

The VOTER *November 2024*

Thank you so much to everyone who has been helping with our many events and activities leading up to next Tuesday, our final day to vote. Although we had many events impacted by storms, we gave at least 12 presentations on the amendments on the ballot, distributed 7,000 nonpartisan voter guides in three languages, and helped hundreds of voters register, change their addresses, request vote-by-mail ballots, or find vote411.org for information.



As I mentioned in my last email, we are now helping the national Election Protection coalition monitor the Canvassing Board Meetings in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties. If you can help provide coverage for the election night meeting in Pasco County, please let me know. I think we have the rest covered, but many of us are poll workers and can't help on Election Day.

Reports are that voter turnout numbers are high as compared with this date four years ago, but I know that many of you are out canvassing to ensure that the momentum continues. Please see below for last minute election details and share widely. Our next Member Issues Update Meeting will be Wednesday, December 4 at 9 am. As usual, reach out to president@hcwlv.org if you have any questions or suggestions.

I have to give a big shout-out to Elizabeth Corwin, our Editor-in-Chief of "The Voter." Am I the only one who sometimes needs to google the clever idioms and other notes that are so entertaining?

Preaching to the Converted

We vote. It's in our name. If you haven't voted, however, or know people who haven't voted, please read on.

Early voting in Hillsborough County is 7 am to 7 pm, **through Nov. 3**. For a list of early voting sites and real-time wait times in Hillsborough County, go to [Early Voting](#). To enjoy food and music while you vote on Nov. 3, check out the [NAACP's Souls to the Polls](#) events.

Early voting in Pasco County is 7 am to 7 pm, **through Nov. 2**. For a list of early voting sites and real-time waits, see [Early Voting Locations and Wait Times](#).

Mail-in ballots can be dropped off at early voting sites during early voting hours. It is too late to use the U.S. Postal Service to get the ballots to the SOE by 7:00 pm Tuesday.

On **Election Day, Nov. 5**, polls are open 7 am to 7 pm., **N.B.** on election day, mail-in

ballots are *only* accepted at the offices of the SOE. Mail-in ballots cannot be dropped off at polling places on election day.

If you still have questions:

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



Getting Out The Vote

The Center for Artistic Activism suggests the following tactics for getting out the vote.

- **Be the proof:** People love to join a team. Celebrate that you're engaged in the election and that so many people are. Encourage your communities to join you in the social fun of civic participation.
- **Be the pressure:** Create your own local actions to help people vote. Use CAA [tools](#), [reach out](#) if you have questions and tell CAA how it's all going.
- **Be the positivity:** Contribute to the good kind of noise. We always believe that the so-called "impossible" is truly possible. Imagine winning – because we have, we can, and we will.
- **Be you:** If you or someone you know is unsure about anything voting-related, [ask a Voter Concierge](#).

Amendment 4

Remember, constitutional amendments in Florida now require 60% of voters to vote yes. Join Floridians Protecting Freedom (FPF) on Super Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 am to 1 pm, at 350 W. Hillsborough Ave. in Tampa to get out more voters who are concerned about women's and girls' health care. See more here: [yes4florida/event](https://www.yes4florida.com/event).

If you are a medical doctor, join FPF in talking to Tampa voters on Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:30-2:30 pm. More here: [yes4florida/event](https://www.yes4florida.com/event).

If you are free anytime on Monday, Nov. 4, join FPF and canvass voters. It's fun. Go to [yes4florida/event](https://www.yes4florida.com/event).

Go to <https://www.mobilize.us/yes4florida/> for more and different opportunities to get out the vote on Amendment 4 throughout the Tampa Bay region. We will not go back!



It's Not All About 4

There are six amendments on the ballot in Florida. For nonpartisan information about all the amendments, see the [four-page](#) or the [two-page summary](#).

Florida Voter Guide

The Florida League's 2024 Nonpartisan Voter Guide is available. Click to view the guide in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Haitian Creole](#). It is packed with information to prepare Florida voters for the elections, 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 on this November.

Why We Do the Things We Do

LWV uses Google analytics to track how many people are coming to VOTE411 and how they interact with the website. What did the LWV find? In 2020, between January 1 and December 31, 6.1 million voters turned to VOTE411. In 2024, between January 1 and October 23, **6.2 million voters** turned to VOTE411. That means Vote411 has already surpassed the number of users from the entire 2020 cycle and still had some of its busiest days ahead!

