



The Official Newsletter of
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July - August 2026



ON MY MIND
A message from Tanya Landry
President LWNPC



Like many League members, I spent Primary Day as an election poll worker. It's a long day — but there's nothing quite like watching a first-time voter, or a new citizen, cast their first ballot. That moment is exactly what the League stands for.

Several voters came to my check-in table holding printouts from

VOTE411.org. Seeing our work in their hands, in real time, was a reminder of why factual, nonpartisan voter information matters more than ever. It definitely made me smile.

If you missed it: the League hosted James Abraham of the Florida Humanities Speakers Bureau for ***Bloody Streets and Crooked Lines: 100 Years of Voter Suppression in the Black Community in Florida***. His talk traced the courage of Floridians who fought for the right to vote through violence most of us can scarcely imagine — and connected that history directly to today's fight against voter suppression. His message to the League: stay the course.

Now, on to the general election. The primary is behind us, and there's a lot of work ahead.

- Volunteer: Check the League calendar — there are opportunities for any amount of time you can give.
- Get informed, then inform others: Visit our website for the VOTE411.org video and our resources on the three constitutional amendments on the November ballot. Amendment 3 deserves close attention— it could shift how local governments fund services like parks, libraries, and staffing, so understanding it before you vote matters.

~ Tanya

Vote411.org



Take Action Now!

- Friends, neighbors, and family members will soon be asking: When can I register? When will my mail ballot arrive? Where do I vote? Be ready with reliable answers. Our updated **VOTING IN FLORIDA FACT SHEET** puts essential voting information in one convenient place. Read it, save it, and share it—so every voter you meet can move forward with confidence.
- Voter Services Needs You! In July and August, our volunteers supported 10 community and tabling events. With election season underway, they are working hard—and need your help. Sign up to volunteer; even 30 minutes makes a difference! **Check out their event list** and see if you can help at any event.



IN NOVEMBER,
VOTE NO ON FLORIDA
AMENDMENT 3:

 The League of Women Voters of Florida **opposes** the passage of Amendment 3 because it has long opposed efforts to use the state Constitution to limit or steer revenue sources and has consistently supported home rule for municipalities and counties.

 County-supported organizations like public libraries and nutritional services augment



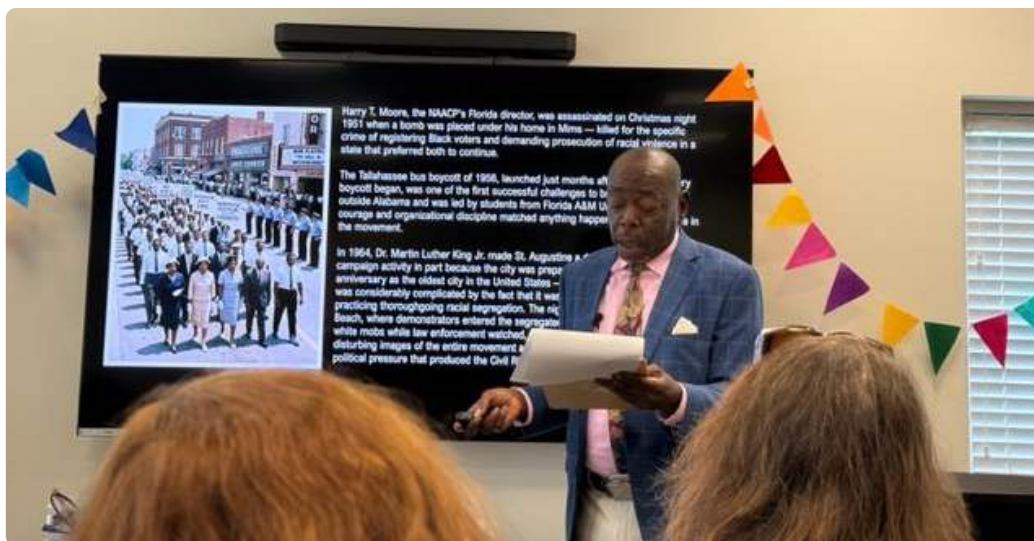
Many people have asked about the LWVFL's position on Proposed Amendment 3. The League of Women Voters of Florida recently adopted a formal position in opposition to Amendment 3 ahead of the Nov. 3 elections. The League of Women Voters of Florida President Jessica Lowe-Minor issued the following statement on the League's adopted position.

[READ IT HERE](#)

August 8, 2026 North Greenwood Library



Bloody Streets and Crooked Lines, 100 Years of Black Voter Suppression in Florida by James Abraham



James Abraham presenting

Tracing the history of black voter suppression in Florida from the deadly 1921 election violence in Ocoee to today's redistricting debates, author, teacher and editor James Abraham gave a eye-opening presentation highlighting a century of barriers to the ballot and the key individuals who fought for equal voting access.

