



The VOTER *October 2024*

The Tampa Bay area is reeling from the damage done by Hurricane Helene. Many of us are helping family and friends sort through flooded belongings and/or are cleaning up the never-ending storm debris. If you were impacted and need help, please reach out. But before there was Helene, our September was amazing. We provided voting information at seven colleges for National Voter Registration Day.



We had five successful events at USF alone, but also visited three HCC campuses, two Pasco Hernando State College campuses, and St. Leo's. We have given the 2024 Amendments presentation for seven organizations plus on WRMF's Wavemakers show last week and have many more events in the coming weeks.

Please look for these items below:

- Volunteers needed for two last minute requests for voter information tables
- Caryle Cammisa's Celebration of Life - this Saturday October 5!!
- Amendment 4 signs now available - get yours today!
- All information about voting that we all need to be sharing widely, including the League Voter Guide!

Please reach out to president@hcwlv.org if you have any questions or suggestions.

Volunteer to Get out the Vote!

Sign up to Help at Events this Week!

The deadline for registering to vote is **Oct. 7** and we need your help to staff league tables before that!

- Metropolitan Community Church, Oct 2, 11:30 am - 2 pm, [details and sign-up](#)
- Moms Demand Action, [details and sign-up](#)

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.

Get Certified

Celebration of Life - Caryle Cammisa October 5 at 2 pm



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.

We will meet at Ridgewood Park Butterfly Garden this Saturday at 2 pm and then head nearby to continue to celebrate Caryle while we eat and drink.

Please email president@hclwv.org or call/text Teresa at 813-787-7328 if you are planning to attend.

Click [here](#) for more details.

Amendment 4 Signs Available!

VOTE November 5th
YES ON 4
Limit Government Interference with Abortion

yes4florida.com

Paid political advertisement paid for by League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 18933, Tampa, FL 33679

Are you looking for an Amendment 4 Sign? We just picked up our order today and several members have offered to help distribute. We are asking for a \$5-\$10 donation per sign to cover our costs. Donations can be made here:

<https://hclwv.org/membership/donate/#!/form/Donations>

Hillsborough Schools Referendum Info Sessions

HCCPTA

MILLAGE REFERENDUM INFO SESSIONS

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

10/2 @ 12PM & 8PM
10/16 @ 12PM & 8PM
10/30 @ 12PM & 8PM

Join HCCPTA and School Board Member Nadia Combs for an informative session about the proposed millage referendum on the November ballot. Get your questions answered to make an informed decision.

Learn how the proposed millage referendum impacts our schools, teachers and community. Join Hillsborough County PTA and School Board Member Nadia Combs to get all the details, ask questions, and make an informed decision!

Session Dates:

October 2 12PM & 8PM

6 sessions to choose from!

REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/VIRTUALINFOREG](https://bit.ly/virtualinfoREG)

October 16 12PM & 8PM

October 30 12PM & 8PM

Register here!

The Many Amendments

HEAR A SPEAKER
FROM THE LEAGUE
OF WOMEN VOTERS
EXPLAIN WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

'DECISION
2024'



Decision 2024

Encourage the organizations (religious, social, professional) you are a member of to ask for our "Decision 2024" presentation. It explains the 6 amendments on the Nov. 5 ballot, so everyone can make an informed decision.

Send an email to speakersbureau@hclwv.org with the name of the organization, contact person, and preferred date, time and location.



We can provide a presentation in person or via Zoom.



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

Request a Presentation

The LWV Voter Guide is now Available

The Florida League's 2024 Nonpartisan Voter Guide is on its way to Leagues across Florida to share with our communities! Our league will have hard copies and will be bringing them to all of our speaking and tabling events. If you need copies for an event or to distribute to an organization, please reach out to president@hclwv.org. We have members who have volunteered to help get them to those who need them.

Click to view this year's guide digitally in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Haitian Creole](#). It is packed with essential information to prepare Florida voters for the upcoming election season, including:

- A comprehensive breakdown of the six Florida constitutional amendments on this year's ballot;
- Information on U.S. Senate candidates and the state Supreme Court Judges who are up for retention;
- A summary of key changes to voting since the 2020 and 2022 elections;
- Guidance on recognizing and combating the dangers of mis- and dis-information; and
- Detailed information about the statewide candidates Floridians will be voting for this November

This resource is designed to help voters feel confident and prepared when they cast their ballots in this critical election.

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.

- 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 BenBraver.org.
- Tiger Bay, Oct. 18, the pros and cons of Amendment 3. 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 Voter Concierge

Help hundreds of Floridians vote with confidence this primary season! The Voter Concierge Corps provides personalized ballot research, shareable voting guides, and one-

Concierge Corps provides personalized ballot research, shareable voting guides, and one-on-one help to make civic participation simple and fun. Made up 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.

