

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – March 23, 2022

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Dates to remember:

- April 5: Spring Election – Vote!
- April 12 & 13: CIP Training
- April 15: Continuum of Care
- April 22-24: Every Day is Earth Day Fest
- May 4: Tall Cop
- May 14: LWV of DC Annual Meeting
- June 10 & 11: LWV of WI Annual Meeting
- June 23-26: LWV of US Annual Convention

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League Mechanics

What on earth is a League “position?”

What do you mean, League can’t lobby on that issue because it doesn’t have a position?

A position is an opinion or set of opinions that League has adopted on a given issue; that is, where it stands. It is arrived at through extensive study of an issue from all sides. After study and discussion, members at the local or “grassroots” level participate in a “member-agreement process.” This process of coming to consensus or concurrence results in determining the “sense of the group.” Those conclusions which are reached by member agreement constitute a League position on an issue.

Without a position, no advocacy can be done in League’s name.

Considering that the League has been in existence for 102 years, studying issues and developing positions, it is no wonder that there are hundreds of them. They range from water quality to the United Nations, from mental health to voting procedures - the list goes on.

Positions exist at all three levels of League. National positions include issues of public policy that are decided by the federal government, like immigration or international relations. For policy decided by state legislatures, positions are developed by each state League such as election law, how local school boards run, or the state criminal code. The state and national Leagues direct the studies, but each

local League implements them. Local Leagues may also do studies on issues unique to their local governments such as zoning or how ambulance services are provided to their citizens.

Where do League positions come from? From individual members – ALL OF YOU!



**Don't forget to vote!
Spring Election – Tuesday, April 5**

On the ballot: school boards, County Board, City Council and mayor, town and village boards, judges, plus school referendums in some districts.

Voting by absentee ballot

If already registered, citizens can

- request an absentee ballot by mail from their municipal clerk. They should mail the request form with picture ID to clerk's office no later than five days before the election.
- request an absentee ballot online myvote.wi.gov by selecting Vote Absentee. If it is the first time, they must attach copy a of the picture ID.
- request an absentee ballot in person at clerk's office with picture ID.

Return absentee ballot no later than 8:00 PM on the day of the election. The ballot may also be returned to the clerk's office no earlier than two weeks before election day with a picture ID.

View the candidate forums for these County Board contests:

Videos of three candidate forums are found on League's website:

- Supervisory District 20: Abby Duebler & Walter Kalms
- Supervisory Districts 2, 4, & 5:
 - District 2 - Todd Thayse & Lora Jorgensen
 - District 4 - Kara Counard & Nancy Robillard
 - District 5 - Jeffrey Miller & Timothy Smith
- Supervisory Districts 9, 11, 14:
 - District 9 - Dan Austad & Jonathan Kruse
 - District 11 - Helen Bacon & Morgan Rusnak
 - District 14 - Darrick DeMeuse & Hugh Zettel

Make sure you know your correct district!

Redistricting was required after the 2020 U.S. Census, resulting in county board and some municipal district boundary changes. The new maps, which have become active with the 2022 election cycle can be found at: <https://www.co.door.wi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4547/Final-Supervisory-Maps-Combined-2022-2031>

Help turn out the vote

Barb Graul has “VOTE! IT COUNTS!” and “VOTE from HOME” signs for those who wish one. Contact her at (920) 743-6842 or tgraul@sbcglobal.net. If you already have one, it is time to put it out. Signs may not be in the same yard as a candidate sign.

Important League events ahead – Don’t miss them!

Crisis Intervention Partner Training (CIP) Training*

Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)/Community Center, 916 N 4th Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI

- The League is co-sponsoring this two-day training with The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), JAK’s Place, and the Door County Department of Health and Human Services. There is no charge for the training, and meals are provided.
- Topics will include an overview of the types of mental illness, medications, suicide and suicide prevention, trauma-informed care, and de-escalation techniques. A “Lived Experience” Panel and Hearing Voices, a simulation of auditory hallucinations, are also part of the training. Included are sections on children, youth and the elderly.
- Brain disease or chemical imbalances of the brain, sometimes referred to as mental illness, is the number one disability in America, affecting one out of four families. Sixty percent of mental health consumers report having negative contacts in their communities and/or with law enforcement.
- A few available spots remain. To register please contact Helen Bacon at hlbacon55@hotmail.com before March 30th. Questions are welcome.
- The two-day agenda is attached.

