LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE VILLAGES/TRI-COUNTY

June 2026 Newsletter

NO SUMMER MEETINGS

The League of Women Voters of The Villages / Tri-County Florida does not hold general meetings during the summer. We will meet again in September. You will receive details in the September 3, 2026 newsletter.

Next General Meeting

Thursday, September 10 at 2 PM
Palm Villa Room **
Fruitland Park Library
604 W Berckman Street
Fruitland Park

** Larger room with outside entrance

SAVE THE DATE: *Equal Grounds* Legislative Debrief Tour

Equal Grounds is hosting a **Legislative Session Debrief Tour** to ensure communities throughout Florida are informed, engaged, and prepared for what lies ahead following the conclusion of Florida's 2026 Legislative Session.

As we did in 2025, LWVTRI and our partners (i.e., *NAACP, All About the Ballots, Black Women's Roundtable, Alpha Kappa Alpha)* are sponsoring one of these events.

Friday, July 10 from 6 PM to 8 PM
Silver Spring Shores Community Center
590 Silver Rd, Ocala, FL

decisions will impact our communities - particularly Black communities and other historically underrepresented voices.

Mark your calendar, join us on July 10th, and bring a friend! Registration is not required.

If you would like to join one of our carpools, contact Char Griffin.

SAVE THE DATE: Candidate Meet & Greet

The primary election will be August 18, 2026. Vote by Mail Ballots will be sent in early July.

LWVTRI will host candidate Meet & Greet events in all three counties before voting starts. The date for Lake County has been confirmed. We will notify you when plans are finalized for Marion and Sumter counties.

Lake County Meet & Greet
Saturday, July 11th
2 - 4 PM
Unitarian Universalist Church of Lake County
1235 Mt Homer Rd
Eustis, FL

A Lake County Meet & Greet for the General Election is scheduled on Saturday, September 26th at the same time and venue, so save the date.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board members elected at the Annual Meeting on May 14, 2026 will assume office on July 1, 2026.

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Co-President
2026-27
Sandy Christian

Co-President
2026-28
Bernadette Aley

Vice President of Voter Services
2026-27
Vickie Southworth

Secretary
2026-28
Barbara Fieldman

Director of Communications
2026-28
Char Griffin

Director of Meetings & Events
2026-27
Kathy Hansen

Director of Membership
2026-28
Tina Getz

The newly elected Board members will join Kathy Porter who will be serving the last year of her two-year term.

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Treasurer
2025-27
Kathy Porter

BOARD BRIEFS

At its May meeting the current Board welcomed newly elected Board members as part of their orientation.

The current Board decided not to hold Zoom meetings in addition to regular in-person meetings in the foreseeable future, reviewed FY2025-26 performance data, and approved a policy regarding sharing Speakers Bureau materials with hosting organizations.

Board reports are on the Members Only page of the website, which is password protected. Members may request the password by emailing webmaster@lwvtrifl.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Schedule coming soon!

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