

# The VOTER May 2024

## President's Corner

Today is May 1, 2024, the day the 6-week abortion ban goes into effect in Florida. I just finished an interview with Bay News 9 where we talked about what it means. With all of the confusion surrounding the trial of the 15-week abortion ban, many are unaware that the 6-week abortion ban is now the law in Florida. There is no expiration on this law.



It can only be changed by **passing Amendment 4 in November**. The majority of Floridians believe we deserve the freedom to make personal medical decisions without interference from politicians. We will share more talking points and resources at our Monthly Member Issues Update Meetings (**May 1 @ 9 am** and **May 6 @ 6 pm**) and at the Annual Meeting on **May 18** (register below or at [hclwv.org](http://hclwv.org)). Scroll down to find information on upcoming webinars and trainings and abortion resources.

In the meantime, click on each link below to follow Floridians Protecting Freedom on social media and help share out the message about Amendment 4 and use these hashtags when you post: **#Yes4Florida #YesOn4**

Twitter	<a href="https://twitter.com/yes4florida">https://twitter.com/yes4florida</a>	@Yes4Florida
Instagram	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/yes4florida/">https://www.instagram.com/yes4florida/</a>	@Yes4Florida
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/yes4florida/">https://www.facebook.com/yes4florida/</a>	@Yes4Florida
YouTube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/@yes4florida">https://www.youtube.com/@yes4florida</a>	@Yes4Florida
TikTok	<a href="https://www.tiktok.com/@yes4florida">https://www.tiktok.com/@yes4florida</a>	@Yes4Florida
LinkedIn	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/yes4florida">https://www.linkedin.com/company/yes4florida</a>	@Yes4Florida
Mastodon	<a href="https://mastodon.social/@flprotectfree">https://mastodon.social/@flprotectfree</a>	@FLProtectFree

Also, follow @HCLWV on social media (Facebook & Twitter) and share from our pages too!

## Our Annual Meeting is May 18th!

Members and guests - YOU are invited to our annual meeting for 2024! This is when we share the accomplishments of the past League year and plan for the coming 2024-25 year. We will approve a program (aka our priorities), elect officers and a board, approve a budget, and consider changes to our bylaws. We will also have opportunities to ask questions, share feedback, and spend time with each other in person. Refreshments will be served, and there is no charge to attend. Click below to register today!

 **LWV OF HILLSBOROUGH & PASCO COUNTIES**

# ANNUAL MEETING



**18 MAY 2024**



**11.00 AM**  
DOORS OPEN AT 10:30

Seminole Heights Public Library  
4711 Central Ave., Tampa

**REGISTER NOW**



## Meet the Candidates!

Candidate forums listed here are not affiliated with the League of Women Voters unless specifically stated. The list is intended to provide our members with opportunities to vet

candidates running for public office. They may be held by partisan groups.



**May 8**, 6-8 pm, Democratic South Tampa Moms are hosting a candidate forum at 1000 W. Cass St. Candidates who have confirmed as of April 30 include:

- Andrew Warren, Duly Elected Hillsborough County State Attorney
- Cindy Stewart, Clerk of the Court Hillsborough County
- Sean Shaw, Candidate for Hillsborough County Commission

- Lisa McClean, Candidate for Public Defender, 13th Judicial Circuit
- Rocky Brancato, Candidate for Public Defender, 13th Judicial Circuit
- Dionne (Dee) Jones, Candidate for County Court Judge
- Pat Kemp, Candidate for US Congress District 15
- Bob Henriquez, Property Appraiser

If you want to know who else is expected, email [voter@hclwv.org](mailto:voter@hclwv.org). We will be keeping an eye on the list of participants.

**May 8**, 2:00 pm, Starr Brookins and Christine Edwards, candidates for Hillsborough County Court Judge Group 11, have agreed to speak sequentially at a meeting of the Leona Huddle. The meeting takes place at the Mid-America Credit Union at 1112 S. Dale Mabry. More information is [here](#).

**May 17, 2024 11:15:** Tiger Bay lunch features candidates for State Attorney and Public Defender. All candidates have been invited. The location will be Hotel Haya. The media are calling the State Attorney race the most watched race in the area. [Click here to find out more and/or purchase a ticket to attend.](#)

**July 18, 2024 6pm:** Our League and Pasco NOW are sponsoring a nonpartisan candidate forum at the Hudson Regional Library at 8012 Library Rd. Candidates for judge, the school board, and mosquito control are expect to participate. Stay tuned for more information.