Continuum of Care for Mental Health Services in Door County*

Friday, April 15 at 1:30 PM on Zoom (See address below.)

- The Door County Library is joining with League to present this live virtual event.
- The Door County Department of Health and Human Services will provide an overview of mental health services available in Door County. The discussion will highlight the array of services available to meet the varying needs of individuals in the community. They will cover both private and county-run services including:
 - Outpatient Therapy
 - Psychiatric Services
 - Alternative Treatments
 - Target Case Management
 - Comprehensive Community Services
 - Community Support Program
 - Treatment Court Services
 - Residential AODA treatment services & sober living
 - Inpatient Services – Mental Health and Crisis
- There will be a question-and-answer period at the end of the presentation.
- **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84028409067?pwd=N3Y0TEtoU3MwR05ONWJXMnZ3dW5lZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 2840 9067

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****These programs are part of the education and outreach work of the Door County League’s Mental Health/Substance Use (MH/SU) Project.***

LWV of Door County Annual Meeting – Save the date!

Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 AM at the Landmark Resort, 4929 Landmark Drive, Egg Harbor, WI

- After two long years, the Door County League is finally able to meet in person for the Annual Meeting!
- The business meeting will begin at 11:00 AM, followed by luncheon and speaker. More details to follow. Please save the date and plan to attend!

LWVWI 2022 Annual Meeting

Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11 at the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI

LWV Appleton-Fox Cities will host the state League's annual meeting which will be held in person. COVID-19 protocols will be followed and online participation is being planned. The event will include an opportunity to walk or ride in the Appleton Flag Day Parade on June 11. Registration information and program agendas will be shared as they become available.

LWVUS 2022 Convention

Thursday, June 23 to Sunday, June 26 in Denver, CO

Now accepting registrations at <https://lww-needham.org/event/lwvus-convention-2022-2/>

Important request!

Joining the LWV makes you a member at three levels: LWV of the United States, LWV of Wisconsin, and LWV of Door County. As such you should be receiving several emails each month from the national and state Leagues with information on their activities as well as action alerts. We are aware that some of you may not be getting them.

During the next few weeks, please pay attention to whether you are receiving state and national emails. You may want to check your SPAM folder. In mid-April, one of the Leadership Team members will contact you to ask what you have discovered about your national and state communications. Then we can work to rectify any problems. Thanks for your help!

Help wanted!

The MH/SU project is looking for someone who will put together a display (tri-fold poster, etc.) on mental health in the county and the issues we are working on. This could be someone who wishes to contribute at home on a one-time project. The MH/SU committees would provide suggestions and materials as to what should be included. It would be on display at League programs. Please contact Susan Kohout at rrkohout@gmail.com.

We followed the ARPA fund money! Here's what we know so far.

The Door County League asked members to focus on how the county, the municipalities (towns, villages, city), and school boards will distribute their American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds. Local governments have many needs and pressures, and residents should participate in their decisions by sharing their views. The dollar amounts each received is attached.



Here's what we've learned so far:

Town of Liberty Grove:

- On June 28 (2021) they committed 100% ARPA funds over the next two years:
- $\$91,951 \times 2 = 183,902 + \$75,000$ (from the Tech budget) for a total of **\$258,902** to broadband within Liberty Grove town.
- The town submitted a grant application for \$245,000. Nsight pledged \$73,500. Town requested State of WI to match \$318,500
- Project total of: **\$637,000** totally committed to broadband.
- The state approved the grant application.
- The "sad fact" is that this project only covers 44 homes and one business. But it is progress.

Town of Sturgeon Bay:

- Approved use of ARPA funds for a Public Service Commission grant application with Charter Spectrum to lay internet fiber to each premise for a southern portion of the town. They committed \$100 per address if the grant is approved. Other ARPA funds will be applied to grants for other addresses in the town as they become available.

