LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF DEERFIELD-LINCOLNSHIRE

SEPTEMBER 2026 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DEFEND DEMOCRACY DROP IN

FREEDOM TO VOTE, PROTECT THE VOTE

With news barraging everyone from a vast array of sources, it is no longer easy to know which sources of information are credible. To provide the most credible facts possible,the League of Women Voters (LWV) Deerfield/Lincolnshire recently presented a comprehensive 75- minute capsulized summary of the most important information available to illustrate how our voting rights are being undermined and what "we the people" should know to protect them.



PRESENTERS AT DEMOCRACY DROP IN FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MARY GRAMINS, LISA ZEBOVITZ, CONNEL LOEFFL, ANDI KENNEY, SHARON BORG AND SUNDAY MUELLER

The main issues include attacks on the voting process via executive orders; calls to nationalize the voting process; dissemination of disinformation to undermine voter trust in the process; the government's attempts to interfere with states' authority over their election and soliciting voter data by the Department of Justice and

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:00 PM
DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 9:00 AM
Program Committee Meeting
Zoom

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 6:30 PM
Executive Board Meeting
Zoom

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12
Voter Registration
Deerfield Public Library

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15
National Voter Registration Day

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15
Voter Registration
Belmont Village, Buffalo Grove

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 6:30 PM
Pollwatcher Training
Zoom

MONDAY, SEPT. 28 6:00 PM
Defend Democracy Drop In
Deerfield Public Library

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29
Voter Registration
Stevenson High School

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new and renewing members August 2026.

NEW MEMBERS
Linda Aronson

RENEWING MEMBERS
Therese Ehrenreich,
Seema Keshav, Barb Nathanson,
Tracey Pavlishin. Ronald Schwartz

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LWVDL Members in Action

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Post Office to use to create a national database; the attempts to pass the SAVE (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility) Act; and redrawing voter maps along party lines, including shortly before the midterm election.

The SAVE Act, which is a direct attack on American freedom to vote, is among the most troubling as it would disenfranchise a tremendous number of people and disallow them from voting. Even though someone is eligible to vote, this demands in-person registration to vote with specific documentation, not just this time but in EACH election.
As it now stands, the Save Act passed the House on February 11, 2026, but it has been stalled in the Senate with no stand-alone vote scheduled. It is still being litigated daily. If it passes before the midterms, states will be unable to implement the requirements immediately and a great deal of confusion will result.
So far, federal courts have ruled that the government cannot use the SAVE database to confirm voter eligibility and Trump cannot require proof of citizenship to vote. Federal courts also have ruled that the post office cannot refuse to deliver mail ballots. Unfortunately, the administration is still challenging these rulings in court.



A bill, introduced in June 2026, called the **Protect Our Polls Act**, was proposed to safeguard civilian-run elections by preventing unauthorized deployment of uniformed military or federal law enforcement to polling places and ensure elections remain under civilian control. This bill requires congressional approval before any military or federal agents can be deployed under the existing legal exception to repel "armed enemies of the United States." This would require the submission of intelligence, legal justification, and deployment plans to Congress at least 48 hours prior to any deployment. To protect election integrity, no funds will be allocated for these outside forces to seize ballots or voting machines and service members would be protected for refusing an illegal order to deploy to polling place or collect votes.



A variety of states, including Florida, Tennessee, Utah, and Missouri are in court over redistricting Congressional districts and gerrymandering. In July, a 25-state coalition is being challenged by a federal lawsuit by the administration to control voting. Another fight over the administration's demand for the exclusive use of paper ballots, manually audit voting systems, as well as to reconcile voters to verify citizenship for every registered voter in the state's voter databases, as well as change election systems to help the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with enforcement in order to receive FEMA funding. Similar attempts have been determined unconstitutional!



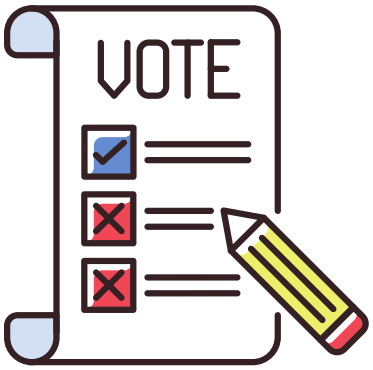
What can citizens do to stop these efforts? Study the issues by using verified, credible sources to be informed. Follow or join organizations run by the people affected by the issues. The work of justice takes time. Donate money to social justice causes you support and boycott companies that condone unethical practices. Support small and minority-owned businesses. Call your legislators. The congressional switchboard number is 202-224-3121. Sign up to work as an election judge or poll worker at elections. A shortage of people in these vital roles is a silent threat to voting as it leads to long lines on election day. Email ElectionJudge@lakecountyil.gov.

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LWVDL Voter Services

POLL WATCHER TRAINING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 6:30 PM

Poll Watchers serve an important role during elections. They observe the election process at local voting sites and are able to bring certain types of issues to the attention of the election judges or to the office of the County Clerk in real time. Conversely, they can also confirm that election processes have been carried out appropriately. They serve as the eyes of the community.