*If you hear of other candidate forums between now and November, please send the information to [president@hclwv.org](mailto:president@hclwv.org) and [voter@hclwv.org](mailto:voter@hclwv.org).*

**In with the New Voter Registration Form;  
Out with the Old!**

A new paper **Voter Registration (VR) Application (DS-DE 39)** became effective on April 24. The Supervisor of Elections WILL NOT accept the previous forms, so please throw any old forms you have into your recycle bin. There is no change in the process of registering voters. We will continue to provide blank voter registration forms to voters and we will NOT collect them.

We will have the new voter registration forms at our events. A new law requires the SOE to print the 3Pvro number on any VR applications they provide so do not obtain forms from the SOE. Instead, download the forms from the Division of Elections or individual SOE websites in English, Spanish, and Creole. The English and Spanish versions are also available on the Voter Registration page of our website.

The new forms are dated 4/24/2024, have a QR code, and include the statements about 3rd party voter organizations' responsibilities. We all know how important it is for citizens to vote; please take VR seriously this year.

[Click here for the English VR Form.](#)

[Click here for the Spanish VR Form.](#)

[Click here for the Creole VR Form.](#)



Scenes from Pasco County's Earth Day event, April 27th.

## NPV Victory

No! It's not an infectious disease! It's the National Popular Vote and, on April 15, 2024, Maine became the 18th state to enact a National Popular Vote law.

We in Florida are grateful that Rep. Mike Gottlieb sponsored HB67 and Sen. Victor Torres sponsored SB 236 during the 2024 Legislative Session. We will continue to work toward its passage in the next Florida session.

### The National Numbers:

- 18 jurisdictions have passed NPVIC;




- 209 electoral votes have been secured;
- 270 votes are need to elect the President; and, thus,
- 61 more votes are needed for the compact to go into effect.

Updates

## Voices and Votes Exhibit Sulphur Springs Museum through May 19

We will be hosting a voter information table at the 2-3 pm Sunday Speaker Series events on **May 5** and **May 19**. Go [HERE](#) for information on the speakers and their all-important topics.


Sign up to help



1101 E. River Cove St, Tampa, FL 33604  
www.sulphurspringsmuseum.org

**Voices and Votes:  
Democracy in America**

**March 23 – May 19, 2024**








This multi-media exhibition, created by the Smithsonian, explores the 250-year-old American experiment of a government “of, by and for the people,” from revolution and suffrage, to civil rights and protest.

Art and poetry from youth groups Community Stepping Stones and Battleground Poets.  
League of Women Voters; Hillsborough County Election Supervisor; elected officials, and community partners.

**Sunday Speakers: 2.p.m**

**May 5: Dr. Philip Levy, USF:**  
“The Act that Ruined America, and How to Fix It.”

**May 19: Dr. Elizabeth Aranda, USF:**  
“Contemporary Challenges to Im/migrant Rights.”

Voices and Votes: Democracy in America™ is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide. Support for local exhibitions and programming has been provided by Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Our League has partnered with the Sulphur Springs Museum to bring the “Voice and Votes: Democracy in America” traveling exhibit to our community!

Please visit the exhibit and encourage your friends to do so as well. The museum is located at 1101 E. River Cove St., Tampa 33604 and is open from 11-4 Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is free, although a \$5 donation is requested.



Scenes from the April 21 talk at the museum.  
Thank you to our Voter Registration volunteers!

## Zoom for Reproductive Rights

Please join the LWV of the St. Petersburg Area on Wednesday, **May 8**, from 6-7:15 pm as it hosts the virtual panel, “We Dissent: Reproductive Freedoms Lost and How to Take Them Back”, featuring Louis Virelli, Professor of Law at Stetson College of Law, and Alyssa Morrison, Reproductive Rights Justice Staff Attorney at Lawyers for Good Government.

[Register](#)

These constitutional law experts will review an accelerated timeline of the federal and state events that restricted our reproductive freedoms and discuss where these freedoms may be headed next. There’s no need for you to be an expert to attend.

Please come prepared with questions to ask during the live Q&A or send your questions in advance.

[Questions](#)

## Reproductive Rights Lunch and Learn

Did you miss the April Lunch and Learn on the best communication practices for the Yes on 4 campaign?

Don't worry!

You can click to watch the recordings of all Florida LWV Lunch & Learn programs. And you don't have to watch over lunch.



[Click here for Lunch & Learn on Demand](#)

## Phone for Reproductive Rights

Join Floridians Protecting Freedom in weekly calls to invite voters to take action and support "Yes on 4" this election cycle. No experience necessary!

