



The Voter

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LWVWC Calendar

Remember that you can always check out lwwwashco.org for most current information about the Washington County LWV

Happy Holidays

January

- 8 General Assembly convenes in Annapolis noon
- 16 LWV Membership meeting Civic Education in MD
Bulls and Bears 6:00 pm
- 24 Deadline for candidates in MD to file for office
- 25 LWVMD Winter Workshops 9:00-2:30
The Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, Columbia MD

You are cordially invited

Civic Education in MD a discussion

Thursday January 16

6pm

(5:15 if you would like to purchase snacks, dinner of a beverage of your choice)

League members across the state spent a year surveying public school districts and community leaders to gain a better understanding on the nature of civic education in our state. The findings will be shared along with a discussion of how LWV might support efforts to strengthen civic engagement and informed voting. Supporting information can be found at this link:

https://www.lwwwashco.org/civics_education

General Assembly convenes January 8

LWVMD legislative priorities are detailed below, they were set after reviewing the current year priorities and receiving input from local Leagues.

The Report from State Circle is a publication produced by League members who monitor legislation in Annapolis. It is issued very two weeks from the end of January to the end of April, while the legislature is in session. You may subscribe to this publication on our website or read it online.



The graphic features the acronym 'LWVMD' in large, bold, red letters on the left side. To the right, a blue box contains three main priority areas, each marked with a yellow star and followed by a list of specific goals. At the bottom of the blue box, the text '2020 Legislative Priorities' is written in bold black font.

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- ★ **Making Democracy Work**
 - Redistricting Reform
 - Improved Voter Access & Security of Election Processes
 - Campaign Finance Reform
- ★ **Protecting the Environment**
 - Mitigating Climate Change
 - Increasing Use of Clean Renewable Energy
 - Ensuring Safe Water & Clean Waterways for All
- ★ **Promoting Social & Economic Justice**
 - Providing Adequate & Equitable Pre-K - 12 Public Education by supporting full funding for the Kirwan Commission recommendations
 - Providing Adequate & Equitable Public Transportation
 - Maintaining the Safety Net for Vulnerable Populations

2020 Legislative Priorities

2020 the Year of the Census

Every ten years, the United States conducts a “Decennial Census” with the goal of determining the distribution of resources and political representation by counting every person in the country. In Maryland LWVMD is working to ensure an accurate 2020 Census Count to better understand our community. Information provided by the census will determine redistricting in 2021 which is a very important issue in our state.

People Powered Campaign for #Fair Maps

What if you were told your vote wouldn't count for a full decade?

Would you be content to let others choose your elected representatives, heedless of your personal views?

What if those deciding weren't your neighbors but party politicians at the state level?

That's gerrymandering in a nutshell.

"Gerrymander" - *the process of manipulating the drawing of election maps for political gain during the decennial redistricting process.*

Want to find out what your gerrymander looks like? Click below to explore!

Congressional Districts Map

(Federal Level Representatives)

Legislative Districts Interactive Map

(State Level Representatives)

