Greetings from LWVTallahassee's Communications Team!

We are pleased to announce a new weekly Voter! We will send the new weekly Voter every Monday through this unusual summer and maybe longer, depending on your response. We would love to have your feedback and you can deliver it by replying to this email.

The first eight issues will feature introductions to your new Board of Directors, including a photo. Meet Sally, President, and Phelicia, Vice-President, below. Due to repeated hacking of email addresses in the past, we are no longer including contact information of board members in our newsletters. If you would like to contact a board member for any purpose, please reply to this email or call 850-309-3005 and leave a message. Your emails and phone messages will be forwarded to the appropriate party as soon as possible.

Please submit your articles to editor Stuart Baker by the end of each Thursday at sbaker@fsu.edu for inclusion in the next weekly Voter.

Linda Davis,
Chair, Communications Committee

Our President and Vice-President

Sally Butzin, President

I was born 25 years after the League of Women Voters was founded in 1920. I became a League member about 30 years after that. But I only became active about 5 years ago. Like many of you, I became truly alarmed about what was happening to our democracy as the partisan divide became more vitriolic, as facts became optional, and as millions of Americans did not vote because they don’t trust their government.

I knew I needed to do something, and I saw that the League of Women Voters of Florida was becoming a powerful force fighting against gerrymandering, while fighting for ethical government. I saw that the Tallahassee League was also making a difference in our local community, and that when the League spoke, the politicians listened.

I want to continue this forward progress as your President, as we work to defend democracy by educating and registering voters, and speaking truth to power.

Phelicia D. Stiell, Vice-President
Founder and principal of The Stiell Law Firm, P.A., I am admitted to practice law in Florida State Courts as well as the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Throughout my adult life I have worked to ensure that every citizen who has a right to vote can do so. I have worked on voter education, increasing voter participation and as an attorney working for election protection, working to ensure that every vote legally made is counted.

My primary objective as your vice-president is to support the goals and principals of the League of Women Voters. During my tenure, my goal is to increase the visibility of the LWVT and our involvement in the governing process. This will include working with non-partisan organizations in our community with similar goals on issues and programs important to our mission, working to secure LWVT member appointments to local government advisory boards materially relevant to our mission and increasing diversity in our membership.

I look forward to serving as your Vice-President of the LWVT.

Big News!

**Congratulations, Jessica!**

Our very own Jessica Lowe-Minor has been nominated for Vice-President of the League of Women Voters of the United States!!! Jessica has been a long-time very active member of LWVTallahassee. She was the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Florida and has served as our Secretary of LWVTallahassee. Her most recent role for us was portraying Carrie Chapman Catt at our Centennial Celebration atop the Capitol. For the past several years she has been the Treasurer of the LWWUS. We are proud to claim Jessica as one of our own! Read on for a comment from Jess:

It has been a huge privilege to serve on the LWVUS Board for the past 4 years, and I am thrilled to be the first millennial to be nominated to serve as the League’s Vice-President. We are at a critical inflection point in our history, and now that the nation is preparing to execute a presidential election amidst a global pandemic, the League’s work and mission are more important than ever. We cannot back down from the fight for fair, accessible and transparent elections — moments like this are why the League of Women Voters exists.
Prepare for Voting

Increase Your Voting Options
Request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot NOW!

Due to COVID-19, the League recommends that all registered voters request a vote-by-mail (VBM) ballot NOW for both the August and November elections. **Voters will have a choice of voting by mail or in person during early voting or on election day.** Go to the website for your county’s Supervisor of Elections and submit your request online for a VBM ballot. If you cannot access the online application, call the office at (850) 606-8683 or click here for the Leon County Supervisor of Elections. If you are in another county in Florida, you can find you [Election Supervisor here](#). **Your voice is more important than ever!**
I went to Bragg Stadium last week to be tested for Covid--19. That was the easiest and quickest medical test I have ever undergone. And it's free! The people there are so efficient and knowledgeable that I was there only about ten minutes. Everyone should get tested -- the more data the better. Testing at Bragg is available at least through May 21 and you do not need an appointment, though you can make one by calling the Leon County Health Department 850-404-6399. You also do not need a referral from a doctor. Testing starts at 9:00 a.m.

Drive-thru testing is available at the Northwood Centre but a referral from a doctor is required. This site is open Monday thru Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Your driver license or other form of ID is required at both sites.

Linda Davis
19 Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Transit Advisory Committee Meeting. Digital meeting: Contact: 850-891-5205

20 Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Tallahassee Human Relations Council. Virtual Meeting.

21 Thursday 3:00 p.m. Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting. Virtual Meeting.

26 Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency. Virtual Meeting Contact: 850-219-1060

26 Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Joint City/County Transmittal Hearings on 2020 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Virtual Meeting.