

The VOTER *September 2024*

Happy Labor Day weekend! I want to take a quick moment to thank our members who have been staffing voter information tables at Goodwill locations and at USF. All of the events were successes and as expected, we found voters who needed our help with these common issues:



- thought they were set up for VBM but did not receive ballots for the August election.
- needed to change their addresses and/or look up their polling locations.
- were not registered (more common at USF than Goodwill) or thought they weren't eligible (common from NPA voters regarding the Aug election).

Please take a look at the signups below. We still need quite a bit of help for National Registration Day since we will be celebrating this civic holiday at four campuses in Hillsborough and four campuses in Pasco. We will be doing a Voter Services Mini-training on staffing tables like these at our Monthly Member Issues Update Meeting on Wednesday, September 4 at 6p m. [Register here for the virtual meeting.](#)

Also important, please note the Hot Topic presentation on Misinformation and AI in Elections. Our Voter Protection Committee has been working hard on this for months. As you can see, we are partnering with USF and expect to get a large student turnout, but would love to see our members there as well!

Past the upcoming events you will find all the important voting information that we hope to share widely in the community over the coming weeks, including upcoming candidate forums, Vote411 and VBM reminders, amendments information for all 6 and specifically for Amendment 4.

All of the events, including upcoming Amendment 4 support opportunities are on our [website](#) on the events page. And as usual, please reach out to president@hcwlv.org if you have any questions or suggestions.

Volunteer to Register Voters

Get Out the Vote! Sign up to Volunteer at These Tabling Events!

We need your help to staff league tables at **National Voter Registration Day!**

Provide Election Info and Voter Registration Assistance on Campuses

- HCC Brandon, National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 17, [details](#)
- HCC Dale Mabry, National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 17; Congress to Campus, October 1, [details](#)
- HCC Ybor, National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 17; Congress to Campus, Oct. 2, [details](#)
- Pasco County Events, [details](#)

Or at Goodwill locations:

- [Goodwill signup details](#)

To volunteer at a table, you must pass a simple certification quiz provided by the Florida LWV. Click on the link below to go to our website to get certified. If you're not sure if you've done this, you can check the list through the link below or you can simply take it again as a refresher.

[Get Certified](#)

Join us for this Hot Topic Presentation!

**SECURING THE VOTE:
EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND THE
INTEGRITY OF AMERICAN ELECTIONS**

DEMOCRACY & CITIZENSHIP
SPEAKERS SERIES

**Presented by The USF College of Arts and
Sciences Democracy and Citizenship**

**September 19, 2024
6:30PM - 8:00PM
CWY – Second Floor, Auditorium
12303 USF Genshaft Drive
Tampa, FL 33620**

*Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of
Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, the Center for
Sustainable Democracy, and the Humanities Institute*

How might emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, as well as everyday digital and social media platforms, present challenges to and opportunities for the integrity of American elections? In a sea of information, detecting what content is correct, incorrect, and manipulated can be a difficult task. Feeling empowered to vote and confident in the integrity of American elections requires understanding the information available to each of us. How we can prepare to be better content consumers and decision-makers this election season?

Join a conversation moderated by journalist Briona Arradondo of Fox 13 Tampa Bay and featuring Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections Craig Latimer, political analyst and USF Professor Emerita Dr. Susan MacManus, Director of the USF Center for Sustainable Democracy Dr. Joshua Scacco, and Dennis Mont’Ros with the USF Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement.

Register Now

**Celebration of Life - Caryle Cammisa
October 5 - 2PM**



Join us to celebrate the life of Caryle Cammisa!
Family and friends will gather in the butterfly garden where her commemorative bench has been completed at Ridgewood Park (2200 N Glenwood Dr, Tampa).

[Click here for more details and to RSVP.](https://fb.me/2koFFFOzzdR74hw)

World Car-Free Day September 22 - 9AM - 2PM

World Car-Free Day

Walk Bike Tampa and the City of Tampa are co-sponsoring Tampa's second annual World Car-Free Day on **Sept. 22, 9 am-2 pm**. World Car-Free Day is a global event designed to showcase how our cities might look, feel, sound, and smell without a car, demonstrating the benefits of a healthier and safer environment.

