

Poll Evaluators Needed for the General Election

We are closing in on Election Day and we are assuming that all of our Super Primary Evaluators encourage Leaguers who were unable to work the primaries and would like to help out on Election Day or Early Voting to call Linda Wengel, [410-964-1671](tel:410-964-1671) or by email lwengel@msn.com We are preparing for a very large turnout and many voters who have not yet used the new paper ballot process. We need as many volunteers as possible.



BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES' FORUM

The ten Villages of Columbia will sponsor a Board of Education Candidates' Forum for the six candidates running for the Howard County Public Schools Board of Education. The forum will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at The Other Barn, Oakland Mills Village Center, 5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. Opening remarks will be given by Jonathan Edelson, Oakland Mills Education Committee Co-Chair. For additional information please contact Sandy Cederbaum, Oakland Mills Village Manager at [410-730-4610](tel:410-730-4610) or manager@oaklandmills.org.

If you were unable to attend the LWVHC Candidates' Forum for the Board of Education on September 28, the forum is being rebroadcast on GTV, Sept. 30-Oct. 9, Monday & Wednesday at 7pm and Friday & Sunday at 9am. It is also available for viewing at http://howardcounty.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=2914 or on the LWVHC website at lwhc.wordpress.com (The forum did not include the U.S. House of Representatives due to a vote in D.C. that night.)

LWVHC FUNDRAISER AT TINO'S ITALIAN BISTRO ON OCTOBER 25

The League of Women Voters of Howard is holding a fundraiser on **Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at Tino's Italian Bistro** to support the League of Women Voters of Howard County Education Fund, a 501(c)3 non-profit. See page five of this Voter for more information.

High School Voter Registration Update

Jan Oaks and her team have been busy since school started. They have been to three high schools already. Completed voter applications were submitted to the Board of Elections from Long Reach High School (59), Marriotts Ridge High School (29), River Hill High School (15), and Wilde Lake High School (12). Voter registration is the key to helping Americans participate in the political process. Thank you for volunteering for this important work. Watch for future requests for volunteers in the LWVHC e-newsletters.

OUR howard.lwvmd.org WEBSITE ADDRESS IS CURRENTLY NOT WORKING FOR SOME PEOPLE. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS IT PLEASE USE lwhc.wordpress.com OR lwhowardmd.org FOR THE LWVHC WEBSITE. THANK YOU.

Calendar

Oct. 6, Thurs.

7:00 p.m.

LWVHC Board Meeting

Oct. 10, Mon.

Columbus Day

LWVHC Office Closed

Oct. 12, Wed.

7:00 p.m.

Great Decisions

Oct. 18, Sat.

7:00 p.m.

Environmental Forum

Oct. 25, Tues.

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Tino's Fundraiser



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Many of our members will vote this month during Early Voting which begins October 27, 2016 and ends on November 3, 2016. Voting gives each of us a voice. Voting is our right. Please Vote!!

In September a few of our members were active volunteering at registration drives in Howard County High Schools, Giant's River Hill location, Harper's Choice Village center, and Naturalization Ceremonies. We held our candidates' forum, provided information regarding candidates by informing people about Vote 411.org and often asked people in the community if they are registered to vote. As stated in our prior issues, LWVHC is active protecting and promoting the voting right of our citizens. We will protect and promote voter rights by keeping our citizens informed.

LWVHC has some members excited about a volunteer opportunity to assist the Howard County Community College staff with an event focused on the voting process this month. Our Vice-President, Carole Conors will lead a team of LWVHC members in planning a mock election for an elementary school in the community. Our Calendar is filled with activities that provide nonpartisan information about issues that affect our county and State. Dates and times for all of our activities appear on the LWVHC website.

Poll Evaluators are needed for this election. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute as a volunteer in this election!! Please contact our office if you are interested in volunteering. We will encourage more citizens to volunteer. Our goal is to encourage more Howard county citizens to join the League.

Donations and membership in our League is how we continue as an organization in this community. LWVHC is aware that our work will continue to go forward only if our citizens participate by attending our activities, volunteering and/or providing donations.

We enjoy making democracy work by engaging and taking action on the nonpartisan positions that make this county government better.

~Lillie Gallant, President, LWVHC

GET READY
FOR
GREAT DECISIONS



The next Great Decisions meeting is on Wednesday, October 12, 7:00, with the video starting promptly at 7:30, at the Cripe's home, 10526 Catterskill Court, Columbia, 21044. The topic is Climate Geopolitics: The road to Paris and beyond.

