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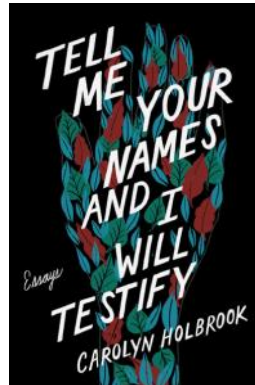
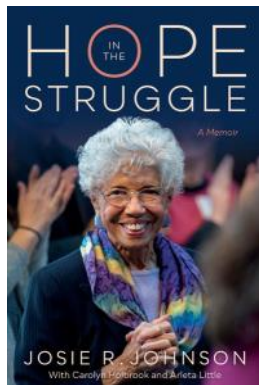
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## Celebrating Suffrage for All

As part of our year-long celebration of 100 years of the League of Women Voters, our League invited Dr. Josie Johnson and her co-author Carolyn Holbrook to speak at our Wednesday, **September 16, meeting at 6:30 p.m.** Due to personal circumstances, Dr. Johnson is now unavailable to attend, but we are fortunate that Holbrook will cover both Dr. Johnson's memoir, *Hope in the Struggle*, as well as her own newly released book, *Tell Me Your Names and I Will Testify*. Both books are published by the University of Minnesota Press and are pertinent to our League anniversary and the times we live in, where we must continue fighting for voting and civil rights. The meeting is co-hosted by the Ramsey County Library-Roseville. The event is free and open to the public, but you must **register in advance here**: [zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2T5042DPTCYiBYfmoAOAw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2T5042DPTCYiBYfmoAOAw).

Dr. Johnson's esteemed career includes long-time membership in LWV of Minneapolis and serving on the LWVUS board in the 1970s. Her memoir highlights her role in the League and advocating for voting rights, including making brave trips to the South to register voters during the heart of the civil rights movement.

Holbrook, adjunct professor of creative writing at Hamline University, was founder and executive/artistic director of SASE: The Write Place and now leads More Than a Single Story, a series of panel discussions and community conversations for people of color and indigenous writers and arts activists. She was a recipient of the



Hamline University Exemplary Teacher Award and the first person of color to win the Minnesota Book Award's Kay Sexton Award.

League member Marquita Stephens will moderate this event. Books will be available for purchase online through Subtext Books after the event.

Please consider sharing or posting the event flier attached to the emailed copy of the Voter.



Carolyn Holbrook

## Candidate Forums

Due to the extraordinary challenges associated with offering candidate forums during this pandemic, formats for such are still being worked out. There is a possibility that forums cannot occur at all under current health and safety guidelines, as well as dealing with technology concerns. Please check upcoming eBlasts and other LWV of Roseville Area social media sites for further information.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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There are two months to go before a general election, with many offices in contention in our five cities. To prepare, we've followed the recommendations in our Voter Services playbook, under the heading "pandemic." Just kidding, of course—there is no playbook for this election! We won't be registering voters at bus stops, as we did in September 2018, through the Metro Transit initiative. We won't be onsite at high schools, libraries, or community centers. There is no Roseville Review to advertise our events.

Here is what we are doing. Judy Stuthman is continuing to lead voter registration for new citizens—but at small, outdoor ceremonies. We continue to support the efforts of MN Voice, of which LWVMN is a coalition member, promoting civic engagement and voter participation towards addressing racial and economic disparities. This year, a focus of this effort is the LWVMN-provided Vote from Home material, for which many of our members are hosting lawn signs or posting flyers.

A shout out to Cecilia Warner and Teresa Wernecke, who have been navigating the changing scenarios for the possibility of holding candidate forums, developing procedures to meet League standards of fairness and accessibility. Stay tuned for up-to-date information. New this year is our active participation in Vote411, the LWV online resource for public access to candidate information, an increased effort in the use of social media, and an emphasis on relational organizing. The information provided by Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon during our August program is a valuable resource (see the event recap on [page 10](#)).

September is also a critical month for the decennial US Census, as all Census data collection will now end on September 30. We continue to work with the Ramsey County/St Paul Joint Complete Count Committee to encourage responses by members of traditionally low-count communities. Including all residents of our communities in the Census is essential to achieving fair representation and equitable delivery of government services.

