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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Board Meeting	TBA	TBA	TBA	Being rescheduled to avoid conflicts. Contact us if interested in attending.
LWVCC Kickoff	Sept 22	Sa	E Afternoon	Unitarian Universalist Church of Cherry Hill
Many Voter service activities	August/September	Varied	Varied	See list later in the Voter: here
LWVCC Board Meeting	Oct 1	M	7-8:50	Haddon Township Rohrer Library Story Room

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Board and Member Meeting Report

Aug 15, 2018

1. The board recognized that the originally-likely dates for our September board meetings conflict with Jewish holidays. We will reschedule or cancel.
2. The Boscov's fundraiser is moving along. We'll have a table to do pre-sales in mid October.
3. Our PayPal account is almost ready to go!
4. We have a lot of voters service activities going on. See [here](#).
5. Running & Winning will be at Pennsauken High School in 2019.
6. We are doing Vote411 in 3 counties and could use more volunteers.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

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President's Message

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Welcome to two new members, Virginia (Ginny) Wolfson, from Haddonfield (with a donation -- thank you!) and Jean Dougherty from Wenonah. Ginny is actually a returning member -- she had been a member in the 1990's!

The summer seems to have sped by, while simultaneously seeming endlessly hot! We are looking forward to gearing up for the fall and the coming midterm election. I am going to keep this message short and sweet because this month's Voter is chock-full of information. There are many great events coming this fall, particularly our annual fall kick-off meeting which is Saturday, September 22 in the afternoon. Stay tuned for more details, and please read on to see what we've been up to and what's ahead.

One last housekeeping note: unpaid dues are now past due! Please be sure to send in your dues renewal at your earliest convenience. Invite a friend to attend one of our upcoming events and encourage them to join the League.

Sincerely,
Kristin

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!

- Cherry Hill: Unitarian Universalist Church** 401 N Kings Highway. Coming *north on Kings Highway*, from Haddonfield and points west: pass Route 70, then Chapel Ave. In another 2 or 3 tenths of a mile, the church is on the right. Coming *south on Kings Highway* from Route 38 and Burlington County, pass Church Street. In roughly half a mile, the church is on your left.
- Haddon Township: Rohrer Library:** Take 295 to Route 30 north. On 30, pass King's Highway. In about a mile after King's Highway, just after Nicholson Road on the left, you'll see Cuthbert Road on the right. Turn right onto Cuthbert from 30. Stay on Cuthbert for about half a mile. Just past Hopkins, turn right onto MacArthur. The library is at that corner. // This is the same Cuthbert Road that becomes Cuthbert Blvd further north at routes 70 and 38, so you could take it south from there. MacArthur is about 0.8 miles south of Haddon Avenue on Cuthbert Blvd.

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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!

The list for the year is online in the form of a county events calendar at <http://www.camdencounty.com/calendar/list> It has lots of entries and is a bit hard to navigate. Try searching for "Freeholder Meeting" or a specific month like "May Freeholder Meeting". Also, converting to view by month shows a lot more entries.

The **September** meeting is Monday (not the usual day) September 17, at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Avenue, Merchantville @ 7:00 pm (Town Hall at 6:30).

The **October** meeting is Thursday, Oct 18th, 2018 @ 6:30 pm in the Camden County Boathouse 7050 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken, NJ

AUGUST MEMBER MEETING REPORT

Our annual potluck members' meeting was held August 15 at the home of lifetime member Renée Robbins (if you left a fork and spoon, please contact Renée so you can pick them up!). We had a large, long, and lively meeting; we learned about each other's interests and we discussed the draft strategic plan that the board will work to finalize in the coming months. Please contact lwccnj@gmail.com for a copy if you cannot find the emails previously sent. We are building excitement and energy, but we understand we need to focus our efforts as we grow, so that we can concentrate that excitement and energy and measure the success of our programs.



