

League of Women Voters, Jackson Unit Meeting May 17, 2017

Calendar



May

18 JXN Community Forum

Downtown Development Report Card,
Patrick Burch, Jackson City Manager
6:30 - 8:30pm
Carnegie Library Auditorium

19-21 LWV State Convention

MSU Campus, East Lansing

24 Discussion Group

Voter Registration Modernization
2:00 – 3:00pm
Bigby Coffee East Side, Conference Room
Corner Dettman Rd & E. Michigan

Now Through 27 Prison Art

University of Michigan's Prison Creative
Arts Project and SONS: Seeing the
Modern African American Male
Ella Sharp Museum

June

14 Jackson League Annual Meeting

Topic: Becoming an Independent League
2:00 – 4:00pm
Meijer Library West Side, Community Rm

21 Discussion Group

Voting Equipment
2:00 – 3:00pm
Clark Lake Beach & Boat Club

Throughout June

Issue Groups continue to work and
implement Action Plans

What is in a Name?

We are working on becoming an
independent League. What shall we
name ourselves?

-Jackson League of Women Voters
-League of Women Voters of
Jackson

-League of Women Voters of the
Jackson Area

Or something else?

As part of our process of becoming
an independent League we will vote
on our future name. Think about it.

League Mission: 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.

Questions: Email Mary Lee at
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June 14

First Annual Jackson League Meeting.

Library West Side Meijer Branch

The Independent League Committee will review steps Jackson is
undertaking to become an independent league. Your input is valued on
elements of the process. Membership will vote on some aspects. This is
your chance to help shape our local league. Don't miss it.

Book Club Morphs into Discussion Group

First Topic:

Voting Rights & Elections

The Book Club decided to focus on contemporary topics offering recent research
and reports to read, review and discuss. We will read recent articles and papers on a
given topic affecting our current lives. A list of suggested articles will be provided but
members are welcome to find additional materials to read and suggest them to
members to add to a well-rounded review and discussion of a topic. Go to the links
provided and you will find a plethora of information. Read what you are comfortable
with & come join the discussion.

Focus: Voter Registration Modernization (VRM)



Information at **The Brennan Center for Justice:**

VRM link: <http://www.brennancenter.org/voter-registration-modernization>

Voter Registration for the 21st Century:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/fact-sheet-voter-registration-21st-century>

Additional Info links:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/voting-rights-elections>

Automatic Voter Registration:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/automatic-voter-registration>

The Heritage Center: Voting Online is Not in the Foreseeable Future:

<http://origin.heritage.org/research/commentary/2014/5/voting-online-is-not-in-the-foreseeable-future?ac=1>

PEW Center on the States: Voter Registration Modernization

<http://www.ncsl.org/documents/legismgt/becker.pdf>

June 21

Clark Lake Beach & Boat Club

Summer Discussion Group - Topic #2:

Voter Registration Modernization

Focus: **Voter Registration Modernization (VRM) - emphasis on Voting Equipment**

The Brennan Center for Justice:

1. <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/voting-rights-elections>
 2. Voting Machines and Ballot Design:
<https://www.brennancenter.org/issues/ballot-design-machines>
 3. <https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/voting-problems-present-2016-further-study-needed-determine-impact>
 4. Electronic Poll Books <https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/vrm-states-electronic-poll-books>
 5. Status in Michigan <https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/vrm-states-michigan>
- The Center for Public Integrity:**
6. Democracy Inaction: Old Equipment & Partisan Battles Threaten Voting Integrity
<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2015/08/27/17899/democracy-inaction-old-equipment-and-partisan-battles-threaten-election-integrity>