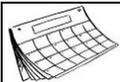


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September 2018



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, Sept. 24 6:00 p.m. Membership meeting
Vienna Public Library – see below
Monday Oct. 8 12 noon LWVWC Board Meeting
Wood County Library
Tuesday, Oct. 9 7:45 a.m. Meet the Candidates for
West Virginia Legislature
Grand Point Conference Center
*LWV members only, see note →
Sunday, Oct. 21 LWV **Voter's Guide** published
in Parkersburg News & Sentinel
Monday Oct. 22 6 p.m. Meet the Candidates for
West Virginia Legislature and
Wood County Commission
Parkersburg City Council Chambers
Tuesday, Nov. 6 **GENERAL ELECTION**



Membership Meeting Climate Change

Eric Engle will be our guest at the September 24 meeting to talk about current climate change science and its implications for public policy.

Eric is a part of Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action., According to its web site, it is a local organization formed in 2015, which “has joined with national and international groups alarmed about global climate change, as well as collaborating with Mid-Ohio Valley groups working locally to take action on environmental and climate concerns. The group focuses on raising awareness of the science supporting the urgency of dealing with global climate change by presenting educational programs and participating in local campaigns.”

<http://main.movclimateaction.org/>

Eric was honored with the 2018 Jim Sconyers Award for Environmental Activism by the WV Chapter of the Sierra Club. For an article about Eric see page 7 of the Mountain State Sierran newsletter, Fall 2018

<https://www.sierraclub.org/west-virginia>

Monday, September 24, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Vienna Public Library
Corner of 23rd St. and River Rd.

Open to the Public

Note that there are parking lots both beside the library on 23rd St. side and around the corner off River Rd.

Meet the Candidates

This event is open to the public. Please help us spread the word. Invite your friends and post on your social media.

On **Monday, October 22** the local candidates for the **WV Legislature and for Wood County Commission** have been asked to make remarks and meet the public, 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Parkersburg City Building. The format will be as it was for the April event. We will not be asking questions, but will give each a few minutes to speak and then encourage candidates and audience to mingle.

* The **October 9** event listed in the calendar is a Chamber of Commerce Meet the Candidate Breakfast event to which League members are invited. If any early-rising members would like to attend, notify me at ksstoltz@suddenlink.net by October 3 and I will RSVP on our behalf.

ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

► **Tuesday, October 16** **Last day to register** to vote or update registration before November 6 General Election

► **Early voting** at the Judge Black Annex open **Wednesday, Oct. 16 thru Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018**
Hours are: Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
Saturdays - 9:00am to 5:00pm

► **LWV Voters Guide** in the Parkersburg News & Sentinel **October 21**. Thanks to Lydia Cobranchi for her hard work.

► **LWVWC Meet the Candidate Event October 22**

► **Community Voting Sites** will be open **Tuesday, Oct. 30 through Saturday, Nov. 3**. at the Lubeck Volunteer Fire Department, the Mineral Wells Volunteer Fire Department, the Vienna City Building, and the Williamstown City Building. The hours are the same as above. Any registered Wood County voter may vote at any of the above locations. *If voting on Election Day, however, you must go to your assigned precinct location.*

► **Tuesday, November 6** **General Election Day**

Election information is available from Wood County Clerk at 304-424-1850, Voter Registration office 304-424-1860
<https://woodcountywv.com/county-offices/county-clerk>

WV Secretary of State: <https://sos.wv.gov>

To go to links in the Voter, press Ctrl and then click on the URL.

Action Alert: Comment on Pipeline Stream Crossing Permit by 9/17

from the West Virginia Rivers Coalition, <http://wvivers.org>
via Helen Gibbins, LWVWV

WVDEP is proposing to change requirements for an important permit that regulates pipeline construction activities in streams and wetlands.

The WVDEP agreed to permit the construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline and Atlantic Coast Pipeline through streams and wetlands according to a permit called the Nationwide 12 issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

WV Rivers and our partners called into question the validity of this permit for the Mountain Valley Pipeline and the Atlantic Coast Pipeline when we discovered it was not in compliance with permit requirements established by WVDEP last year.

Now, rather than requiring massive pipeline projects to meet the stream and wetland crossing requirements in the Nationwide 12, **WVDEP is proposing to change the permit conditions.** The proposed modifications are now out for public comment through September 17. Information at: <http://wvivers.org/2018/09/nationwide12factsheet/>

To comment:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51680/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=25469



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25 Lynnwood Dr.
Vienna WV 26105

Membership Meeting on Climate Change Monday, September 24, 6 p.m.

Vienna Public Library
Open to the Public

Membership in the LWV is open to all.
To join the LWVWC, send a check payable to LWVWC for \$45 (plus \$25 for each additional member at the same address) to the LWVWC Treasurer, 1 Fox Hill Dr., Parkersburg WV 26104
Write "dues" on the memo line.

Election Odds and Ends

- According to the WV Secretary of State, there are thousands of attempts a week to hack into voting systems. WV's system is constantly monitored and none has succeeded. While West Virginians can register to vote online, none vote online. Voting equipment is not connected to the internet.
- Poll worker training is the responsibility of each County Clerk. The Secretary of State provides up-to-date materials, but does not control what is used and neither can control how much each poll worker absorbs, so mistakes (hopefully few) can occur. If you have or know of someone having a problem voting, and the problem can't be resolved at the polling place, do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk or the Secretary of State's office. Is the polling place accessible? Are voting devices positioned to assure privacy? Are voters at the wrong polling place directed to the right one? Provisional ballots offered as required?
- First fall campaign finance reports are not due until later this month, but if you want information about a PAC (328 PACs and Independent Expenditure Committees are registered in WV!) or a candidate's campaign finances (including who contributed), the primary election information is there and general election information will be available in the Elections Division on the Secretary of State's web site. Click on "Campaign Finance" and go exploring.

If you currently receive a paper copy of the Voter and would prefer to receive it via email, send an email to ksstoltz@suddenlink.net with 'email Voter' as the subject.