We have recognized systemic racism as a key issue through our Voter Services, Census, Action/Advocacy, Programs, and Studies committees (including the 2015-2016 police study and affordable housing study completed in 2017, as well as our current studies on ADA compliance and equitable representation). At our July meeting, the Board continued to discuss the importance of bringing that focus to the forefront, specifically through our public programming. Examples include the July Books and Brews program, and the upcoming program with Carolyn Holbrook.

Best wishes to all, and thank you for your very significant efforts on League's behalf.

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## Census Update

*By Barb Barany*

Census self-response in each of our five cities has now surpassed final self-response rates for 2010, and overall, Minnesota continues to lead the nation in self-response. However, since nonresponse follow-up by Census workers started, we are no longer in the lead overall, and all counting activities will now end on September 30, with nonresponse follow-up taking place over one-and-a-half months, rather than the standard two-and-a-half months. Keep encouraging others to self-respond—online ([my2020census.gov/](https://my2020census.gov/)), by phone ([2020census.gov/en/contact-us.html](https://2020census.gov/en/contact-us.html)), or on the paper form—or answer the door when masked Census workers arrive.



**Barb Barany**

### After John Lewis

By Florence Sprague

*For things to reveal themselves to us,  
we need to be ready to abandon our views about them.  
—Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist monk, poet, peace activist*

After the death of John Lewis earlier this summer it felt important to write about his life and work, but everything I penned felt trite or repetitive. My words paled when compared to the eloquent words from those who knew him personally and eulogized him so powerfully at his memorial service. He worked tirelessly all of his life for civil rights growing from a young man who wanted change NOW and was willing to put his very life on the line to challenge bigoted laws, to a revered elder statesman still working with tenacity to keep the unmet goals in the public eye and on the agenda. May he rest in peace at last.



So many have asked why the killing of George Floyd triggered such a huge response when it was just the latest of too, too many. Perhaps COVID-19 upended everyone's world so completely that it forced us all to abandon old ways and made people ready for other things to be revealed, too. With fresh eyes injustice became starkly visible.

We've talked about "but" before, how it is not enough to give the appearance of acknowledging a problem if your "yes, I see" is immediately followed by "but," letting you off the hook. Now letting go of "but" can feel unavoidable. One cannot avoid seeing and feeling changes, different ways of doing things. When they feel uncomfortable, examine that discomfort.

This summer I read about a young woman in Minneapolis who wants to preserve the protest artwork. These paintings and drawings are often on the plywood covering windows, broken or protected. She said that she wanted it preserved but NOT in a museum, meaning not in the MIA or the Walker or the Minnesota History Center, or other conventional space long dominated by white perspectives. My first reaction—but those spaces are meant for this! Second thought—Are they? The MIA had a moving, small exhibit of Philando Castile art, but this idea is much bigger than that. Now the push is to put/keep the art in its BIPOC community as a resource, a reminder, a release valve, and a galvanizing image.

Let "but" be not an end, but a beginning of an exploration of why one is drawing away from an idea. Is it just a reluctance to change? Is it because one doesn't understand why? Is it because one doesn't understand how? Is it loss of control? Or fear? "But" is too often a barrier; let it become a gateway. What exactly am I feeling? Why am I feeling this way? How do the status quo and the proposed change affect me and others? Who gains and who loses from change? Is the perceived loss really a loss, or is it actually a gain?

Keep making good trouble and, while I don't know who first said this, remember that the direction in which one looks will determine what one sees.

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### CMAL: Save the Date for a Parks Event!

By Karen Schaffer

The Council of Metropolitan Area Leagues of Women Voters (CMAL) will host a Zoom program on the metro-area parks and trail system on Saturday, October 17, at 10 a.m.

Speakers will be Emmett Mullin, Manager of the Metropolitan Council's Regional Parks & Natural Resources program, and Holly Jenkins, representing Wilderness in the City – Preserving Urban Natural Areas. All League members in the metro area are invited. Details to RSVP and access the Zoom link will be provided later. Questions? Contact Karen Schaffer at [schafferka@gmail.com](mailto:schafferka@gmail.com).