In Tampa, three activation zones will be connected by a bike-friendly route: Midtown, Downtown, and Ybor City. Each zone includes special events, raffles, food trucks, and more.

Partner organizations include Tampa Downtown Partnership, Westshore Alliance, Pedal Power Promoters, and Sidewalk Stompers. For more information, visit [WalkBikeTampa](http://WalkBikeTampa.com).



Tampa's first Kidical Mass bike ride will also



KIDICAL MASS RIDE

TAMPA KIDS AND FAMILIES

JOIN THE RIDE ON WORLD CAR FREE DAY TAMPA!

TAMPA'S FIRST EVER KIDICAL MASS RIDE

Join the competition to set a record for the biggest and best kids' bike ride in Tampa history.

- Who: Kids 0-18 and their families and friends
- When: September 22nd, 10:30a.m.
- Where: Gasparilla Plaza at Poe Garage on Cass Street.
- What: Arrive ready to ride bikes or scooters for this half-mile route! Wear your school shirt. The school with most riders will win the competition.

REGISTER HERE OR
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.WALKBIKETAMPA.ORG/CARFREEDAYTAMPA TO REGISTER FOR THE RIDE!



take place on World Car-Free Day,
September 22, at 10:30 am.

Register now to bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors on the largest kids' group ride through downtown Tampa, from the Poe Garage to Perry Harvey Park. Hosted by Sidewalk Stompers.

Affordable Energy Community Discussion September 10 - 6:30PM




AFFORDABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY EVENT

hosted by the




Hillsborough Affordable Energy Coalition

Food & Water Watch is hosting an Affordable Energy Community Event on **Tuesday, Sept. 10th at 6:30 pm** at Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library.

There will be an expert panel and a workshop with the community. Please bring friends and family. Pizza will be

Join the Hillsborough Affordable Energy Coalition for our Community Event, where we will be educating the public on our local energy burden and how you can get involved! Free pizza available to all guests, and a small gift for the first 100 people at the event!

when: Tuesday, September 10th 6:30-8:30pm  @haecoalition
where: Jimmie B. Keel Library ; 2902 W Berrys Ave, Tampa, FL, 33618

served. The first 100 people will get a gift.

RSVP here.

Every Vote Matters

If you were paying attention to the primary election results, you might have noticed these two races:

1. In St. Lucie County, a race to be the Republican nominee for supervisor of elections ended with the two candidates separated by just two votes out of more than 25,000 cast.
2. In Orange County, in a commission district that reaches from some of Orlando's biggest bedroom communities to Walt Disney World, a contest between an environmental attorney and an anti-abortion activist also ended with the candidates separated by just two votes. This time out of more than 28,000 cast. Because a write-in candidate siphoned off 15 votes in that race, the two main contenders are heading into a November runoff.

If people tell you that their individual votes don't matter, disagree.

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.

- **Candidate Meet & Greet at Heritage Park Community Center, 5401 Land O Lakes Blvd., Friday, September 20, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, hosted by the Pasco Action Group of the League of Women Voters of Hillsborough and Pasco Counties.**
- Ben Braver, candidate for FL Senate District 23, is hosting weekly town halls at Cafe Zorba at 5804 Grand Oro Lane, unit 102, in Wesley Chapel and invites other candidates to join him. It's 7-9 pm each Saturday. Find out more at

candidates to join him. It's 7-7 pm each Saturday. Find out more at [BenBraver.org](https://benbraver.org).

- Tiger Bay has invited all candidates for Clerk of Court and Supervisor of Elections to its **September 20** luncheon. Details and tickets at <https://tigerbayclub.com/>.

If you hear of other candidate forums between now and November, please, please send the information to president@hclwv.org and voter@hclwv.org.

Become a Voting Concierge

The Voter Concierge Corps is an elite fleet of passionate volunteers helping Floridians vote in the upcoming primary. You can become one. Concierges provide personalized ballot research and voting guides to make civic participation simple and fun.