Missed it? No problem — [**VIEW the recording here**](#)

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DID YOU KNOW?

LWVNPC in The Community



Adopt A Mile, Aug 22, 2026





Ready for Life Event, July 17th.jpg





Bloody Streets and Crooked Lines



March on Washington, 2026



Colleen Fraker

Sarah Nolan

Zeffery Mims

BOARD MEETINGS

The LWVNP Board meets the
1st Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm.

Download: [Minutes for the July 2026](#)

Please join us for any upcoming Board meeting to learn how you can participate more fully. Contact Gayla Larson nbslarson@gmail.com to obtain the link to join these informative and busy meetings

Minutes for the July 2026

COMMITTEE UPDATES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was no July Meeting of the Education Committee.

The Peer-to-Peer Voting Program will no longer be carried out in Pinellas County Schools. In the future, only representatives of the Supervisor of Elections will be permitted to register students to vote.

My VOTE Counts: The committee is working on reaching out to non-school based organizations to get this information out to public high school students. <https://lwvnorthpinellas.org/yvote-contest/>.

The education committee is considering participating at the PTA Fall

Workshop on August 29th at Pinellas Park High and evaluating the possibility of scheduling an education community meeting in the fall.

For more information about the Education Committee, contact Chair Jeanne Reynolds at jeannewrey@gmail.com.

VOTER SERVICE

During the months of June and July, Voter Service participated in ten community events to promote voting rights. Seven are scheduled for September.

Note to Members: Election Integrity Act- nothing has changed for voter registration or the voting process, including Vote-By-Mail, in 2026 because HB 991 provisions specific to voters do not become effective until January 1, 2027. When asked, respond that there are no changes until 2027. Encourage prospective voters to get a FL Real ID if they don't have it, especially students.

If someone has recently renewed their driver's license/FL ID unless they agree to update their voter registration information at the time of renewal the new number on the ID is not automatically shared with the Supervisor of Elections office. The SOE uses that information to help identify eligibility to vote. Encourage them to call SOE at 727-464-VOTE to ensure their record is up to date.

Redistricting- LWVFL lawsuit focused on partisan gerrymandering of Congressional Districts, preliminary injunction was denied, but lawsuit goes forward as does use of the new map.

If interested in helping with this vital work, please contact:
Chair: Linda Metzkow lindametzkow@tampabay.rr.com or
Community Events Liason: Suzanne Pierce susiep0396@aol.com



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OF NORTH PINELLAS COUNTY



Pam Marron

For 42 years, Pam Marron has helped prospective buyers become homeowners through her work in the mortgage industry. During the 2008 housing crisis, she saw families devastated when short sales

were reported as foreclosures, preventing these consumers from getting a mortgage again for 3-7 years.

Moved by their experiences, Pam spent three years working with federal officials and agencies to get a change and ultimately succeeded. She later served on HUD's first Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC).

Pam joined the League after viewing a local news report about the League of Women Voters and seeing women of all ages champion voting rights. Later, she attended the LWVNPC annual meeting, where the focus was not party affiliation but helping every citizen vote.

Contact nbslarrison@gmail.com for an opportunity to get to know other League members and be present in the community.



September 19, 2026, 11 am



You're Invited!

What General Meeting
****Open to the Public****

Topic *Oh, Florida: How America's
 Weirdest State Influences
 the Rest of the Country*



Speaker Craig Pittman

Where Safety Harbor Library
 101 Second Street N.
 Safety Harbor, FL 34695

When Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026
 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Craig Pittman

Editor and Publisher

Florida Humanities' Speakers Bureau

Craig Pittman is a native Floridian. Born in Pensacola, he graduated from Troy State University in Alabama, where his muckraking work for the student paper prompted an agitated dean to label him "the most destructive force on campus." After 31 years at the *Tampa Bay Times*, he now writes a weekly column on environmental issues for the *Florida Phoenix* and co-hosts the podcast "Welcome to Florida". He has written six non-fiction books about Florida and lives in St. Petersburg.

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RSVP to Attend



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September 24, 2026, 3-6 pm

**Cheers to
 Democracy!!**

Come join us for happy hour and conversation!

**Enjoy Drinks, Socializing,
 and JUST PLAIN FUN!**

Thursday, September 24, 2026



3:00 pm to 6:00 pm



Drop in Any Time – Leave Whenever!

MANDOLA'S
— ITALIAN KITCHEN —



Mandola's Italian Kitchen
3138 Tampa Road
Oldsmar, FL 34677



[https://mandolas.com/
locations/oldsmar-fl/](https://mandolas.com/locations/oldsmar-fl/)



Appetizers start at **\$5.00**
and are easy to share.



Drinks **\$2 OFF**
after!