# Voter Services—Voting Resources and Reminders

By Karen Lake

- Upcoming Election Information

- Absentee ballots are mailed out and able to be returned by a prepaid bulk postage rate, which is less costly because of the volume than each having a first-class stamp. The United States Post Office confirmed on Friday, August 14, that there is **no difference** in the speed of delivery.
- The specific impact of federal changes to USPS funding and operation is unknown at this time.
- For the 2020 general election, a consent decree has been issued that allows the witness requirement on absentee ballots to be waived. For this election, if your ballot is postmarked by November 3 and received at your county election office by November 10, it will count.
- **Vote early!** Check that your absentee ballot was received shortly after mailing it in! To do so, either:
  - ◆ Access [MNVotes.org](https://mnvotes.org), click Other Ways to Vote, then Track Your Absentee Ballot.
  - ◆ Phone your local elections office (e.g., Ramsey County is 651-266-2171).
- The Secretary of State's Office will mail out applications for absentee ballots, along with instructions for how to apply online, to registered voters who have not applied for one in the next few weeks. (Allow for some possible crossing in the mail if you receive an application but have already applied for an absentee ballot.) Other organizations, such as AARP, are also mailing out unsolicited applications for absentee ballots. Check about the status of your application and/or receipt of your mailed in ballot online or via phone (see above).
- Early in-person voting at polling places begins on September 18.

- We Have Personal Power from the Safety of Our Homes!

You may hear the term “relational organizing” being used, especially during this time of a pandemic. It refers in part to people contacting personal friends and family to encourage registering to vote and becoming informed about candidates (e.g., [Vote411.org](https://Vote411.org), candidate forums), and voting by absentee ballot, at early voting centers, or at the polls on November 3. Methods employed are email, phone, text, or other individual choices of communication. Data suggests that personal relationships are powerful in promoting civic engagement and in government. Thus, if all LWV of Roseville Area members would identify 10 others to personally contact and maintain contact with during the upcoming election season, an impact could be made. Individuals' contacts could also be recruited to expand the impact by contacting their friends and family!

Reminders:

- Mail an absentee ballot at least a week (earlier is better!) before Election Day, November 3, 2020.
- Verify that it was received (see website and phone information above).
- In addition to voting by mail, early voting centers will be open 46 days before Election Day. Polling places will be open on November 3.
- If you receive an absentee ballot and decide to vote in person, you may do so if you have not returned your absentee ballot.

- Answers to Voting Questions

Am I registered to vote? Did I already apply for an absentee ballot for the November general election? Was my absentee ballot mailed yet? Was my absentee ballot counted yet?

All of the above and answers to other questions are found on the [MNVotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) site. Also, contact your county elections office as another source of answers to questions and concerns. Absentee ballots are expected be mailed around September 18, when early voting in Minnesota begins. Vote early!

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# Voter Services—Voting Resources and Reminders (cont.)

- United States Post Office FAQs addressed by Minnesota Secretary of State Office Staff
  - **Are the USPS changes actually happening in Minnesota?**

Are they taking away our sorting machines and mail boxes? We are not aware of any sorting machines being removed in Minnesota. Local sort was ended in Minnesota a few years ago, and the USPS actually closed a few sorting centers about five years ago. I'm not aware of any boxes being removed for reasons unrelated to civil unrest (some boxes were removed during the protests for security reasons).
  - **Does the SOS Office anticipate that these USPS changes are going to change absentee recommendations; if so, how?**

No. We have always encouraged folks to request an absentee ballot early, return it early, and use our online tool to make sure it was received and accepted. The postmark +seven day court order (see below) helps ensure that all ballots cast before Election Day are counted, but our recommendation that folks request and return a ballot early, and that they use the online tools to make sure it is received, will continue to be our recommendation.
  - **What is the SOS Office doing in response to USPS changes?**

We are working closely with local USPS leaders. The court case consent decree also addresses this issue (ballots mailed back may be received as late as November 10 **if** postmarked by November 3).
- When Are Early In-Person Voting and Absentee Ballots Actually Counted?