Made up of a special group of League of Women Voters of Florida members and supported by the Center for Artistic Activism and Playscapades, the Voter Concierge Corps will support hundreds of voters in going to the polls confidently this year.

Sign Up

Vote by Mail

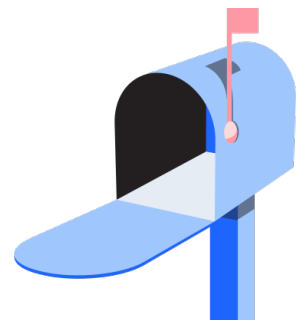
Due to Florida Senate Bill 90 (2021), all registered Florida voters who want to vote by mail in 2024 must submit a **NEW** vote-by-mail ballot request to their county Supervisor of Elections!

www.votehillsborough.gov or www.pascovotes.gov!

Also, LWVFL has created a toolkit with League branded assets to help spread the word about this. **Please utilize this kit within your own networks.**

[Click here to access our Florida Vote-by-Mail Reset Social Media Toolkit in English.](#)

[Click here to access our Florida Vote-by-Mail Reset Social Media Toolkit in Spanish.](#)



[CLICK here](#) to access our **FLORIDA VOTE-BY-MAIL RESET SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT IN SPANISH**.



Promote [Vote411.org](#) for the Primary Election!

The League's **Vote411 Voter Guide** to November's elections will be LIVE before Vote-by-Mail ballots hit mailboxes. Type in your address to find the races on your ballot. The guide includes candidates' responses to questions related to the offices they are seeking and links to their campaign websites.

We're asking for your help in several ways.

- **USE the Voter Guide!**
- **SHARE the link** with your friends, neighbors and colleagues.
- **LIKE AND SHARE** our social media posts about VOTE411.
- **ASK candidates** to participate!

We would appreciate all members assisting in informing the public about this non-partisan voter guide. Email president@hclwv.org if you would like a Vote411 yard sign.



2024 General Election Voting Dates

The deadline for registering to vote in the November elections or changing registrations is Oct. 7. Please remind your friends and family!

The Hillsborough Supervisor of Elections:

Email: voter@votehillsborough.gov

Phone: (813) 744-5900 or (888) 297-5843

Website: www.votehillsborough.gov

The Pasco SOE:

Email: webcomment@pascovotes.gov



Phone: (800) 851-8754

Website: www.pascovotes.gov

The Many Amendments

Find out yourself and then tell others about all six amendments on November's ballot through the LWV-FL Speaker's Bureau presentation, "**DECISION 2024 - Voter's Guide to the Six Amendments on Florida's General Election Ballot.**" Access it [here](#), quite a ways down the page.

If you are interested in joining our Speaker's Bureau or if you would like to organize an event for a speaker to present the amendments to a group, please contact president@hclwv.org.

For nonpartisan information about the amendments, see the [four-page summary](#) or the [two-page summary](#).

Women's Health is on the Ballot

[Floridians Protecting Freedom](#) has been working tirelessly to ensure that every Floridian knows the truth about Amendment 4! If you'd like to get involved, here are some ways:

If you'd like to volunteer, click [volunteer](#) and/or check out the opportunities on our HCLWV [calendar](#). Note that there is a training session on **Sept. 7**.

If you'd like a packet of postcards to write and send, click [postcard](#).

If you'd like to attend events, click [events](#).

For stickers, signs, shirts, and more in English and Spanish, click [shop](#).

This is not just about abortions; this is about basic health care for women and girls.

Time on Your Hands?

If you want to volunteer for a League event but can't find your newsletter with the details, you can locate that information on our website. Log into your account at

<https://hclwv.org/member-log-in/#myaccount> and look for the "Member Opportunities" listing in the Members Only area. The page includes tabling events, speaking engagements, and other related information. If you have an event to add, please email communications@hclwv.org with the details. If you have an event you'd like to organize, contact president@hclwv.org.

Don't Lose Your House

Grifters are scamming people out of their homes. Don't lose yours. The Hillsborough County Clerk of Court recommends signing up at [Property-Fraud-Alert](#) in case anyone tries to claim your property as his/hers/theirs. In Pasco, sign up for alerts at [Pasco/Property-Fraud-Alerts](#).