To become a Concierge, attend a training session OR watch the recording, and then take the open book [Eligibility Quiz](#). All the answers for the quiz should be in the materials on the [resources](#) page. Next training session is today, October 1, at 6pm. [Click here to register](#).

Once you get 100% on the quiz, you are:

- Automatically accepted into the program - congratulations!
- Directed to a brief form to fill out where you share your availability and a bit of other information we need to get you set up.

After that, it's as easy as 1-2-3:

- The Center for Artistic Activism team will make each Concierge a profile on an easy-to-use scheduling site.
- They will pair you with another Concierge so you can practice your skills on each other.
- And then you'll be ready to offer your services to Floridians state-wide!

People really need to feel better about voting these days and to understand what is an unnecessarily complex civic process. **You as a Concierge can make all the difference!** [Click on the logo below to 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! VBM requests should be submitted to the SOE no later than two weeks ahead of time. Go to [www.fl.gov](#)



www.votehillsborough.gov or www.pascovotes.gov in our area. 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.](#)

Promotional Tool Kit for VOTE411

LWVFL has a toolkit designed to help local Leagues promote VOTE411.org, the League's go-to resource for all things voting!

This comprehensive toolkit includes everything you need to spread the word: eye-catching images and captions for social media, complete with pre-written ALT text for accessibility, ready-to-use PSA scripts, shareable PSA videos, and key talking points to inform and inspire voters about the power of VOTE411.

Help ensure every voter has the information needed to cast a ballot with confidence! Click on the logo below to sign up.



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!

Early voting in Hillsborough County is 7 am to 7 pm, **Oct. 21-Nov. 3**.

Early voting in Pasco County is 7 am to 7 pm, **Oct. 21-Nov. 2**.

On **Election Day, Nov. 5**, polls are open 7 am to 7 pm.

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

Take Action for Amendment 4

- [Sign up for a nearby upcoming volunteer event](#) and stay tuned for October Super Saturday events.
 - To phonebank virtually from anywhere, [sign up for Thursday night volunteering](#).
 - For a printable partial sheet flyer, [click here](#).
 - [Access the map of hubs here](#). Hubs have campaign literature for pick up!
 - If you'd like a packet of postcards to write and send, click [postcard](#).
- To buy merchandise, access the [online store here](#).

Chips, Soda, and Bullets?

Over 44,000 people in America die from guns each year. And—more than cancer, more than car accidents—firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States.

But still, the gun industry is trying to make it easier to buy ammunition.