According to Michael Wall, Voter Outreach Specialist from the Minnesota SOS Office, all ballots received prior to two weeks before Election Day this year are logged in and filed in secure spaces until the ballots are opened and signature envelopes are separated from privacy envelopes. The ballots are fed into tabulators. The tabulators record the votes but the results are not examined/known or added to the precinct totals until 8 p.m. on Election Night. Ballots received later are added to the totals at the end of the extended time for them to be received. During the 2020 pandemic, a court consent decree allows ballots postmarked by November 3 and received at the elections offices by November 10 to be counted. **Vote early!**
- Help Needed with [Vote 411.org](https://www.vote411.org)

[Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) is the LWV site for voting and election information, including information about all state and local candidates for office. Under the leadership of Sherry Hood, working with LWVMN staff, questions were submitted for local candidates to address in the Voter Guide section of [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org). Help remind those who have not responded to please do so as it is integral for success!

Are you willing to check the [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) site and, if candidates from your district have not participated, email or call, requesting that they respond? Residents of Lauderdale and Little Canada are especially needed. Candidate contact information can be found on the Minnesota Secretary of State website at [MNVotes.org](https://mnvotes.org) or on an individual candidate's webpage. This response checking cannot start until September 18 or thereafter because the site is not expected to be complete/updated by LWVMN staff until that time. If you are able to volunteer for this effort, please contact Karen Lake at [karin.r.lake@comcast.net](mailto:karin.r.lake@comcast.net).
- Summary of Sites to Keep in Sight
  - [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org): LWV website providing election and candidate information
  - [MNVotes.org](https://mnvotes.org): Minnesota Secretary of State Office website for all forms and answers to election-related questions
- Know Your Voting Rights

Review the handout from the Minnesota Secretary of State website on the following two pages.

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



As a voter in Minnesota, you have many rights—get to know them!

## HAVE TIME OFF WORK TO VOTE

You have a right to take time off work to vote without losing your pay, personal leave, or vacation time.

## VOTE IF IN LINE BY 8 P.M.

You have the right to vote if you are in line to vote anytime before 8 p.m.

## REGISTER ON ELECTION DAY

You have the right to register to vote on Election Day if you can show the required proof of residence.

## SIGN IN ORALLY

You have the right to orally confirm who you are and to ask another person to sign for you if you cannot sign your name.

## ASK FOR HELP

You have the right to ask anyone for help, except for an agent of your employer or union.

## BRING CHILDREN TO THE POLLS

You have the right to bring your children with you to vote.

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### 2020 DATES

#### VOTE EARLY

*Vote by mail or in person June 26 through August 10.*

#### PRIMARY ELECTION

*Tuesday, August 11 (if necessary)*

#### VOTE EARLY

*Vote by mail or in person September 18 through November 2.*

#### ELECTION DAY

*Tuesday, November 3*

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# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



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## **VOTE AFTER SERVING FELONY CONVICTION**

You can vote after you finish all parts of your sentence, including any probation, parole, or supervised release.

## **VOTE IF UNDER GUARDIANSHIP**

You have the right to vote if you are under a guardianship, unless a judge has revoked your right to vote.

## **VOTE WITHOUT BEING INFLUENCED**

You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence your vote.

## **GET A REPLACEMENT BALLOT**

You have the right to a replacement ballot if you make a mistake on your ballot before you cast it.

## **FILE A COMPLAINT**

You have the right to file a written complaint at your polling place if you are unhappy with the way an election is being run.

## **BRING A SAMPLE BALLOT**

You have the right to take a sample ballot into the voting booth.

## **BRING THE VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

You have the right to take a copy of this document into the voting booth.

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# Silent Spring — In a Good Way

By Priscilla Morton

Here is a resolution that passed at the LWV National Convention:

*The League Of Women Voters Calls For An Immediate Wide-Scale Mobilization By The United States, To Restore, Protect And Fund An Ecologically Sustainable Environment And Climate, Based On An Interrelated Approach That Is Environmentally Sound, Science-Based, Just And Equitable, Dedicated To Adequately Addressing The Scale And Speed Of The Global Climate Change Emergency.*



Wow and bravo! No question that the League is **calling for** (not just supporting) the country to address a **global climate change emergency** (not just a piddling minor ho-hum issue)! We are on completely solid ground to show up and declare that the action has to happen now. Since July 2018, 1,747 government bodies representing 830 million people have declared a climate emergency. So the question now becomes, “What changes need to happen?”