Two Good Soles

Click [here](#) for more information on Pasco County's 2024 back-to-school shoe drive, which ends on Oct. 23. Children's shoes, adult shoes, and socks of all sizes are sought. No flip-flops please.

Business in Pasco County

If you wish to do business with the Pasco County government, click [here](#).



**Democracy Reignited Returns with a Conversation on
Childhood Friends on Opposite Sides of the Political Aisle**

Sept. 19, at 7 pm by Zoom

Berny Jacques and Geston Pierre are both children of Haitian political refugees. Both families fled political instability that put their lives at risk. However, despite their friendship and shared story, both men have reached very different conclusions about politics and social issues in the United States today. Both love their country, but for these dear friends, that's where the agreement ends.

Join the Village Square and **Florida Humanities** for a virtual conversation about how our country can learn from these two "frenemies." [Register](#).

**SpeakOUT: Intersections of
LGBTQ Identity and Literature/Law
September 26, 7-9 pm**

OUT Arts and Culture presents Intersections of LGBTQ Identity and Literature/Law, the second panel discussion in the 2024-2025 SpeakOUT series. This discussion is co-sponsored by Stetson College of Law and highlights the impacts of recent legislation limiting accessibility in Florida's public schools to books, materials, and curricula that are judged to have LGBTQ+ content.

This will be held at the Stetson campus in Gulfport. Event [Registration](#).

NAACP Annual Dinner

Come to the 2024 NAACP Hillsborough County Freedom Fund Dinner on **Sept. 28** at 6 pm. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Daniel Black, author and African American Studies professor at Clark Atlanta University. He might have a thing or two to say about our state. More details [here](#).



The Arts



Through Aug. 10, 2025. *Jennifer Steinkamp: Madame Curie* celebrates two female trailblazers while inaugurating the new multi-media gallery.

[Tampa Museum of Art](#)

Through March 15. Suchitra Mattai: *Bodies and Souls* uses materials familiar to Mattai - vintage saris, bindis and beading, and Hindu relics - to reclaim history and give prominence to voices silenced or ignored throughout time.

[Tampa Museum of Art](#)

Sept. 4-29. POTUS Or Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive.

[Jobsite](#)

Sept. 27-Oct. 13. *What the Constitution Means to Me.* Fifteen-year-old Heidi paid her college tuition by speaking in debate competitions; now older, she tells the story of extraordinary women in her family whose lives were shaped by the Constitution.

[Stageworks](#)

On now. *Meddling: The Women Who Built St. Pete.* Women have always had a hand in the development of St. Petersburg. Referred to as "meddling" by historians for stepping out of gender norms and into male-dominated spaces, these women were politicians, civic leaders, educators, real estate developers, business owners and more.

[St. Pete History Museum.](#)

September. Check out one-time and reoccurring events -- cabaret, social justice arts programming, book discussions, art exhibits, and more. [The Studio@620.](#)

Sept. 5-22 or Sweden 1889? In *Per*, Per Nilsson collaborates with his mother in the murder of his wife. Per must now struggle with the ghosts that torment him every night.

[LAB Theater Project](#)

Sept. 11, *The Guys.* After 9/11, Joan (Roz Potenza), an editor, is asking herself "what can I possibly do?" Then, she meets Nick (Paul Potenza), an FDNY captain who lost most of his men in the attack. He needs someone with the tools to help him craft the eulogies. [Jobsite.](#)

Through Nov. 17, Photo Ybor: Then and Now. See new images of the sites photographed a century ago by the Burgert Brothers.

[FMOPA.](#)

Aug. 6-Sept. 15, *TutuTango: A Photographic Ballet in Four Acts*. A testament to the power of art to connect, move, and provoke thought, even in the face of separation.

[FMoPA](#).

September 20-21 for *Right Before I Go*, a poignant play narrated by writer Stan Zimmerman. The performance illuminates the final messages of those lost to suicide - ranging from celebrities and veterans to bullied youth, and LGBTQ individuals. But this evening is a celebration of hope and resilience, reminding us that even in the darkest moments, there is always a glimmer of light.