[Click here for Dates & More information](#)

Also note that Progress Florida has some great flyers and cards in English and Spanish about resources for pregnant Floridians. One version is directly below. Find more and print them out by clicking the Lit button below.

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## HOW TO GET AN ABORTION IN FLORIDA

**Less than 6 weeks pregnant:** A person can access an abortion in-state. (Will require 2 appts)

**More than 6 weeks pregnant:** A person may need to leave the state to get care or access [PlanCPills.org](http://PlanCPills.org) for abortion pills by mail.

- **Private chatbot:** [ChatWithCharley.org](http://ChatWithCharley.org)
- **Locate a provider:** [INeedAnA.com](http://INeedAnA.com)
- **Financial help:** [AbortionFunds.org](http://AbortionFunds.org)
- **Legal q's:** [ReproLegalHelpline.org](http://ReproLegalHelpline.org)
- **As a minor:** [TeenAbortionFlorida.com](http://TeenAbortionFlorida.com)



[Click here for Abortion Resources Lit](#)

## Nominations Open April 1 - May 30 Nominate a League Member to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame!

The Florida Women's Hall of Fame honors and remembers those women whose contributions improved the quality of life in Florida and/or the nation. With this in mind, we ask that you take time to nominate a deserving woman.

The Florida Women's Hall of Fame is located in the rotunda of the Florida Capitol building, where bronze plaques pay tribute to each member of the Hall of Fame. Digital kiosks allow visitors to engage in a more interactive experience.

Please consider nominating our local and state-wide heroines to be entered into the Hall of Fame. Nominations are open **through May 31**.

[Click here to Nominate](#)

## Join Tampa Planning Organization's Citizens Advisory Board

The Citizens Advisory Board of the Tampa Planning Organization is made up of citizen volunteers selected by TPO Board members, the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board, and the Planning Commission, plus several at-large seats representing the wonderfully diverse Hillsborough County.

There are currently five vacant at-large seats on the CAC. If you're a Hillsborough County resident with a passion for making a difference in your community -- and, let's face it, aren't all LWV members? -- this is your chance to dive into and have a say in the nitty-gritty of transportation planning. The CAC usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. You can join in person in downtown Tampa or hop on virtually.

If you're curious to see what happens at a CAC meeting before diving in, swing by or tune into a meeting. If you are ready to join now, fill out the form below.

[Application](#)

**The Air, The Air is Everywhere**

**EPC invites you  
to join us and  
“Show YOU Care -  
Luv that Air!”**

## **Clean Air Fair**

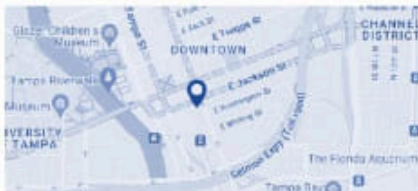
**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**Downtown Tampa | Poe Plaza  
(Franklin @ Jackson St.)**

**Luv is in the Air**

The Clean Air Fair includes:

**Environmental & Community Exhibits  
Prize Drawings & Complimentary Refreshments  
Environmental Photo Contest Exhibit  
Live Music and Free Arbor Day Plant Giveaways  
Its free to exhibit and attend!**



**Show how YOU care about  
Clean Air by posting with  
our event hashtag:  
#LuvThatAir**

**For more info see Clean Air Fair news at [epchc.org](http://epchc.org)  
Michelle Jenkins (813) 627-2600 Ext. 1271 or [jenkinsm@epchc.org](mailto:jenkinsm@epchc.org)**



# It's Basic

What happens when you give everyday people \$500-\$1,000 a month? When you implement a Guaranteed Basic Income? Watch the 2023 documentary *It's Basic* and find out. Better yet, attend this showing on **May 2** at 6:00 and the discussion afterwards.

**USF STUDENT PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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CLEVELAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OFFICIAL SELECTION

2023 Global Peace Film Festival Official Selection

OFFICIAL SELECTION MIDDLEBURY NEW FILMMAKERS FESTIVAL 2023

WINNER BEST DOCUMENTARY DTLA FILM FESTIVAL 2023

OFFICIAL SELECTION DTLA FILM FESTIVAL 2023

**it's basic**

from executive producer **Michael Tubbs** a film by **Marc Levin**

Marc Levin, Daphne Pinkerson, Michael Tubbs, Aurille Akers, John Maidman, Allen Dobbins, Kara-Kwan Maldeen, Elizabeth Sebring, MA, EA, Robert Brooks, Daniel Leresque, Kimberly A. Millie, it'sbasicdocumentary.com, #ITD, @itdbackproductions, ALPHEA PRODUCTIONS

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**THURSDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM**  
FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A

SCAN ME

Register here!