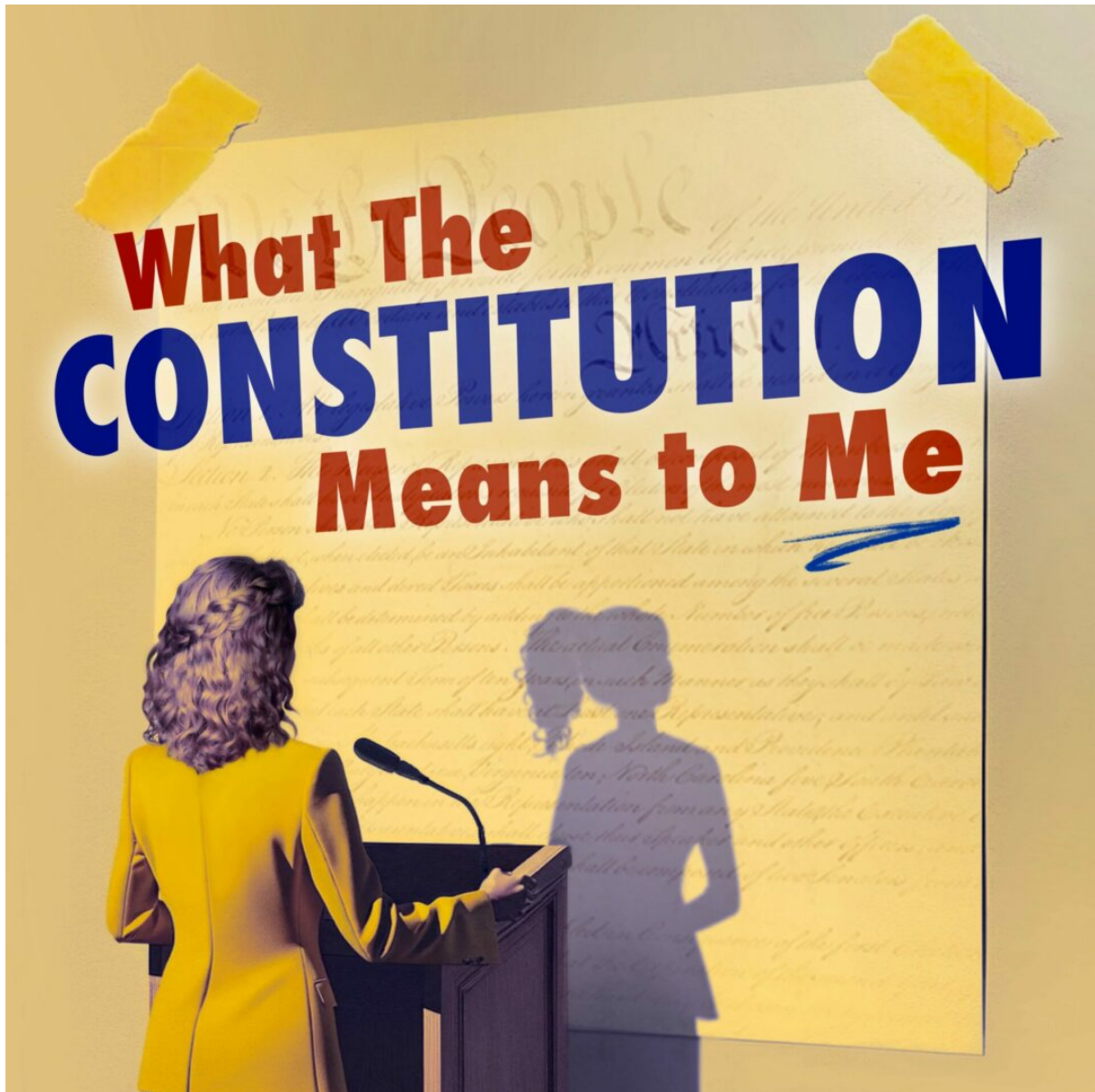
Texas based company American Rounds has recently begun placing ammo vending machines at grocery stores in Texas, Alabama, and Oklahoma—and they're hoping to expand.

Take a stand against the gun industry's "guns everywhere" agenda. Make your voice heard. **Sign the petition to say NO to ammo vending machines in your community!** **Click on bullet to sign.**





Theater



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](#)

OCTOBER 17-19

JANE:
ABORTION
AND THE
UNDERGROUND

WRITTEN BY
PAULA KAMEN

The Jane Collective

powerstories.com/jane

HIDDEN HERSTORIES... ABORTION RIGHTS

A portion of all tickets benefits



October 17 - Stageworks Theatre
October 18-19 - The Studio @620

Tickets \$25-\$100
powerstories.com/jane

Click on powerstories.com/jane for tickets and information.

Tampa Bay History Center

Going on at TBHC this month:

- Walking tours; gallery tours; a Florida Conversation on John Lewis; and Holiday Traditions in Florida and Tampa.



Click on logo at right for more information.

OLLI

So many courses starting in October. Click on the bull.



No clue who is speaking at Café con Tampa for the next three weeks, but rumor has it that Teresa Potter is speaking on Oct. 25, on the six ballot amendments. Let's show up in force!

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.

Both clubs are meeting in Phillippe Park in Safety Harbor on Sun., **Oct. 6** for a picnic and

nature walk. The Suncoast Club has a pub crawl on **Oct 13**, to raise money for owls, hawks, and raptors.

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

The conversation on **Friday, Oct. 18** will focus on Amendment 3.

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



See the Sun!



Antisemitism Presentation

The Florida Holocaust Museum presents a lecture on antisemitism on Sunday, Oct. 27. For more information, click on the link.



Upcoming Member Meetings

Oct. 2, 9-10 am, Monthly Issues Update Meeting. [Details](#)

Oct. 2, 6-7:30 pm, Vote Yes on 4 door-knocking. [Details](#)

Oct. 3, DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE.

Oct. 9, 6-7:30 pm, Vote Yes on 4 door-knocking. [Details](#)

Oct. 16, 6-7:30 pm, Vote Yes on 4 door-knocking. [Details](#)

Oct. 21, 12-1 pm, Monthly Board meeting. [Details](#)

Oct. 21-Nov. 2, 7 am to 7 pm, EARLY VOTING IN PASCO COUNTY.

Oct. 21-Nov. 3, 7 am to 7 pm, EARLY VOTING IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Oct. 23, 6-7:30 pm, Vote Yes on 4 door-knocking. [Details](#)

Oct. 30, 6-7:30 pm, Vote Yes on 4 door-knocking. [Details](#)

All month, Get Out the Vote events. Our [calendar](#).

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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