Phone: [410-730-8091](tel:410-730-8091), email janiscripe@aol.com

Have you ever attended a LWVHC Board Meeting? They are held on the first Thursday of the month, September-June, at 7:00 p.m. in Historic Oakland Manor. The Board welcomes members at the meetings. If you want to attend a meeting please rsvp to the League office at info@howard.lwvmd.org or 410-730-0142 before the meeting.

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Articles, news, reports, and photos should be submitted by the 15th of each month for inclusion in the VOTER newsletter.

Please submit in Word format to:
lwhowardcounty@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

**PRIORITIES OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HOWARD COUNTY
FOR THE LWVMD TO ADVOCATE BEFORE THE MD GENERAL ASSEMBLY DURING ITS 2017 SESSION
SUBMITTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

2016 LWVMD priorities: readopt

Children Services: make the mental health of children a high priority for each child transiting from elementary, middle, high school and into college.

Corrections and Sentencing reform including the issue of mass incarceration and sentencing inequities. Address the issue of police killing black people without penalty.

Democracy: redistricting reform

Education: allow the local school boards to set their own calendars for academic reasons. Alternatively, raise the question as the State's Attorney has. Support locally elected boards of education as they determine what is an appropriate calendar for their schools. While not all boards of education in MD are elected, most are. The Governor's taking this issue out of the hands of local boards is a distancing of local control in our democracy.

Energy and Environment:

- Ban hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in Maryland. (Work with www.Dontfrackmd.org)
 - Codify in law the Public Service Commission order requiring that Maryland electric utilities achieve annual incremental electricity savings of 2.0% of retail sales per year in perpetuity and that natural gas usage reduction goals be adopted for all gas companies in Maryland.
 - Measures to mitigate climate change.
 - Override veto of SB921, the Clean Energy Jobs Act.
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Health: assure clean water.

Human Needs: maintain the safety net

Transportation:

- monitor safety of passengers on mass transits such as commuter buses and trains. Passengers frequently commute on buses and trains that are in need of repairs. Action to ensure the companies providing the transportation complete safety checks of the vehicles before subjecting passengers to conditions that are not safe. Additionally, passengers frequently ride without air conditioning in hot temperatures and are forced to stand along busy highways when the vehicle breaks down.
- Support legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the Transportation sector.



LIFE UNDERGROUND

healthy soil, healthy food, healthy planet

DR. SARA VIA

DEPT. OF ENTOMOLOGY & UMD EXTENSION (UMD COLLEGE PARK)

October 18, 2016

7 - 8:30 p.m.

OAKLAND MANOR

5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia

Sponsors

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of HOWARD COUNTY

HOWARD COUNTY LEGACY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE for the ENVIRONMENT

COLUMBIA TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.



October 25 Fundraiser at Tino's Italian Bistro in Columbia



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF HOWARD COUNTY**

Support the League of Women Voters of Howard County
Education Fund, a 501(c)3 non-profit.

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.**

Tino's Italian Bistro ~ Wine Bar and Italian Food
8775 Centre Park Drive
Columbia, MD 21045
410-730-TINO (8466)
www.tinositalianbistro.com

HOW IT WORKS: For the full day of this event, 10% of the proceeds for the restaurant will be donated to the League of Women Voters of Howard County Education Fund. All proceeds includes all carry-out, delivery, dine in, wine sales, etc..., for the full day.

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LWVHC Board Secretary Michelle Trotter
at the River Hill Giant on
National Voter Registration Day
September 27, 2016

LWVHC General Election
Candidates' Forum
on September 28, 2016,
for the Board of Education and for the
U.S. House of Representatives



In the November 8, 2016 General Election, Question A, a Charter amendment, would allow for the creation of a Citizens' Election Fund that would empower citizen voices and reduce the influence of big-money corporations and developers whose preferences so often overshadow the will of the people. If Question A succeeds, Howard County will join Montgomery County in leading the charge across Maryland to restore our democracy and the voice of American voters.



A Great Time for All Coming Sunday October 23rd."

On October 23, a Sunday, 2 pm, is a LWVMD fundraiser. Fun and interesting, and there might even be carpooling! We will tour the treasured African American Museum and Cultural Center of Prince George's County, 4519 Rhode Island Avenue, North Brentwood, followed by a tour of the historic Riversdale Mansion nearby, a national historic landmark and beginnings of the University of Maryland, at 4811 Riverdale Road in [Riverdale Park, Maryland](#). Once the manor house and centerpiece of a 739-acre (2.99 km²) [slave plantation](#), Riversdale was built for Belgian émigré Henri Joseph Stier, Baron de Stier, who lived in the [Brice House in Annapolis, Maryland](#) immediately prior to building Riversdale. Stier planned the house in 1801 to resemble his Belgian residence, the Chateau du Mick. Four years later, Stier returned to [Belgium](#), leaving the unfinished Riversdale to be completed by his daughter, [Rosalie Stier Calvert](#) and her husband, [George Calvert](#), the grandson of [Charles Calvert, 5th Baron Baltimore](#). Rosalie and George Calvert's son, [Charles Benedict Calvert](#), established the [Maryland Agricultural College](#), now the [University of Maryland, College Park](#), on part of the Riversdale property. It's only \$35 each for a good and interesting on a Sunday afternoon for members, friends and family. http://www.lwvmd.org/lwvmd_fall_fundraiser_2016