Please bear with me, as this story will take a few turns and it relates to local action on our League’s strong statement.

I took two walks with my dog today, and I thought, for at least the 200th time this year, about how much I appreciate our parks. The Roseville parks are nearest and dearest because that’s where I live, but I’ve also spent lovely time in Maplewood, St. Paul, Shoreview, and places farther afield by taking in the sights and sounds of spring and summer. Among the pleasures of these parks have been woodlands, marshes, tended and manicured gardens, wildflower gardens, pollinator gardens, lawns for frisbees, fields for baseball watching, lakes for fishing and breathing the moistened air, and, of course, the sightings of wildlife. Birds of all sizes and colors, geese and ducks included, the occasional fox, deer, squirrels and rabbits; I won’t pretend to catalogue them as I am far from observant of all the varieties.

Along with all this richness, what has been another wonderful benefit of experiencing the outdoors this year? The sounds—both present and missing. At least in the beginning of spring, during the first month or two of lockdown, there was no traffic. Silent Spring. Silence that nurtured me, gave me a breather, calmed my morning. Instead of a background hum (or roar during rush hour), I could hear more birds, more frogs, more leaves rustling in the breeze. I imagined that even the animals felt the difference and it encouraged them to make their orchestrations more colorful without the overlay of unnatural mechanized busyness.

So, this is an environmental column and you may wonder where this fits into that discussion. Well, we do think about both air and visual pollution all the time, right? But sound pollution is also a thing, and it fits right in with other ways that modern civilization takes us further from our evolved, natural habitat. I don’t at all suggest that to have a better future we should return to living in caves foraging for food. But reducing sound pollution is another way to help provide livable habitat for humans and other animals. Highway engineers do, in fact, consider the noise that freeways create, and sometimes build noise barriers near residential areas. The airport has done a large amount of noise mitigation, retrofitting windows in those residential areas. The level of noise in an area does affect whether birds and other animals can communicate, find each other, mate, and procreate in our area. It also affects whether humans can thrive.

Sometimes affordable housing is deliberately built in areas that have a great deal of ambient noise in addition to air pollution from the cars and trucks on the road. This siting may have its benefits: it may be both cheaper land and near the necessary 24-hour public transportation systems required by those who do not own cars. If that affordable housing is built with triple-paned windows and super-insulation, utility costs are reduced and the same construction techniques keep noise from becoming a stress-inducing and sleep-disrupting intrusion. Clean and quiet interiors also help to keep stressors low for doing homework, for example, and that quiet needs to be created with adequate interior sound barriers. With less outside air, there is more need for non-toxic materials as well.

Outside our homes, the noise producers—i.e., the vehicles themselves—are far quieter if they are powered by electricity or by humans. Bikes are quiet, of course, and bike pathways encourage their safe use. For non-human powered transportation, electric vehicles are so quiet you can’t tell if the car is turned on without indicator lights. So quiet that they are sometimes not heard by pedestrians crossing the street, and drivers have to take extra precautions. It is true that electric cars may be using coal-produced electricity, but the vehicles themselves produce no emissions and do not contribute to air pollution. If they are powered by a solar garden or solar panels on a building or some other renewable source, which any property owner can quite easily do, then they are truly a non-polluting vehicle.

Air pollution mitigation and sound pollution mitigation are public benefits, affecting all citizens in multiple ways, and thus public efforts in funding and regulation to create and encourage cleaner energy and quieter neighborhoods are completely consistent with the history of public funding.

With the strength and backing of our national League, let’s envision and advocate for public funding to encourage and mandate a transition to cleaner energy in both transportation and housing.



## New Member Spotlight: Barb Luck

*By Barb Luck*

I'm a Minnesota native, growing up as a farmer's daughter in southern Minnesota. My parents instilled ethics of hard work and helping others, how to grow healthy food, and to reuse and recycle everything. Today, I live in the "rural-feel" very southern tip of Maplewood with my husband. Among our immediate family are three children, a son-in-law and daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, and two grand dogs.

I earned a business and marketing degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and a master's degree in communications from University of St. Thomas. I was fortunate to enjoy an interesting career with marketing roles in higher education, information technology and management consulting, and healthcare.