**THE OVAL THEATER @ USF MARSHALL STUDENT CENTER**  
**4202 E FOWLER AVE**  
**(ON USF CEDAR CIRCLE)**  
**TAMPA, FL 33620**

**Across the Great Divide**

How do we forge a peaceful path forward through America's cultural divide? In the final program of Florida Humanities' Spring [Democracy Reignited](#) series, international experts from [Resetting the Table](#) share how to quell increasingly dangerous divisions in the U.S.

In this virtual conversation, the organization will screening "Purple", a short film that uncovers the humanity beneath our national conflict. A conversation with organization members will follow. Join in at 7:00 pm on **May 2**.

[More](#)

## 1000 Friends of Florida Legislative Wrap-Up

Sometimes it seems as if the Florida environment has only 1000 friends and none of them sits in the Florida Legislature. But sometimes there are victories.

The last of a four-part online seminar series on Planning to Protect the Florida Wildlife Corridor will be presented **May 1** 12p-2p by the University of Florida Center for Landscape Conservation Planning and 1000 Friends of Florida.

[More](#)

## Black Voices in the Humanities

On **May 8**, from 6:30-8:00, Florida Humanities presents the third and last program of the series "Sit A Spell Conversation X Pa'Lante: Black Voices in the Humanities." This program features Dr. Vincent Adejumo of the University of Florida, whose work encompasses a practical approach to unearthing sustainable solutions to the problems that Blacks encounter on a daily basis. Dr. Adejumo will share stories from his experiences as a scholar who specializes in African American Studies, and teaches courses such as The Wire, Mentoring At-Risk Youth, Black Wall Street, and Black Masculinity. He will also encourage attendees to consider how to center the African American experience in the United States in our dialogues, community, and education.

[More](#)



## Performing Arts



Fly Away Home at LAB Theater \*\*\*\*\*  
through May 19

\*\*\*\*\* If I Cry, Tampa City Ballet, at the Straz  
May 4 and 5

Mother's Day Brunch at the the Straz \*\*\*\*\*  
May 12

\*\*\*\*\* Kathy Griffin at the Straz  
May 16

Arts & Mind Village Conversation at the Straz \*\*\*\*\*  
May 22

\*\*\*\*\* Visions of the Arts at the Straz  
May 23

A BIPOC play-reading series at the Straz \*\*\*\*\*  
May 26

\*\*\*\*\* Tampa Repertory Theatre presents *Next to Normal*  
starting May 30

Click on the asterisks to learn more.



Café con Tampa brings together community activists every Friday morning at 8:00, at the downtown Portico, for breakfast, community announcements, networking, and a talk. The subject on **May 3** is "The Science of HOPE: How You Can Advance The Health And Well-being of Children And Families in Your Community." The speaker is Nikki Daniels, Associate Director, Champions for Children.

No topic is off limits at Café con Tampa whose founders describe the forum as a place for insightful conversations.

More

## OLLI

OLLI's Summer Open House is **May 8** and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Daniel Ruth is the speaker. He will assess the contemporary political, cultural, and social landscape in his inimitable presentation. Register for the free event below.

### Open House

Classes starting in May include:

The Impact of Fatherlessness on Children [\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

"I Don't Belong Anywhere Anyway": Foster Care and Juvenile Delinquency [\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

Camp Life and the Spanish-American War [\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

Case Studies in Democracy [\\*\\*\\*\\*](#).

Putin, Oppenheimer, and Samuel Adams: Their Scientific, Political, and Military Perspective [\\*\\*\\*\\*](#).

Great Decisions Summer 2024: Foreign Policy Discussion Group [\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

Talkin' Politics: A Casual Forum on Current Affairs [\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

Guess which of the above is taught by HCLWV member Ron Weaver. For the answer or for other information about OLLI, click below. For information about the classes listed above, click on the asterisks.



## Walk Bike Tampa

Walk Bike Tampa and Pedal Power Promoters will celebrate National Bike Month on **May 16** from 5:30 to 7 pm in the Tampa International Airport special event space, in view of Phoebe the Flamingo. Included is a tour of Tampa International Airport's new LEED-certified office building. Click on the logo for details and registration.