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARYLAND
Invites You to Join Us to Visit

 PRINCE GEORGE'S
**AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER**
AT NORTH BRENTWOOD, INC.

4519 Rhode Island Avenue, North Brentwood, MD 20722

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Meet at 2:00 pm to enjoy a tour and light refreshments
Leave at 3:15 pm for a tour of the

RIVERSDALE HOUSE MUSEUM



4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD 20137

LWVMD FALL FUNDRAISER 2016 - REGISTER BY OCTOBER 17

Name(s) _____

League _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Mail your check for **\$35 per person** made out to LWVMD to:
LWVMD, 111 Cathedral St., Ste. 201, Annapolis, MD 21401

Or REGISTER ONLINE
Go to lwvmd.org/current_events

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO THE THIRD ANNUAL

Gathering
HOWARD COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

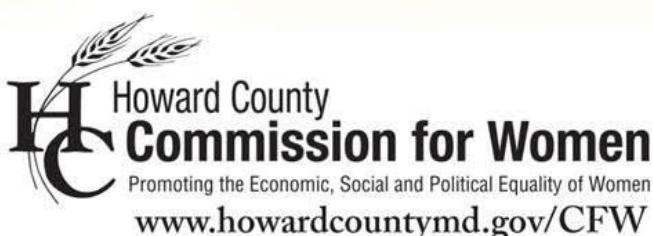
Voices of Maryland Women

Saturday, October 8, 2016 • 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Ellicott City 50+ Center

9401 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Register at: <https://voicesofmarylandwomenhowardcountycfw.eventbrite.com>
For more information, please call 301-610-4523.
This forum is free and open to the public.

The Howard County Commission for Women is pleased to host the Maryland Commission for Women as they tour the state of Maryland to address the needs and concerns women face in their everyday lives. Your input will be part of a report with recommendations for improvements in programs, legislation and policies that impact the lives of Maryland women.



If you need this information in an alternate format, or need accommodations to attend this event, please call 410-313-6400 one week in advance.

LWVHC Membership Corner by Roxanne Hughes-Wheatland rugheswheatland@yahoo.com or contact League office, 410-730-0142

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR LWV MEMBERSHIP

Most memberships with LWVHC expired on April 30, 2016. The only exceptions are : new members who joined between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2016. Your dues are valid until April 30, 2017. Many of our members have recently renewed their membership. If you aren't sure whether your membership in LWV has expired, please call Gina at our office and she can answer your question.

June 30th is our renewal deadline. Beginning July 1st those who haven't renewed will be listed as 'inactive' in our records. Our Howard County League needs you and your dues so that we can continue our work and achieve our goals. **The League of Women Voters: Where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.**

Our League is growing . . . but we always need to keep adding members. **YOU** can help. It's simple: **ASK** anyone of voting age who has an interest in the topics and issues LWV works on to join us. **Don't be shy - give it a try !**

Moving? Address, phone or email change? Please be sure to contact Gina at our office if your information changes (410-730-0142 or email: info@howard.lwvmd.org).

We do so much by email these days. Be sure yours is up-to-date. Stay in touch - Roxanne

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM - (Membership Year May 1, 2016 - April 30, 2017)

Date: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone : (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

\$60.00 INDIVIDUAL one-year membership

\$82.50 HOUSEHOLD one-year membership (for two members who share an address)

\$20.00 STUDENT

Contribution of \$ _____

Please make checks **payable to LWVHC**

Mail to League of Women Voters of Howard County, Inc., 5430 Vantage Point Rd, Suite C, Columbia, MD 21044
(Dues are NOT tax deductible. To make a tax-deductible contribution, please write check to LWVHCEF.)

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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GIANT FOOD STORE GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____

Email: _____

I am ordering \$_____ in Giant Gift/debit cards as follows:
____ # \$50 cards

My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

____ I will pick up at the League office.

____ Please mail my Gift Card (Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope)

____ Other arrangements (Please contact Nancy Berla)

Please make checks payable to LWVHC

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