

August 2026 Newsletter

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2026 Get Out The Vote

Our League in Action



Register Voters during the month of September!

We are excited to support Grounds for Thought's September effort to engage voters.

We will be holding regular voter registration tabling hours all month including during the Black Swamp Arts Fest.

More details to come!



Day of Action August 8

Join us for a Unite and Rise 8.5 day of action on August 8! We will be writing postcards to newly registered voters at Grounds for Thought from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Unite & Rise 8.5 aims to build a movement of 8.5 million individuals to fight back against the anti-democratic actions of the current administration.

On August 8, 2026, Leagues and partners will lead hundreds of activations across the country centered on increasing voter

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engagement, turnout, and education, with particular emphasis on young voters and community partnerships.



Legislative Update Forum

Registration Required - Click Here

The BG Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Project Team will host its annual Legislative Update Forum on Friday, August 14, in the Wood County Job & Family Services Multipurpose Room, 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Road, BG. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for networking, with the program beginning at 8 a.m. Coffee and light morning refreshments will be provided courtesy of Call of the Canyon Café.

The Legislative Update Forum will be facilitated by Brandon Hemminger, Administrator at St. Clare Commons, who serves as an active member of the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Project Team. The program will feature legislative updates from State Senator Theresa Gavarone and State Representative Haraz Ghanbari, followed by a Q&A session addressing questions submitted by constituents through the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks to the support of BG Gas & Express Mart, a video recording of the program will be available on the Chamber's website following the event.

Attendees may submit questions when registering online through August 7. Reservations for the event must be made by 5 p.m. on August 12. **[Submit A Question Form](#)**

IGNITE Program Updates

The LWVBG's Wood County Jail Voter Engagement Program is in need of volunteers. We go to the jail the second Tuesday of each month at 8:50 a.m. for an hour to register inmates. It is rewarding, educational, and interesting work. No special skills are needed; the only requirement is for LWVBG volunteers to get a records check through the jail.

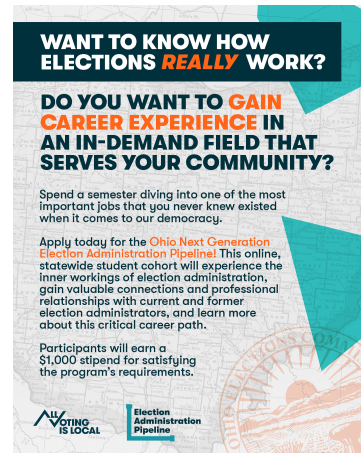


If you are interested, contact Karen Wood at wood43402@gmail.com or 419-699-5037.

Do you know any college students interested in voting and elections?

The Fall 2026 Ohio Next Generation Election Administration Pipeline is a 14-week introduction to election administration for current students and early-career Ohioans. The next generation of election administrators will play a vital role in protecting and administering our elections, and this program prepares students to become dedicated public servants equipped to serve Ohio voters. The student cohort will experience the inner workings of election administration while gaining valuable connections and professional relationships with current and former election administrators; participants will earn a \$1,000 stipend for satisfying the program's requirements.

More information is [available here](#). Click [here to apply](#).



August 4: LWVBG Mental Health Committee. 7:00 pm on Zoom.

August 5: LWVUS presentation: Poll Workers Shape our Democracy at 1:00 p.m. Register [here](#)

August 6: Monthly Coffee Meet Up. 4:30 pm at Grounds for Thought.

August 8: Postcard writing session for Unite and Rise National Day of Action 1:00-4:00 pm at Grounds for Thought

August 14: LWVBG Membership Committee nametag work. 11:00 am. RSVP to mehachtel@gmail.com

September 16: Election Security in 2026 Presentation. 7:00 pm Bowling Green Senior Center.

September 16: LWVO presentation: Public Education, Democracy, & the First Amendment: What's at Stake? at 7:00 pm. Register [here](#)

September 26: All Member Meeting. 10:00 am, First Presbyterian Church Bowling Green. RSVP info@lwvbg.org

October 4: Wood County Candidate Round Table. 1:30 pm at Perrysburg Heights Community Center

Committee leaders - if you would like your regular meetings to appear in the newsletter, please email info@lwvbg.org with dates and times.

Member Corner

LWVBG Membership is open to all people age 16 or older. Your LWV of Bowling Green membership includes memberships in the LWV Ohio and LWVUS. Dues are sliding scale, so it has never been easier to join the League and participate in our vital work.

You can even gift a membership to someone else!

Recommended membership dues are \$75 per year, but you may pay what you wish (minimum of \$20). If you are a student, we have scholarships available to pay your membership dues.

Contact us at info@lwvbg.org to arrange a scholarship before you sign up or renew.

Renew or Join online via the LWVBG website by clicking the button below

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Welcome New Members!
Melinda Williams

Thank You Renewing Members!
Carol Bell
Beatrice Guenther
Christina Guenther
*Lee Hakel

**Life Member*



Save the Date for September Events!

Election Security in 2026 featuring Wood County BOE Directors Terry Burton and Julie Baumgartner. September 16, 7:00 pm Bowling Green Senior Center.

What's On The Ballot - Levies! All Member Meeting September 26, 10:00 am First Presbyterian Church Bowling Green

LWVBG Committee News



Membership Committee



Naturalization Committee

Join us August 14 at 11:00 am to update member nametags!

This group will continue to meet monthly with activities such as reaching out to lapsed and prospective members and planning future Membership 101 events.

Want to be part of this team? Contact Membership VP Erin Hachtel at mehachtel@gmail.com or info@lwvbg.org

At the July 4 Naturalization Ceremony, we welcomed 22 new citizens and registered 12 to vote.

We are sad to share that ceremonies to welcome new citizens have been canceled in August and September.

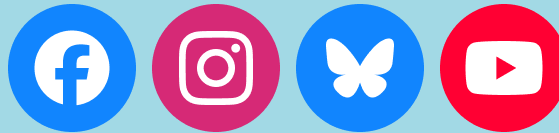
LWVBG Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the meetings of the LWVBG Board are available to read on the Member Portal. Log into [LWV Member Portal Link](#) and go to "League Resources" to see our Governing Documents, Communications, Meeting Minutes, and More!



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