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Our Mission

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

Editor's Note: If you do not see photos below, click on "display images" in your email program.

Message from Robyn Cook, LWV Sanibel President

Dear loyal members and supporters,

The August 18 Primary Election is almost here. If you are a registered Florida voter, you still have time to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot. The deadline is August 8 by 5:00 PM. Please see the article below for important information and dates.

If you are sheltering in place out of Florida, you should know that the Post Office will not forward your VBM ballot. But that does not mean you cannot vote by mail. You need to call the Supervisor of Elections office to give them your temporary mailing address. For more information on this and to request VBM ballots call 239-533-8683 or go to www.lee.vote. Florida is one of the states that has tried to make Vote-By-Mail an essential way to vote. The League of Women Voters strongly encourages that we all get ready to use this tool in case it becomes difficult to go to the polls for some voters.

Because of the pandemic, LWVS will not be holding person-to-person voter registrations as we commonly do in election years. So, if you haven't yet registered to vote, the League of Women Voters has a convenient website where you can register, check your status and your address and even see what's on your ballot. Just click on www.Vote411.org for the information you require. Also the League of Women Voters of Lee County has a free

series of Virtual Candidate Forums available which can be accessed at www.lwvlee.org, www.Vote411.org, or www.ArtinLee.org/VirtualForums.

Yours "in League,"
Robyn Cook

The League of Women Voters of Sanibel

is recommending that all registered voters request their Vote-By-Mail (VBM) ballots NOW. In these challenging times, some things may change, but VBM is always a great choice for safe, convenient and effective voting.

All registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. Ballots can be requested from the Lee County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) online, by phone, by email or in person.



REQUEST YOURS TODAY!

Remember, once you have requested to vote by mail or have voted previously by mail, you **MUST RENEW** your request every two General Elections. VBM ballots will not be forwarded, but you can change the address to which they will be mailed. Call the SOE office at 239-533-8683 for more information.

As circumstances change, you may opt to vote early, or you can still go to the polls on election day. Requesting your VBM ballot now provides assurance that your voice will be heard, regardless of how things change relative to the pandemic, potential hurricanes, or long lines at the polls.

When you vote by mail, you must sign the back of the ballot certificate envelope and should provide your phone number and email address so you can be contacted by the Lee County Supervisor of Elections if there are problems with your ballot. Your signature will be compared to the signature that is on file with the SOE; it is the one you used when you registered to vote. This is usually, but not always, the signature on your driver's license. If you are concerned that your signature might have changed, you can download a form at www.lee.vote to submit a new signature or call the Lee County SOE directly at 239-533-8683.

Voters can track the status of their VBM ballot. On the www.lee.vote home page or voting page, there is a TRACK YOUR BALLOT option. You can see when your Vote-By-Mail request was received and also when your ballot

was mailed, received and counted.

You must request your VBM ballot anytime by 5:00 PM August 8 for the August 18 Primary Election.

For the November 3 General Election, you must request it anytime by October 24.

YOUR TO-DO LIST:

Register to Vote: Click on www.lee.vote or www.Vote411.org to register to vote, check your registration status, change your address, or see what's on your ballot.

Request your VBM ballot: By phone: 239-533-8683
By email: votebymail@lee.vote

Questions? Please contact LWV of Sanibel: lwvsanibel@gmail.com

Mark your calendars!
Two free events brought to you by
League of Women Voters of Sanibel

Virtual Toast to Tenacity

Wednesday, August 26 at 4:30 PM

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary
of Women's Suffrage;

100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters;
and the

10th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of
Sanibel

August 26, 1920 is Anniversary of Congress' certification of the Nineteenth Amendment, permanently ratifying womens right to vote. We will toast this incredibly important event August 26, 2020, 100 years to the day! Join us on Zoom for a unique program representing the voices of the women and men who worked "tenaciously" to ensure women were able to vote in all elections. Look for more information coming in the next Voter Newsletter on how you can

register for this free event.

A Virtual conversation with Elaine Weiss
Author of
The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight for the Vote
Tuesday, October 20 at Noon

Because of the pandemic, all congregant gatherings on Sanibel were either cancelled or rescheduled. Including the LWVS event on March 31 featuring Elaine Weiss. Fortunately, because of virtual events becoming easily accessible, LWVS has invited Elaine Weiss for a unique virtual program via Zoom. Ms. Weiss will join local moderators to discuss *The Woman's Hour*.

The book tells the story of the suffragist's fight to get the 36th state, Tennessee, to allow women's voting rights to be the law of the land. These are fascinating stories about a handful of remarkable women who led their respective forces into battle. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, and the 100 anniversary of the League of Women Voters. There will also be time for questions from you, our virtual audience. Look for more information coming in the next Voter Newsletter on how you can register for this free event.

You may also send your questions to Robyn Cook at lwvsanibel@gmail.com.

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