

LWVFRA

September Newsletter

Happenings at the League of Women Voters - Fredericksburg Area



National Voter Registration Day September 26, 2017

This day is a national holiday celebrating our democracy. It was first observed in 2012 and has been growing in popularity every year since. Held on the fourth Tuesday of September it is intended to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. Volunteers and organizations from all over the country reach out for a single day of coordinated field, technology, and media efforts. The activities seek to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities and reach many of the voters who may not register otherwise. Look for your League of Women Voters representatives in Fredericksburg!

Upcoming Events

Candidate Forum October 3, 2017



Candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates seats in District 88 and District 28 will participate in a forum at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street in Fredericksburg. This event, sponsored by the Fredericksburg League is open to the public and candidates will be available for informal conversation following their presentation.

Speakers from 7:00-8:20 will represent District 88.

Confirmed candidates include incumbent Del. Mark Cole, Republican; Democrat Steve Aycock, Democrat; Amanda Blalock, Independent; and Gerald Anderson, Green Party. The 88th District includes parts of Spotsylvania, Stafford and Fauquier counties and part of the city of Fredericksburg.

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FREDERICKSBURG LEAGUE SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR 2018 ELECTIONS

At our annual meeting in June 2018, our league will be electing new officers. Watch for brief descriptions of offices that need to be filled in our October, November, and December meeting agendas and step up to help lead our group forward. Planning District #16 needs you!

Book Group

Interested in reading a good book and discussing with others? A few ideas: Hillary Clinton's **What Happened** and Katy Tur's **Unbelievable: My Front Row Seat to the Craziest Campaign in American History**.

JUST RELEASED!

The Fredericksburg League has just released **Facts for Voters: Directory of Fredericksburg Area Public Officials & Government Offices 2017**. This pamphlet, finalized in April 2017, focuses on Planning District 16 (Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford Counties, and Fredericksburg City). It includes information about voting and voter registration; local, state, and national elected and appointed officials; and our government departments and offices.

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Copies are available at your local library, and will be posted electronically at: www.lwvfra.org

Reminders:

- LWV-VA Workshop Friday September 22
- General Meeting September 25
- *Improving Civil Discourse in Greater Fredericksburg* September 30



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Speakers from 8:30-9:00 will represent District 28. As of this printing, candidate Joshua Cole, Democrat, is confirmed. The 28th District includes part of the city of Fredericksburg and parts of Stafford County. Craig Vasey, Chair of the University of Mary Washington's Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion will moderate the program.

Candidate Forum October 26, 2017

Candidates for the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors and School Board will participate in a forum from 6:30-8:45 p.m. at the Salem Church Library Branch at 2607 Salem Church Road in Fredericksburg. This event is being co-sponsored by the NAACP, Spotsylvania Education Association, and the League of Women Voters-Fredericksburg.

Candidates will be representing the Battlefield, Lee Hill, Braswell and Berkley Districts. Additional information will be available over the next weeks.