When I retired about three years ago, my husband and I decided to focus on traveling and volunteering. One of our favorite trips was to India, a very poor country where people nevertheless seemed happy, and which opened our hearts to be more grateful. We spend time year-around relaxing at our cabin in northwest Wisconsin.

I joined LWV a couple years ago and am active on the Environmental and Communications committees and recently became co-chair of the Equitable Representation in City Government study. I believe in the importance of the League's mission, and I want to contribute my marketing skills to further the mission. I also chair the Communications team for the Washburn County Lakes and Rivers Association in Wisconsin.



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## Getting to Know You!

*By Rita Mills*

Without face-to-face contact during meetings and programs, it can be difficult to get to know fellow League members. Therefore, we introduce you to the League members who joined during 2019. Stay tuned during the next month to meet those who have joined in 2020. Introducing...



**Marcia Cheney**



**Mary Gaasch**



**Alma Graff**



**Jessica Holz**



**Cammy Johnson**



**Rita Lefferty**



**Sharon McCord**



**David Misemer**



**Judy Murakami**



**Mary Murphy**



**Cari Nesje**



**Sharon Oswald**



**Nancy Simpson**

# Recap: Books and Brews...2020 Style

*By Rita Mills*

The fourth annual Books & Brews on July 15 required a bit of imagination! No jostling a couple of cold beers through a sea of bodies on a hot and steamy evening. While we all missed Bent Brewstillery and the stacks of books on crowded tables, Leaguers adapted.

From the comfort of our individual homes, parked near a refrigerator and in front of laptops, tablets, and phones, some 35 books, plus assorted media, were shared via Zoom. In reflecting on the killing of George Floyd and conversations around racism, the evening began and continued with books on antiracism, the complicated role of a white ally, as well as historical, economic, and political treatment of Black people in the US.

As in previous years, a compiled book list was assembled and emailed to those participating. A copy of the book list is attached to the emailed copy of the Voter. If you did not receive a list and would still like one, please contact Rita Mills at [rleomills@hotmail.com](mailto:rleomills@hotmail.com). Happy reading!

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## Recap: MN Secretary of State Talks Voting During COVID-19

*By Rachel Geiser*

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon began his talk to the 30-some participants on August 18, recognizing the significance of the date as the 100-year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, which prohibited the state and federal government from denying citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex. He continued by acknowledging the challenges of this 2020 election year: a general election for the presidency held during a pandemic.

SOS Simon had two requests of attendees during his talk. He asked people to consider voting from home for the November election, stating the process was not new to Minnesota. He considers it a public service to vote from home to make it safer for those who go to the polls (i.e., other voters, election judges). His second request was for people to consider being an election judge, as many of the usual workers skew older, so may not be working this year for personal health and safety reasons. He reiterated the positions were paid jobs and his goal was to have an adequate number of election judges to avoid the upheaval that occurred during the Wisconsin 2020 primary election when many poll workers unexpectedly did not work due to health concerns.

Simon addressed issues relating to the USPS and the timely delivery of absentee ballots through the mail. He urged people to order their absentee ballots now, clarifying that it's a reversible decision if they choose later to vote in person. He urged people to vote early to avoid any delays. (See the Voting Resources and Reminders beginning on [page 4](#) for details for requesting, mailing, and tracking receipt of absentee ballots.)

He advised participants that exact election result numbers won't likely be known for up to a week after the election, which is by Minnesota government and court design; however, it is likely we'll know the winner of most elections on election night.

Simon ended his talk with answering questions from attendees on a wide variety of topics related to voting and thanking the League and its members for their hard work in service to the state and country, particularly for the advocacy of voting rights.

To watch a replay of the event, access the video through the Ramsey County Library website here: [my.nicheacademy.com/rcladult/course/18497](https://my.nicheacademy.com/rcladult/course/18497).



**Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon,  
Speaking During the Virtual Event**

## Future League Events

**Event recording:** Many of our events are recorded. If you would like to watch a recording of an event at home, go to our website, [lwvrosevillearea.org](http://lwvrosevillearea.org). Click on the YouTube icon on the righthand side and choose from recorded events.