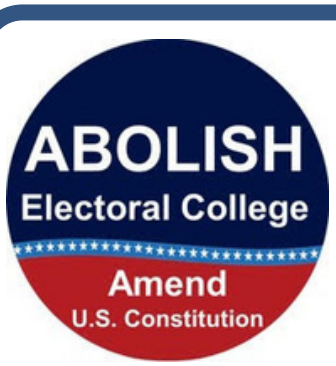
As a member of a local League of Women Voters, you can be trained as a LWV Poll Watcher by attending this online presentation on Wednesday, September 23rd via Zoom. The training, prepared by LWV of Illinois, and hosted by LWVDL includes additional information specific to Lake County, Illinois and is intended for members of local Leagues in Lake County. LWVDL members Rosemary Heilemann and Lisa Zebovitz will present. To view and download the Lake County Poll Watcher Guide, CLICK HERE Members who were trained earlier this year are not required to repeat the training, but are welcome to refresh what they have learned and share their experience. To register click the box below.

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If you cannot attend at the specified time, please contact deerfieldarealwv@gmail.com.

CIVIC EMPOWERMENT SERIES *READY SET VOTE*

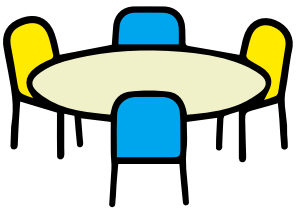
Join a dynamic panel discussion on how to become a more informed and confident voter. We bring together a librarian, an Illinois Bar Association attorney, and a representative from the League of Women Voters of Illinois to share trusted resources for researching candidates, understanding judicial elections, and navigating nonpartisan tools available to all. This moderated conversation will empower voters with practical strategies for making informed decisions at the ballot box.
This program is online on Zoom.
The Civic Empowerment Series 2026 is brought to you in partnership with Skokie Public Library, Vernon Area Public Library, Blue Island Public Library, Highland Park Public Library, Aurora Public Library District, La Grange Public Library, Fox River Valley Public Library, Algonquin Area Public Library District, and Oak Park Public Library.
This event is free and open to all. Signup is required. Sign up online here or by telephone at 224-543-1485, or in person at the Vernon Area Public Library.



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THE ROUNDTABLE

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR A NEW COLUMN ON THE LWVDL COMMITTEE WORK EACH MONTH

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- ☑ **ENJOY MEETING NEW PEOPLE**
- ☑ **MAKE NEWCOMERS FEEL MORE AT HOME**
- ☑ **PASSIONATE ABOUT SHARING INFORMATION ON LEAGUE ACTIVITIES**
- ☑ **KEEP PEOPLE ENGAGED IN LEAGUE ACTIVITIES**

Chaired by **Sunday Mueller**, the Membership Committee, composed of dedicated League members, truly checks all the boxes. The team, which includes **Janie Seiden, Donna Stupple, Kelly McShane, and Lisa Zebovitz**, is tasked with monitoring membership renewals welcoming new members and generating ideas to enhance member engagement in League activities.Their collective enthusiasm and commitment to fostering a vibrant community are evident in every initiative they undertake. The committee ensures that each member feels valued and connected.

The team also actively seeks feedback to continuously improve the membership experience, encouraging open dialogue and collaboration. The Membership Committee plays a pivotal role in maintaining the League's dynamic and supportive environment.

Interested in joining the Membership Committee? Contact Sunday Mueller sunday.g.mueller@gmail.com

VOTER REGISTRATION IN AUGUST

The Voter Registrars team made a remarkable impact in August by hosting three voter registration events. We successfully registered 28 voters and have three additional events scheduled for September. The team also distributed mail in ballot applications and answered many questions about dates and deadlines for the upcoming November election. Our "Kids Vote for your Favorite Dessert" at the Deerfield Farmers Market was a hit too!

PICTURED RIGHT: COLLEEN WEBSTER, KELLY MCSHANE, MARY GRAMINS, SUSAN TRAUB, AND SUE ROBERTS AT DEERFIELD FARMERS MARKET.



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LAKE COUNTY CLERK, STATE'S ATTORNEY, MANO A MANO PRESENT

SAFEGUARDING ELECTIONS

Lake County is launching a two-part community panel series titled "Safeguarding Elections," designed to give residents a clear, transparent look at how elections are protected at the local level. The free, public discussions will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, and Wednesday, October 14, 2026, both from 6:00–7:00 PM via Zoom.

The panel brings together key voices in Lake County's election and legal landscape: **Anthony Vega, Lake County Clerk, Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney, and Joanna Jaimes, Mano a Mano, Director of Policy and Leadership Impact. The series will be moderated by Jessica Vealitzek, Lake County Board Member.**

Session 1 (September 9) and Session 2 (October 14) will each feature a moderated discussion followed by a live Q&A portion — giving attendees the chance to ask questions directly about how elections are safeguarded in Lake County. Registration is encouraged but not required — anyone can join the day of to listen in and ask questions.

Register for Session 1: Click Here
Register for Session 2: Click Here



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YouTube

Subscribing to the LWVDL YouTube channel is a powerful step toward staying informed and engaged in civic life. The League's channel offers informative videos on past events you might have missed. By subscribing, you gain access to many of the League events and you'll never miss a thing. Click below to subscribe!

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Voter Registration at Deerfield Supportive Living



"Vote for your Favorite Dessert "was a hit at Farmers Market with ice cream winning the vote.