[Powerstories](#)

Through Jan. 19: *Icons & Symbols of the Borderland: Art from the U.S.-Mexico Crossroads* highlights the unique culture and rich tradition of the border region. Themes such as environment, borders, foodways, and the sacred and profane are highlighted.

[James Museum](#)

OLLI

OLLI invites you to attend the Fall Open House on Thursday, **Sept. 12**. The keynote speaker will be Artificial Intelligence expert John Licato, an associate professor of Computer Science and Engineering at USF. His topic will be "Artificial Intelligence Promises and Pitfalls." The Open House will highlight some of the 140 classes offered this fall. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Classes starting in September include:

- Current Wars of the U.S.;
- Pundits, Polls, and Politics: the 2024 Elections;
- Terrorism, History, Theory, and Evidence;
- Women Explorers

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- Politics of the 2024 Elections and the State of the Presidency;
- Racial History of Florida, by LWV member Ron Weaver!;
- The Dreyfus Affair;
- Talkin' Politics: A Casual Forum on Current Affairs;
- Great Decisions 2024: Foreign Policy Discussion Group;
- Ukraine vs. Russia: Deep Historical Roots and the Reality of Today;
- Introduction to the Holocaust;
- Tampa Navigates Prohibition Laws and Loopholes; and
- Women in Medicine.

There truly is something for everyone, if you care about politics and history.

Also check out the Friday lecture series for one-hour, one-time presentations. The two topics in September are artificial intelligence and life lessons from a Catholic nun.

To register for classes or for more information, click on the USF logo below.

Are there any LWV members teaching this fall? Please write voter@hclwv.org



Tampa Bay History Center

Going on at TBHC this month:

- Walking tours on Central Avenue, in downtown Tampa, and in Ybor City;
- Gallery tours;
- A Florida Conversation on the Tampa Bay estuary and its people;
- *History as a Joke: Football in Tampa*; Comedian Matt Fernandez and historians review the history of football in Tampa;
- Florida Inventors Hall of Fame inductee discusses his self-guided missile technology and its applications in medicine and communications; and
- the aforementioned OLLI talk on prohibition.

Click on logo below for more information.





Café con Tampa's next speakers have been announced unusually early:

Sept. 6: State Attorney Andrew Warren on the importance of conviction review.

Sept. 13: Congresswoman Kathy Castor.

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

[More](#)



The Sierra Club has been a good partner to the HCLWV and has regular outings and events.

Hillsborough residents may join the local Tampa Bay Club. The Suncoast Club now has a Pasco County committee. Both clubs are active outdoors. The Suncoast Club is also active in social justice issues.

On **Sept. 11**, there will be a discussion of water conservation hosted by the Tampa Bay Group. The Tampa Bay Group's Conservation Committee meets on the **second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm**. Email [here](#) for details.

The Suncoast Club's political committee usually meets on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm** at the Barbara S. Ponce Library in Pinellas Park. General membership meetings are usually the **3rd Tuesday**. For information about the Suncoast Club's outings, meetings, and activism, click [here](#).

Tiger Bay

All candidates for Clerk of Court and Supervisor of Elections have been invited to participate in Tiger Bay's Sept. 20 lunch.

Pet the tiger to register. Doors open at 11:30 and the program starts at 12.



See the Sun!



Upcoming Member Meetings

Sept. 4, 6-7 pm, Monthly Issues Update Meeting. [Details](#)

Sept. 5, 6:30-7:30 pm, DEI & Social Action monthly zoom. [Details](#).

Sept. 12, 11-1 pm, Voter Protection monthly zoom. [Details](#).

Sept. 16, 12-1 pm, Monthly Board meeting. [Details](#).

Sept. 19, 6:30-8 pm, Securing the Vote Hot Topic Event at USF. [Details](#).

Sept. 22, 9 am - 2 pm, World Car-Free Day. [Details](#).

All month, Yes on 4 events. Our [calendar](#).

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