This increase in users is due in part to all your hard work promoting and sharing VOTE411 in your communities.



Butterflies for the Beneficent

Dozens of people turned up for Caryle Cammisa's memorial service at the Ridgewood Park butterfly garden where she had spent many hours. Speakers such as the Sierra Club's Phil Compton and Walter L. Smith II testified to Caryle's ability to work with city officials on existential matters while other, such as her daughter Natalie, talked about Caryle as a friend and relative. President Teresa Potter spoke on behalf of the League. At the end, 50 butterflies were released into the park.



To further honor Caryle's memory, take a look at this [Craig Pittman](#) article before you vote: [florida-politicians](#).

Meet the New Membership Chair



A big thank you and welcome to Ida Campbell, who has agreed to become our new Membership Chair! Beginning November 1, Ida will be responsible for membership data management, new member orientation, and member event coordination.

Ida joined the League in October 2022, because the "League of Women Voters offers a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on democracy and promote civic engagement." She was elected to our Board of Directors in 2023.

A native of Tampa, Ida is a Managing Partner of Priority Title of Florida and serves as the National President of the Women's Council of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), America's oldest minority professional trade organization.

Ida is a board member of the United Negro College Fund Tampa Bay Advisory Council, where she chairs the Faith-Based Committee. She recently created and launched the UNCF First Ladies initiative which brought more than a dozen women church leaders together to learn more about the UNCF. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Hillsborough County Human Relations Board.

Ida has one daughter, a son-in-law, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Welcome, Ida, to your new role with the League!

Up, Up, and Away

This is a free family-friendly event with Nicole Stott, eARTh From Space, astronaut, artist and author, sponsored by the Friends of the Library at the Starkey Ranch theater, library, and cultural center in Odessa, Wed., Nov. 6, 6:30-9 pm.

The first person to paint a water color in space, Nicole Stott will be speaking about her two space flights and 104 days in space, as well as her art and her book, *Back to Earth*. Her book and art will be for sale after the talk. Light refreshments and a raffle will also be on hand. <https://pascolibraries> for more information.



St. Pete Reads! Lit Fest is a fun-filled day where families can meet amazing authors, join cool workshops, get books signed and discover great resources to keep reading long after the festival ends. For a complete list of offerings at the festival, visit [St. Pete Reads!](#)

This day filled with books, authors, and literary fun takes place at the Woodson African American Museum of Florida. Immerse yourself in the world of literature on **Sat. Nov. 2, 10:00-4:00.**



Florida's Bert Harris Act: Property Rights Unbalanced?

Join 1000 Friends of Florida for a deep dive into the Bert Harris Act, one of the most significant pieces of property rights legislation in Florida. Enacted in 1995, the Bert Harris Act allows private property owners to seek compensation when government regulations unfairly limit the use or value of their property. This webinar will explore the history and purpose of the Act, common misconceptions, and how it is applied in land use and development decisions today. Zoom into the discussion at Weds., Nov. 13, noon to 1:30.

[Register Now!](#)

A Twofer

Support gun safety and gay rights at the same time. On Feb. 2, Walt Lay, a much loved and proud gay man was shot and killed in his neighborhood dog park. On Nov. 12, the man who killed Walt will attempt to use Florida's Stand Your Ground law to evade justice. [Sign up](#) to join Walt's found family outside the Hillsborough County Courthouse Nov. 12, 1:30-3:00 pm.



Art



Photo Ybor: Then and Now is on view through Nov. 17. Catch the talk by Chip Wiener on Nov. 7. [FMoPA](#)

Mary Proctor: Paint the Way to Stay, showcasing the works of visionary artist Mary Proctor. [The Woodson African American Museum of Florida](#), through Dec. 17.

Suchitra Mattai: Bodies and Souls, focuses on three themes central to Mattai's practice: migration, motherland, and materiality. [Tampa Museum of Art](#), through March 16.

Jennifer Steinkamp: Madame Curie highlights the remarkable work of both women and how science transforms humanity. [Tampa Museum of Art](#), through Aug. 10.



Theater and Music



Number the Stars. Set during the German occupation of Denmark in World War II, two young women face soldiers, interrogations, fierce dogs, personal danger, the loss of loved ones, and their own fears as they try to help their friend escape across the ocean to Sweden and safety. [Think Tank Theatre for Young Audiences](#), Nov. 7-17.