## Tampa Bay History Center

Going on at TBHC this month:

- Downtown Tampa Walking Tour
- Ybor City Walking Tour
- Central Avenue Walking Tour
- West Tampa Walking Tour
- Riverfront History Tour Boatride
- Book discussion on *The Reformatory: A Novel*
- Sangria and Stories: Florida in the 1920's
- Tampa Emancipation Day Celebrations
- Living History: The Rough Riders
- Gallery Tours

Click on logo below for more information.



## NAACP Hillsborough

Monthly meetings are usually the third Thursday of the month. Click the logo for more information.



Hillsborough County residents are in the Tampa Bay Sierra Club. The Tampa Bay Club has regular weekend outings and usually meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Learn more about the meetings, outings, and additional events below.



Catch the **May 8** zoom with nature photographer Benjamin Dimmitt whose work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. He will be talking about the shocking effects of sea level rise on the Chassahowitzka Wildlife Refuge. He hopes that his research will help prevent future habitat loss.

## Tampa Bay

Pasco County residents can join either the Tampa Bay Sierra Club or the Suncoast Sierra Club! Both clubs are active. See above for Tampa Bay Sierra Club info.

The Suncoast Sierra Club usually meets the third Tuesday of each month. They also have regular outings and events. See more below.

## Suncoast

### Pints of Science

Pints of Science is a free lecture series at the New World Brewery, 810 Skagway Ave., Tampa. On **May 8**, at 7 pm, three esteemed area scientists will share their current projects and passions during individual 20-minute segments, followed by a Q&A session.

The speakers include David J. Karlen, Ph.D, Senior Environmental Scientist Water Management Division, Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, who will give 'A Worms Eye View of Tampa Bay: What sediment invertebrates tell us about the health of our bay.'

In addition, Nicole Fortenberry will demystify vaccines and Rachel Gilmore will discuss how table-top role-playing games can be used in group therapy.

This event is free. The New World food and beverage menu will be available..

RSVP

### Pasco Pack a Sack; Quarters for Kids

The Pack a Sack program plays a crucial role by providing weekend meals to over 1,500 students in Pasco County. Participation in this fundraising event will directly contribute

to ensuring that these students have access to nutritious meals when they need them the most.

The **May 10** Quarter Auction benefit for Pack a Sack will be at the Seven Springs Golf & Country Club.

Quarter Auction is a cross between a live auction and bingo. It's a family game night. Admission price includes a numbered paddle for bidding on over 50 items and free refreshments. When an item comes up that you want, simply hold up your paddle and toss in a quarter. If your number is called, you win the item. Grab your friends and family and bring lots and lots of quarters for an evening of fun!

[Tickets](#)

## Waste Not, Want Not

The City of Tampa Solid Waste Department is hosting a community meeting to discuss proposed rate adjustments due to the increased costs over the last decade. The City says that an adjustment to the solid waste rates will allow the department to maintain current levels of service, provide financial stability, and make the investments needed to ensure that the waste disposal and collection needs of Tampa's residents and businesses are provided for now and in the future.

If you have thoughts, qualms, or questions, attend the **May 6** meeting at the Jan Platt Library.

[More](#)

## State of Tampa's Downtown

Tampa Downtown Partnership's 2024 State of Tampa's Downtown event is on **May 7** at the Marriott Tampa Water Street. The morning begins with networking, followed by breakfast and a long list of speakers on topics concerning Tampa's Downtown.

[More](#)

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*Upcoming Member Meetings*

May 1, 9-10 am, Monthly Issues Update Meeting. Register [here](#).

May 5, 2-3 pm, Sunday Speaker at Voices and Votes exhibit, Sulphur Springs Museum. Dr. Philip Levy will speak on "The Act that Ruined America, and How to Fix It." <https://www.sulphurspringsmuseum.org/upcoming-events>

May 6, 6-7 pm, Monthly Issues Update Meeting (repeat). Register [here](#).

May 18, 10:30-1:00, Annual Meeting, Seminole Heights Library.

May 19, 2-3 pm, Sunday Speaker at Voices and Votes exhibit, Sulphur Springs Museum. Dr. Elizabeth Aranda will speak on "Contemporary Challenges to Im/migrant Rights." <https://www.sulphurspringsmuseum.org/upcoming-events>

May 21, 1-2:30 pm, Monthly Voter Protection Meeting. Email [voterprotection@hclwv.org](mailto:voterprotection@hclwv.org) for more information and the link.

Check the League's website [calendar of events](#) throughout the month for new meetings and events.

Want to know what's coming up? You can now subscribe to our HCLWV Events Calendar so our events show up on your online calendar! Find the subscribe link just below the calendar heading [here](#).

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