Village of Egg Harbor:

The Village of Egg Harbor is using the ARPA funds they receive for wastewater treatment upgrades.

County of Door:

The County Board has created 6 initiatives (essentially "pots" of money). Proposals are being processed and recommended by their related oversight committee and department. When the proposals are ready, they will be sent from the oversight committee through the Finance Committee to County Board.

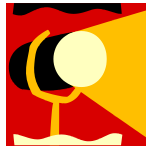
1. Initiative 1: Affordable Housing...\$1,200,000.
 - a. The Shoals, 45 income-restricted apartments in Sister Bay (Developer, \$500,000; Municipality, \$200,000) **Approved at County Board**
 - b. Revolving Loan Fund(s) (\$500,000) **Committee level**
2. Initiative 2: Broadband...\$1,000,000. **First year of broadband coordinator position funded; portion allocated to support grants by municipalities; portion allocated to continue coordinator position**
3. Initiative 3: Environmental...\$800,000
 - a. Protection of water quality **Approved by County Bd.**
 - b. Invasive species control. **Approved by County Bd.**
 - c. Conservation of soil and water resources **Committee level**
4. Initiative 4: Health and Human Services...\$ 1,200,000
 - a. Transitional Housing & Services: Sober living home for persons in recovery, Services to facilitate successful reintegration from treatment to independence **Committee level**
 - b. Childcare **Committee level**
 - c. Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Programs and Services **Committee level**
5. Initiative 5: Public Health, Protection and Safety...\$674,185

- a. Emergency Services **Committee level**
 - b. Premium Pay for Essential Workers **Approved at County Board**
 - c. Uniform Signs **Committee level**
6. Initiative 6: Reserves ... \$500,000

Help us find out what other municipalities are doing.

If you live in any of the following municipalities, make a call and let us know:

- Towns of Baileys Harbor, Brussels, Clay Banks, Egg Harbor, Forestville, Gardner, Gibraltar, Jacksonport, Nasewaupée, Sevastopol, Union or Washington
- Villages of Ephraim, Forestville or Sister Bay
- City of Sturgeon Bay
- School Districts of Gibraltar, Sevastopol, Southern Door, Sturgeon Bay or Washington Island



Observer Corps Report by Barb Graul

March 16: County Board Finance Committee observations

- Several procedural changes to be completed before April County Board reorganization
- ARPA update
 - Broadband - moving along in hiring process for coordinator
 - Health and Human Services
 - Director Joe Krebsbach is looking at possible residences to purchase for sober living facility
 - Childcare procedures under discussion
 - In response to HELP of Door County’s request for funds - if funds are remaining from their “bucket of funds” after initial priorities are completed, grant process for non-profits may be put in place.
 - Funds were allocated to the Village of Sister Bay for infrastructure to support affordable housing (The Shoals). The price tag for the project has more than doubled since first planned.
- Cana Island light keepers’ residence re-do will start in April. Tower first.
- Approval of fund transfer for Emergency Radio backup.

Monitor your local government! To find out when and where it meets, there are several options:

- **Peninsula Pulse:** The front section of the weekly Peninsula Pulse newspaper has a column entitled Door County Municipalities detailing contact information (both phone and email) and meeting day. Check with your school board office for meeting information.
- **Official Directory of Door County:** One complimentary copy of the 2020-2021 Official Directory of Door County (**a listing of contact information for county, city, village and town officials**) can be picked up at the County Clerk’s office at the Door County government building. This directory is also online at the Door County government website:

<http://www.co.door.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=16450&locid=137>

For questions contact Barb Graul, Observer Corp Team Coordinator tgraul@sbcglobal.net or observercorps@lwvdoorcounty.org.

Check out these videos of League programs you may have missed

STRIDE - a mental health care collaborative for Door County school-aged children

On Monday, February 14, the Door County League and United Way of Door County co-sponsored a program to increase community awareness of a new, valuable resource for school-aged children, titled: *STRIDE: Strengthening, Trust, Resilience, Instilling Independence, Discovering Empowerment*. The Door County Collaborative School Mental Health Project is a program of United Way and was created in 2018 to remove barriers for accessing quality mental health care for Door County youth. The collaborative offers on-site mental health services in all five Door County school districts.

