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To Do List

- Check out [Vote411](#) to learn about primary races in your jurisdiction.
- Vote! Primary Election Day is August 1. Check your registration status at [VoteWA.gov](#). You can register in-person at your [county's election office](#) until 8PM on Election Day.
- Attend the Public Hospital District 101 webinar (see below).



Upcoming Events

8.16 WED | Public Hospital District 101 Video Presentation

Learn what public hospital districts are, what they can do, and how they work. [Register here.](#)

8.23 WED | Fix Democracy First Happy Hour: The Decline of Local News

The LWWVA's study "The Decline of Local News" is featured at the Fix Democracy First Happy Hour with a presentation by study committee members Carol Rikerd and Dee Anne Finken. [Register here.](#)

9.14 THUR | Public Hospital District 101 Video Presentation

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[Find more League events around the state. →](#)



Around the League



In Memoriam—Ruth Schroeder

Ruth Coffin Schroeder, president of the LWVWA from 1983-1987, died on June 24 at her home in Yakima, six days after celebrating her 97th birthday.

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Letter from the President: Thanks to Voter Services!

August 1 is an important day for Leagues across Washington. It's the last day of voting and the League is all about voting. Local Leagues' Voter Services volunteers are in communities at farmer's markets and other places, educating voters on the "how-tos" of voting.

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Get Personalized Election Information with Vote411

Are you ready for the primary election? Whether you are trying to choose between candidates for the races on your ballot, understand the ramifications of the state's top-two primary system, or just register as a new voter—Vote411 can help.

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LWVSC Candidate Forums featured in Snohomish County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet for Primary

Among other tips and reminders for voting found in the Snohomish County Official Local Voter's Pamphlet, voters can find a QR code to open the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County's [Candidate Forums page](#).

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Making Democracy Work for Local Healthcare—Public Hospital Districts

Did you know that citizens can form a public hospital district (PHD) to fill unmet health care needs in their communities? Most people don't know that—even when they live in an area that has a PHD. PHDs give the community a vote on decisions made and on who makes those decisions.

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League in the News

We provide this list of articles about the League's work in Washington State to showcase the work being done by our state and local Leagues. You may encounter a paywall when you click on an article. As our recent study "[The Decline of Local News and Its Impact on Democracy](#)," found, local newspapers play a crucial role in supporting healthy communities and healthy democracies. The LWVWA encourages you to subscribe to your local paper if you are able.

- [Community members celebrate launch of nonprofit news in South Snohomish County](#) | LWV of Snohomish County | *My Edmond News*
- ['Surprisingly interesting': local observers do local reporting on local government](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Salish Current*
- [The 4th of July and Affirmative Action Editorial](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Journal of the San Juan Islands*
- [Why Pacific Northwest small towns are fighting to save their local newspapers](#) | LWV of Washington: "[The Decline of Local News](#)" | *Oregon Public Broadcasting*
- [2 challengers trying to unseat former Richland School Board president](#) | LWV of Benton/Franklin Counties | *Tri-City Herald*
- [OIC of Washington highlighted in July 27 talk in Yakima](#) | LWV of Yakima County | *Yakima Herald-Republic*
- [Deciding how to vote in the primary? Here's where to find information on Thurston races](#) | LWV of Thurston County | *The Olympian*
- [Whatcom County News Briefs: July 19, 2023](#) | LWV of Bellingham/Whatcom County | *The Lynden Tribune*

- [Fire board and Port candidates face off in primary.](#) | LWV of the San Juans | *The Islands' Sounder*
- [Election 2023: Jackson, Hein face primary challengers in Central Kitsap School Board race](#) | LWV of Kitsap County | *The Kitsap Sun*
- [Three-way contest for Battle Ground City Council Position 3](#) | LWV of Clark County | *The Columbian*
- [BI steering committee hits a snag right away.](#) | LWV of Kitsap County | *Kitsap Daily News*
- [Planning Board Members Face-Off in 3-Way Primary For Monroe Council](#) | LWV of Snohomish County | *Kitsap Daily News*
- [3-way race for Port of Benton. It's a vote on the commission's priorities](#) | LWV of Benton/Franklin Counties | *Tri-City Herald*
- [Spokane politicians reach out to youth who can vote in primary, including some 17-year-olds](#) | LWV of the Spokane Area | *The Spokesman-Review*
- [Local Organizations Comment on the Issues They Deem Most Important in Upcoming Election](#) | LWV of the Spokane Area | *KHQ*
- [To Speak for Trees Snohomish County Activists Arm Themselves with Data](#) | LWV of Snohomish | *Herald Net*

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