Call me if you need a ride. On Thursday, September 27th, we will register Voters with the Deltas at Camden County Community College in Blackwood. Claire Conquest will share details. We plan to join the NJ State League's Voter Registration Weekend, September 29 & 30. We are investigating possibly Saltzman House and/or SpringHill.

4/ Ann Lynn Glasser of Burlington County League would like us to Co-Sponsor a Forum at The Jewish Federation. We await more information.

5/ Kick Off: Saturday, September 15th, at Beneficial Bank at Springdale and Rte. 70. We hope to present Cherry Hill Student Madeline Brown's video. We never received our own video of Running and Winning from Cherry Hill East as promised. We shall invite the Burlington County League.

6/ December Program Planning Meeting date must be changed from Wednesday, December 5th to Wednesday, December 12th, if you wish the event to be held at Bobbie's "Party" house.

7/ We are distributing the Cam Co Guide to elections and government to libraries and municipal buildings.

Bobbie Porter, Board Member

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization of men and women, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Getting there - Directions!

Camden County Courthouse: Take 676 north to Mickle Blvd. Flow right at the fork (don't go on Campbell Place), then turn right onto 5th street in a few blocks. The courthouse is at 5th and Federal, a block up from Mickle.

Camden, Federal Courthouse: 4th and Cooper, but we generally car pool. Call 856-795-7878 if you're interested. *About 3-4 blocks from the City Hall PATCO station.*

Cherry Hill, Beneficial Bank 1901 Marlton Pike East. Going north on Springdale (from Kresson towards 70) the bank is on your right just before 70 (one floor building, kind of reddish bottom part, steeply sloping black roof). Also easy to reach on 70 E (just *past* Springdale). You can't get there directly from Route 70 west. You'd have to turn at Springdale (go past it, see turnoff on the right).

Edison: PSE&G training center: The site is visible from Exit 10 of the NJ turnpike. So head north on the turnpike and get off there. After passing through the toll booth, bear right towards 514 West, Highland Park. Flow around the loop and merge onto Woodbridge Ave. In about 1.4 miles (at an Enterprise Rental car place, if it's still there) turn right onto Main Street (RT Lane and traffic light) for 0.6 miles. Go under the turnpike, and while passing a car dealership on your left, just before a red brick house on the right, turn right onto Morris (no traffic light). In 0.4 miles turn left at Pierson for 0.4 miles.

Voorhees: Vogelson Regional Library: Driving south on 30, turn left onto Somerdale Road just above the Voorhees Town Center. Go under the train bridge in about a half mile, then turn right onto Burnt Mill (at the light). Soon turn left onto Laurel Road at a light. The library is on your right as you pass the mall.

Freeholder Meetings

We encourage League members to observe Freeholder meetings when they are convenient for you. Just show up with a LWV button to let them know we are watching! Don't make any statements -- you aren't entitled to speak for the League (or even yourself after wearing a League button). You can ask a neutral/informative question, however. Meetings start at 7. It's good for Camden County!

August 16: Magnolia
 Sept 20: Lawnside
 Oct 18: Pennsauken

See <http://www.camdencounty.com/government/freeholder-meetings/2012-freeholder-meetings> for details.

From the LWVNJ

**2012 Fall Forum and Workshops
Saturday Sept 22, 2012
Edison NJ**



Registration Fee due 9/12/12:

Members: **\$30**; late - **\$35**

Nonmembers: **\$35**; late - **\$40**

Lunch: **\$10** — must be preordered

The registration fee includes workshop materials and a light breakfast.

There is too much information to include it all here -- you need to go online and review the list of workshops, so you can choose the ones of interest when you sign up.

Click [here](#) to access the League's Workshop page.

From the LWVUS

Georgia Exceeds 100% Voter Turnout!?

August 17, 2012 | by Stephanie |

Like many of you, our eyebrows raised when we first read this headline out of Georgia: “[Fulton election results show more than 100% turnout in 4 precincts](#).” The culprit causing strange turnout during this primary election? Confusion at the polls over [newly redistricted precincts](#). Because Fulton County failed to revise their voter rolls in time, many voters were erroneously listed in the wrong districts and thus showed up at the wrong place to vote.

Even as many state leaders bang the drum about [non-existent problems like voter impersonation](#) and continue their misguided campaigns to erect harmful barriers like voter photo ID requirements (which Georgia has enacted), this story is an important reminder that the bulk of election irregularities actually occur because of administrative challenges at the polling place--or a simple lack of good information getting to voters in the first place.

This confusion could have been prevented, at least in part, if voters and election workers were better informed of things like new district lines, polling place hours and locations, and any other changes that could impact their voting experience. Leagues throughout the country are dedicated to doing this work in advance of the November election. They're not only registering new voters, for example [on college campuses and at naturalization ceremonies](#), but also working to ensure already registered voters are aware of changes and working with elections officials to ensure they have the resources and capacity they need to handle an influx of new voters.

Help make sure your friends and family are [registered to vote](#) and have the [information they need](#) to cast their ballot this November.

A Disappointing Loss in Pennsylvania

August 15, 2012 | by Stephanie |

Today, a judge in Pennsylvania ruled in favor of the recently passed voter photo identification law, and not to grant an injunction to prevent it from being implemented. [The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania](#) (LWVPA) was the lead organizational plaintiff in the lawsuit argued by the [American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania](#) and [testified in opposition](#) to the law. It is expected that this decision will be appealed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Elisabeth MacNamara said in a [statement](#):

We are disappointed that the Pennsylvania court has upheld this voter suppression law. Recently, when similar laws in other states have been reviewed by a court or the U.S. Department of Justice they have been deemed to be discriminatory, and we believe this to be the case in Pennsylvania.

If You Are Interested In:

- *Learning about government and the political process.*
- *Getting involved in the political process in nonpartisan ways.*
- *Meeting and working with other citizens who care about good government.*



Join the League Of Women Voters of Camden County

Call 856-795-7878 or send this form to: PO Box 245, Voorhees, NJ 08043

 Annual membership is \$60 (plus \$30 for each additional household membership). To join, or for more information, send this form or call the number above.

I want to become a member of the LWV of Camden County: _____ (Check enclosed for \$_____)

Please send me information on membership in the LWV of Camden County _____

Name _____

e-mail: _____

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