OBSERVER CORPS CORNER

President Kristin Burke and board member Janet Fisher-Hughes attended the Camden County Freeholders Caucus meeting on Tuesday, July 17. This is their "working" meeting, whereas the monthly Freeholders town hall/meeting includes proclamations and awards in addition to business. We attended to learn a more about the Freeholders, but did not get to see much of the inner workings. There was no discussion about why this contract was proposed for this amount, or why that road was being repaired for that amount. We need to get more involved to better understand how they make decisions about finances in our county. We took the opportunity to introduce ourselves (we were the only members of the public there; all other attendees were county employees/officials) and the room was very receptive to the League's presence. We look forward to building relationships with the Freeholders and letting them know the resources and services that the League provides. Kristin also attended the Freeholder meeting on Thursday, July 19 with board member Anita Hahn, and one of the Freeholders gave the League/us a shout-out, so we're on their radar!

Additionally, board member Janet Fisher-Hughes attended the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority Meeting, and board member Anita Hahn attended the Camden County Board of Elections meeting.

LWVUS BIENNIAL CONVENTION ROUNDUP

President Kristin Burke and NJ State Vice President Ed Gracely attended the LWVUS Convention in Chicago in June along with 12 other delegates from NJ. While it's impossible to distill the entire meeting down into a bite-sized snack for all of you, we did attempt to gather up some specific details/actions for your review. Please **view the summary document** [here](#) which includes key takeaway points and links to online resources.



LWV New Jersey BOARD UPDATE

Your LWVCC Board Members have reviewed the recent LWNJ state board report and would like to pass along the following highlights:

- The state board recently voted to support a bill in the NJ Senate: S2762 – Requires Board of Education to provide civics instructions in middle schools and requires the Department of Education to provide funding to New Jersey Center for Civics Education at Rutgers to help prepare civics teachers.
- The state board developed a new set of guidelines, approved by LWVUS, for the formation of new local Leagues. The model is also available to existing Leagues who wish to adopt it. The LWVCC Board will discuss this in more detail.
- LWNJ has Vote411 postcards, Don't Forget to Vote postcards, and choosing a candidate brochures for our voter outreach efforts. Contact LWVCC Voter Service Committee Chair Anita Hahn who can get in touch with the state office.

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Below is a list of upcoming events that might interest you and where we could really use some help. You're probably aware that the Naturalization Ceremonies are the most fulfilling, and at other events most of the people we encounter are already registered to vote, so we take that opportunity to provide handouts with important dates and information. I like to think that just our being there is a reminder to everyone to Vote.

8/29/2018 Voter Registration at Rutgers Camden Campus, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

9/8/2018 Voter Registration at Somerdale Day, 10 am - 4 pm, setup by 7:30 am

9/13/2018 Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremony on the Battleship New Jersey in Camden, 10 am - noon

9/18/2018 Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremony, RCBC at Rowen College Burlington County noon - 2 pm. LWV BurlCo is coordinating with USCIS, anticipate 100 new citizens. If you have helped out at Naturalization Ceremonies in Mt. Laurel before, feel free to contact Susan Illion directly.

9/22 and 23/2018 Camden County Fair, Lakeland Complex, Blackwood, plans pending. We'll probably focus on the 23rd, since our fall Kickoff is the 22nd!

9/25/2018 National Voter Registration Day, plans pending

Note that some of the above are all-day events; we could work in shifts, and non-member volunteers are always welcome, so feel free to invite your friends. This is a great way to get involved and feel like you're doing something worthwhile.

Let me know what dates are good for you so that we can start to form teams and schedule for each event. I will be out of town towards the end of the month, so I may be counting on you.

As always, many thanks for your interest and enthusiasm.

All the Best, Anita Hahn -- hahna98@yahoo.com (cell #856-261-2783).

Contacts for Volunteering

Voter Registration/Education: Anita Hahn -- hahna98@yahoo.com

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Vote411 (entering information about candidates): Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

Government Meetings

We go, wear League buttons, and let them see that the League is watching. We sometimes speak to the officials present (without taking a stand on any specific issue unless formally authorized to do so by the League).

8/21/2018 10:00 am Board of Elections Meeting

9/17/2018 6:30 pm Town Hall followed by 7 pm Freeholders meeting at Merchantville Community Center

9/18/2018 10:00 am Board of Elections Meeting.

Our observer corps is active and we hope to expand it. We can also use a written report with a few highlights for the Voter if something interesting happens at a meeting you attend.

If you want to touch bases about one of these meetings, find out who else is going, and so on, contact Kristin Burke @ kristinbburke@gmail.com

And sometimes we go on marches and protests! Who remembers when and where this picture was taken? Some of you are in it!

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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.*



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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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