September events are detailed on [page 1](#) and [page 12](#).

- **October 1 – Talking About Race Learning Circle: Social Identities and Systems of Oppression.** Fifth in a series of seven talking about race discussions from the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, co-hosted with Ramsey County Library-Roseville and Do Good Roseville. Attend one or multiple discussions. Attendance is limited; register on the library site before spots fill up: [rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b2c39c1f2300d95f3d](http://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b2c39c1f2300d95f3d); 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom webinar access.
  - **October 15 – Talking About Race Learning Circle: Being Anti-Racist.** Sixth in a series of seven discussions described above. Attendance is limited; register on the library site before spots fill up: [rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b5c39c1f2300d95f3f](http://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b5c39c1f2300d95f3f); 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom webinar access.
  - **October 20 – Fix What You Can.** League member Mindy Greiling will speak about her book, *Fix What Your Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker's Fight for Her Son*. She will be joined by Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota (NAMI-MN) for more discussion about the mental health system. Cohosted with Ramsey County Library-Roseville and hosted on their Zoom platform; 6:30-8 p.m., watch the Voter, eBlasts, and League social media for the event registration link.
  - **October 15 – Talking About Race Learning Circle: Community Building.** Seventh in a series of seven discussions described above. Attendance is limited; register on the library site before spots fill up: [rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b71f3a293900f1be91](http://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b71f3a293900f1be91); 7-8:30 p.m., Zoom webinar access.
  - **November 17 – Health Care Panel.** A panel on the health policy lessons COVID-19 provides. Cohosted with Ramsey County Library-Roseville and hosted on their Zoom platform; 6:30-8 p.m., watch the Voter, eBlasts, and League social media for the event registration link.
  - **December 8 – Redlining and Racial Covenants.** Kirsten Delegard of Mapping Prejudice will speak on discrimination in real estate through racial covenants and redlining. Cohosted with Ramsey County Library-Roseville and hosted on their Zoom platform; 7-8:30 p.m., watch the Voter, eBlasts, and League social media for the event registration link.
  - **January – Conversation with Constituents.** More information will be shared later.
  - **January – Social Event.** Pending COVID-19 social safety measures, a New Year's social event will be held. Watch for more information.
  - **February 16 – Redistricting.** A representative from LWVMN will speak on redistricting. Save the date. More information will be shared later; 7-8:30 p.m.
  - **March – TBD.** Event topic is being finalized. Watch for more information.
  - **April – TBD.** Event topic is being finalized. Watch for more information.
  - **May – LWV of Roseville Area Annual Meeting.** More information will be shared later.
  - **June – Field Trip.** Event details are being finalized. Watch for more information.
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## Promote League in Social Media

By Barb Anderson

If you aren't already following LWV of Roseville Area on social media, now is a good time to start. Our League posts frequently on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Don't just like posts—share them with your friends so we can reach a wider audience. Make sure you follow us at:

- [facebook.com/lwvRosevilleArea/](https://facebook.com/lwvRosevilleArea/)
- [twitter.com/LWVRoseville/](https://twitter.com/LWVRoseville/)
- [instagram.com/lwvrosevillearea/](https://instagram.com/lwvrosevillearea/)



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## **LWV of Roseville Area: September Event Calendar**

- **September 3 – Talking About Race Learning Circle: Race and Racial Identity.** Virtual event; 7-8:30 p.m. Registration at: [rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1af944a13440052eb42](https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1af944a13440052eb42).
- **September 16 – Celebrating Suffrage for All.** Virtual event. See details on [page 1](#).
- **September 17 – Talking About Race Learning Circle: Whiteness.** Virtual event; 7-8:30 p.m. Registration at: [rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b11f3a293900f1be8f](https://rclreads.bibliocommons.com/events/5f1db1b11f3a293900f1be8f).
- **September – Candidate Forums.** Watch eBlasts and LWV of Roseville Area social media for dates and access.



**National Board Meeting at the Mayflower Hotel** (Source: LWV Media Library)

### *Voter Article Submission Deadline*

Submissions for the next issue of The Voter are due 10 days before the end of the month. If you have any questions or information to submit for the newsletter, contact Rachel Geiser at [rachelsoup@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsoup@gmail.com).