No need to RSVP – Just come if you can



Be there! We all need to laugh.



September 27, 2026, 1 - 2:30 pm



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And Bring Your Friends

What

Special Presentation

****Open to the Public****

Topic

**"Restoring Voter Rights
to Returning Citizens"**

Speaker

Bill Bass



Bill Bass

Florida Rights and Restoration Coalition

Bill Bass was convicted of dealing drugs when he was in college. After his sentence was suspended, he went on to become a ballet dancer and actor in New York. When he decided to pursue a career as a financial advisor, a Wall Street firm gave him a chance despite his felony conviction. Eventually he ran into barriers because of his record. After many frustrating months of working to get his civil rights restored, he realized the most important right he got back was his right to vote.

Bill lives in Pinellas County. Learning from his own experiences, he became a volunteer with the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, a grassroots organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons). He and his peer volunteers all over Florida dedicate countless hours working with Returning Citizens to help them gain back their eligibility to vote.

Where Mount Olive AME Church
Fellowship Hall
600 Jones St.
& Clearwater, FL 33755

When Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026
1:00 to 2:30 pm

To Attend, [Click this Link](#)

Or



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October 21, 2026, 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Have You Ever Thought About Running for Elected Office? **ELECT HER**

FREE SKILLS
TRAINING



**Nonpartisan Training to Run
for Office from Student
Council to US Senate**

21 OCTOBER 2026

START 3.30 PM - 6.30 PM

St. Petersburg College

2465 Drew St, Clearwater FL
Room LA 151

Refreshments will be provided to
registered attendees

**running
start**



REGISTER AT

WWW.GFWCNPWC.ORG/WHAT-WE-DO/ELECT-HER/.COM

Kimberly Voss

October 24, 2026, 1:00 - 2:15 pm



You're Invited!

And Bring Your Friends

What ****Open to the Public****

Topic **"Florida Women, Advice
and Social Change"**

Speaker **Kimberly Voss, PhD**

Where **Mease Manor Dunedin**
700 Mease Plaza
Dunedin, FL 34698

When **Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026**
1:00 to 2:15 pm



Kimberly Voss, PhD

Florida Humanities' Speakers Bureau

Dr. Voss is a professor of journalism at the University of Central Florida. Her research focuses on historical analysis of women journalists' careers, women's political influence, and the definition of women's news in the post-World War II years; many of them from Florida. She has published five books, including *Re-Evaluating Women's Page Journalism in the Post-World War II Era* and *Women Politicking Politely*. She has published over fifty journal articles about women journalists.

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SAVE THE DATE

Coming in November and December....

November 8th:

December 7th:

Dr. Susan McManus, Post Election Analysis

LWVNPC Holiday Open House



Check our Calendar for Complete Information:

For Zoom links to meetings, please contact Gayla Larson at
nbslarson@gmail.com

For a complete listing of **Volunteer Opportunities**, go to:
<https://lwnorthpinellas.org/calendar/>

Tuesday, Sept 8, 2026 2:30 - 4:30 PM	Amendment 3 Presentation by LWVNPC Kristina Kovarik, Mease Manor, 700 Mease Plaza, Dunedin, FL 34698
Wednesday Sept 9, 2026 4:00–5:30 PM	LWVNPC Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom All Welcome
Monday Sept 14, 2026 7:00 PM	Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom
Saturday Sept 19, 2026 11 - 12:30 PM	General Meeting: Speaker Craig Pittman: Oh Florida, How America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country, Safety Harbor Library RSVP Here
Sunday Sept 27, 2026 1:00 - 2:30 PM	Restoring Voting Rights to Returning Citizens, Mount Olive Church RSVP Here
Monday Sept 28, 2026 4:30 PM	Education Committee Meeting

Thursday, Oct 1, 2026 6 - 8 PM	Dunedin Candidate Forum, William Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Ave., Dunedin Florida 34698
Monday, Oct 5, 2026	Voter Registration Deadline for the November Election
Oct 19 - Nov 1, 2026	Early Voting for the November Election
Wednesday, Oct 21, 2026 3:30 - 6:30 PM	Elect Her Workshop, St. Petersburg College, 2465 Drew St. Clearwater FL Rm LA 151 RSVP Here
Thursday, Oct 22, 2026 5 PM	Mail Ballot Request Deadline
Saturday, Oct 24, 2026 1 - 2:30 PM	Florida Women, Advice and Social Change, Kimberley Voss Speaker, Mease Manor, Dunedin Florida. RSVP Here
Tuesday, Nov 3, 2026 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	General Election
Sunday, Nov 8, 2026 12:00 - 3:00 PM	Phillippe Park, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Provided by LWVNPC
Monday, Dec 7, 2026	Dr. Susan McManus Presentation, Analysis of Election Results, Location TBD



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