Jazz with Jim. This month, The Jazz Directions will perform jazz tunes written by women. [Carrollwood Cultural Center](#), Nov. 1.

Crazy Quilts. Lisa has come to interview the neighborhood quilters club. Lisa becomes a full member of the quilters, stitching her life back together and knowing that as a member of the Crazy Quilters, she will have to pay it forward to the next new member. What is the Crazy Quilter's secret? [LAB Theater](#), Nov. 14-24.

Valerie Gillespie Jazz. [Firehouse Cultural Center](#), Ruskin, Nov. 23.

The Mountaintop. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s final night on earth. [American Stage](#), Nov. 6-24.

Mozart's Great Mass in C minor. Free concert at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. [Tampa Oratorio Singers](#), Nov. 10.

LOVE, LINDA, (The Life Of Mrs. Cole Porter), [FreeFall Theatre](#), Nov. 12-13.

Heather Land, comedienne, author, and singer, tells it like it is with sarcasm and Southern charm. [The Straz](#), Nov. 30.

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui is a witty and savage satire of the rise of Hitler - recast by Bertolt Brecht into a small-time Chicago gangster's takeover of the city's greengrocery trade. [USF Theater](#), Nov. 21-23.

Tampa Bay History Center

November Events

- Nov. 1: [Central Avenue Walking Tour \(east\)](#)
- Nov. 2: [Central Avenue Walking Tour \(west\)](#)
- Nov. 2: [History in 60: Robert Mugge](#)
- Nov. 6: [OLLI-USF: Year-Round Holiday Traditions in Florida and Tampa](#)
- Nov. 9: [Ybor City Walking Tour](#)
- Nov. 16: [Downtown Tampa Walking Tour](#)
- Nov. 16: [Oaklawn Cemetery Walking Tour](#)
- Nov. 20: [Florida Conversations: A New Perspective of V.M. Ybor and His City](#)



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Classes starting in November include the following:

- Cuba: An Island Nation of Contradictions
- The 1936 Nazi Olympics: Convergence of Athletes and Politics
- From Prejudice, to Hate, to Extermination: Germany and the Jews, 1933-1945
- Poverty and Destitution in Ancient Rome
- First Nuclear Weaponry and First Covid Vaccine, taught by LWV member Ron Weaver
- The Twisted Roles Played by Women in Nazi Germany
- The 2024 Election: Analysis

So many courses starting in November! Click on the bull.



Fri., Nov. 1, the topic is "From One Tampa Family to Another: Wright's Legacy Lives On Under Caspers" with Blake Casper and Jeff Mount. Maybe they will bring food.

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 [Tampa Bay Club](#). [The Suncoast Club](#) has a Pasco County committee. Both clubs are active outdoors. The Suncoast Club is also active in social justice issues and the Tampa Bay Club has a political committee.

The Tampa Bay Club has a zoom on protecting biodiversity on **Nov. 13** and a hike on **Nov.**

29. It is also seeking new members for its Executive Committee. The Suncoast Club is showing the movie *Bittersweet Muck* on Nov. 19. Check the websites for more events.

Tiger Bay

The discussion on Friday, Nov. 15 at noon will be a recap of the elections. Speakers TBD.

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



See the Sun!



Soul Sessions at Studio@620

Gather at Studio@620 in St. Petersburg at 7 pm on Saturday, Nov. 2, for music and storytelling in the aftermath of Helene and Milton. Click below for more information about this and other events.




Hillary Clinton Live!

Join Hillary Rodham Clinton discussing her newest book, *Something Lost, Something Gained: Reflections on Life, Love, & Liberty*. Secretary Clinton and a moderator will take the audience on a journey of unvarnished exchanges on politics, democracy, the threats we face, as well as friendship, aging, marriage, and how we can all work together to shape a future to be proud of. [Straz Center](#), Nov. 2.

Upcoming Member Meetings

Through Nov. 2, 7 am to 7 pm, EARLY VOTING IN PASCO COUNTY.

Through Nov. 3, 7 am to 7 pm, EARLY VOTING IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Nov. 5, 7 am to 7 pm, ELECTION DAY! 

Nov. 18, 12-1 pm, Monthly Board meeting. [Details](#)

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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