The program can be viewed using the League website www.lwvdoorcounty.org or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82108108309?pwd=TOROSDhTRmZ3eWZVZjUzL0VPb3ZCZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 0810 8309 Passcode: 892956

The future of STRIDE faces funding challenges. Cami Peggar, Community Impact Coordinator of Health for United Way, explains:

“The Stride Collaborative strives to provide quality mental health services for all Door County youth, regardless of where they live, attend school, or their financial status. To remove these barriers, Stride mental health providers offer services in school, during school hours, and meet with students regardless of insurance or ability to pay. To address the barrier of cost, Stride reimburses mental health providers for their time providing one on one counseling to students through Stride, whether they have insurance or not.

Already this school year (2021-2022), three different schools have requested extra one-on-one counseling hours due to additional needs and an increase of students needing services. We do receive some grant money to help support Stride but much of that funding cannot be used for services that can be billed through insurance, which is our one-on-one counseling. With the additional hours we have added this year, Stride will be doing fundraising efforts to sustain the needed services throughout the spring and fall 2022 semesters. The majority of the budget for reimbursing mental health providers for one-on-one counseling is through fundraising and donations.”

If you or any of the organizations you support can offer funding assistance, please contact Cami at cami@unitedwaydc.com or 920-421-2177.

Learn about “Final Five Voting”

On February 24, League presented a program on a “ranked voting” method that was proposed in legislation introduced in both the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate to create a new way of electing representatives at all levels of government. League neither supports or opposes this legislation but wanted to learn exactly what was being proposed.

Check out the video available on the League website www.lwvdoorcounty.org to hear Sara Eskrich of Democracy Found explain how “Final Five Voting” works and whether it help to fix at least some of the divisive politics of elections

More opportunities for a busy Spring – mark your calendars

Every Day is Earth Day Festival on the weekend of April 22 to 24

The Door County Climate Change Coalition will be holding their yearly celebration of Earth, and the Door County League will be joining them. So should you!

Friday, April 22, Northern Sky Theater will have a variety show to celebrate Earth Day.

Saturday, April 23, the Coalition will host the "Every Day is Earth Day Fest" at the Kress Pavilion in Egg Harbor, from 10:00 AM to 4 PM. The theme for the day is "What Can I Do to Help Our Mother Earth?"

LWVDC will host a table at the fest where attendees can learn what the organization is about, how the League supports environmental issues, and how to register to vote.

Sunday, April 24, the celebration continues at Crossroads at Big Creek with outdoor activities and demonstrations.

Hope to see you there!



Meet the Tall Cop

Wednesday, May 4: 8:30 to 11:30 AM or 12:30 to 3:30 PM at Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center, 107 N 1st Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI.

The Door County Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Coalition and Door County Health and Human Services, in conjunction with United Way of Door County, are thrilled to bring national speaker Officer Jermaine Galloway, better known as 'The Tall Cop', to Door County. We will offer two FREE substance abuse prevention training sessions on May 4. More information can be found on the attached flyer. Please share. Contact Shauna Blackledge shauna@unitedwaydc.com or (920) 421-2166 for information.

Here is what Kelsey Christensen, Door County Court Services Coordinator, had to say about her experience seeing Tall Cop,

"Tall Cop is one of my favorite presenters. If I could, I would see him present multiple times a year. Not only is he funny and engaging, but his wealth of knowledge is insurmountable. I work with a group of professionals that have worked with substance use for many years. Tall Cop's presentation remains one of my Treatment Court Team's most valued presentations to date. The best part of Tall Cop's presentation is that he visits our local stores and gas stations. His presentation will not just be about drug trends in the country, but things he sees right here in Door County. Tall Cop provides tips and things to look for within our own community, so that we all can walk-away with an increased awareness for what is really going on in Door County."

Join us!

We would love to have you become a member of the Door County League, which also makes you a member of the LWV of Wisconsin and the LWV of the US. **Contact information will be shared and used only for LWV DC purposes.** If you have any questions contact Susan Kohout, (920) 743-1527 or membership@lwwdoorcounty.org.