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THE VOTER

August 2026

Election Season Is Here... Your Vote Is Your Voice!



Upcoming Election: August 18, 2026

- Vote-by-Mail **Request** Deadline: 5 pm on August 6, 2026
- Early Voting: August 8 – 16, 2026
- Vote-by-Mail Ballot Return Deadline: 7pm August 18, 2026. Mail it at least 14 days in advance or drop it off at any **Supervisor of Elections Office** or secure drop location listed in the instructions.

Races at every level of government are on the ballot.

Many local offices will be decided in August – this is more than a Primary!

Federal and State offices: * The races with an asterisk are a Democratic Party Primary only. Republican candidates are unopposed and advance to November.

- US House of Representatives: Dists. 13* & 16
- US Senate

- Florida State Senate Districts 16*, 18*
- Florida State House Districts 62*
- Florida Governor
- Florida CFO
- Florida Commissioner of Agriculture

Local offices:

- County Judge Group 10
- FL 6th Circuit Judge – Groups 39 and 44
- Pinellas Board of Commissioner Dist. 4
- Pinellas School Board Dists. 2, 3 and 6
- Clearwater City Council Seats 4 and 5
- St. Pete Mayor and City Council District 6
- Oldsmar City Council Seat 3

Voting by mail? All vote-by-mail requests expired at the end of 2024. [Click here to re-request your mail ballot.](#)

Voting early? Early Voting is August 8 - 16 at any of the Supervisor of Elections Offices from 8 am - 6 pm Monday - Friday and 8 am - 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Voting in person? Your polling place may have changed. [Click here to check your polling place.](#)

Quick Links:

[Register to Vote](#) | [Request Mail Ballot](#) | [Track Mail Ballot](#)
Supervisor of Elections Office: 727-464-8683
[Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE](#)

Vote411.org: What's On Your Ballot?

Your [Vote411.org](#) Voter Guide is NOW available for the August 18 elections! Learn about the candidates before you vote, including the Pinellas County races that will be decided in this election.

Our [Vote411.org](#) voter guide publishes candidate responses exactly as they are submitted. The guide is also available as a PDF.

Vote411.org

PDF of Pinellas Voter Guide



Candidate Forums

Voters deserve more than flyers, social media posts, or candidate websites. The most reliable way to understand a candidate's positions and priorities is to hear directly from the individuals running.

LWVSPA hosted several well-attended candidate forums earlier this summer, and received media coverage including:

["Can St. Petersburg Balance Development and Charm? Mayoral Hopefuls Weigh In"](#) - Tampa Bay Times front-page article

["St. Pete Mayoral Candidates Trade Policy, Not Punches, In Second Forum"](#) - St. Pete Catalyst

["St. Pete Mayoral Candidates on Taxes and City Priorities"](#) - WMNF 88.5 Tampa

["St. Pete Forum Prioritizes Substance Over Rhetoric"](#) - PowerBroker News

Recordings of these forums (and those hosted by our sister Leagues) are available at the links below.

[Clearwater City Council Candidate Forum](#) (June 1; hosted by LWV of North Pinellas)

[City of Oldsmar Candidate Forum](#) (June 8; hosted by LWV of North Pinellas)

[St. Petersburg Mayoral Candidate Forum](#) (June 18)

[U.S. House District 16 Democratic Candidate Forum](#) (June 18, hosted by LWV Manatee)

[St. Petersburg City Council District 2 Forum](#) (June 23)

[Pinellas County School Board Candidate Forum](#) (June 29)

[US House District 16 Republican Candidate Forum](#) (July 9)

Note: Recent redistricting has significantly reshaped Congressional District 16, adding the southern tip of St. Petersburg, all of Manatee, DeSoto and Hardee Counties, and part of Sarasota County.

[10th and 13th Judicial Circuit Candidate Forum \(Hillsborough\)](#) (July 11)

Double-Check Your Polling Place in Wake of Redistricting

The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections has finished updating the county voter registration database to reflect the new congressional lines and precinct boundaries resulting from special redistricting. Its main objective during this process was to provide voters with as much continuity as possible. **Approximately 99 percent of all voters will continue to vote at their current polling place.**

Voters can use the “Where to Vote” feature on VotePinellas.gov to check precinct and polling place information, as well as ensure their information is current for the upcoming primary and general elections.

The new congressional districts for Pinellas County are 13 and 16 (previously 13 and 14). The southern boundary line for district 13 also changed. (See the new [2026 precinct/district map](#).) Approximately 99 percent of all voters will continue to vote at their current polling place.

For those wanting to do a deep dive on the new congressional districts, [this map is available](#).



Election protection efforts are being run by the Florida Election Protection Coalition, Common Cause, and All Voting is Local. All League members and friends are welcome to join this effort as volunteers. These positions are part of a network of local poll watchers and state-wide election monitors.

[Election Monitoring Training Signup](#)

Canvassing Board Meeting Monitoring Training signup is live now!

The Supervisor of Elections' Canvassing Board meets before the election to test the logic and accuracy of scanners. They then meet after the election to review mail and provisional ballots. There is training for each of these monitoring roles. This is a great way to observe behind the scenes of how elections operate. Sign up to learn how to volunteer for this effort below.

[Canvassing Board Monitoring Training](#)



"Count Me In: St. Pete Turning Out," an innovative celebration of civic engagement, culture, and connection, will take place near the Supervisor of Elections office at 501 1st Ave. N. in downtown St. Petersburg.

With an immediate aim to boost voter turnout during the primary election, the event's broader goal is to prepare "would-be" voters for the crucial November general election, ensuring that every eligible resident feels empowered, engaged, and ready to participate in our democracy.

Certified LWVSPA Voter Services volunteers will be on site during the weekends starting at 11:00 a.m. to assist attendees with voter registration for November.

Check out the event flyer [here](#).



**August 8, 2026, 1 p.m.
North Greenwood Library
905 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755**

James Abraham is a former journalist who now edits and publishes books. His Book-Broker Publishers, founded in 2004, has produced and edited more than 500 books in a variety of genres. A graduate of Oberlin College, Abraham is the author of *Century: A People's History of Charlotte County*. This "Florida Talks" program is

cosponsored by the League of Women Voters of North Pinellas County and Florida Humanities. To register for the program, click [here](#).

Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of Florida Humanities.

MIX, MINGLE, & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



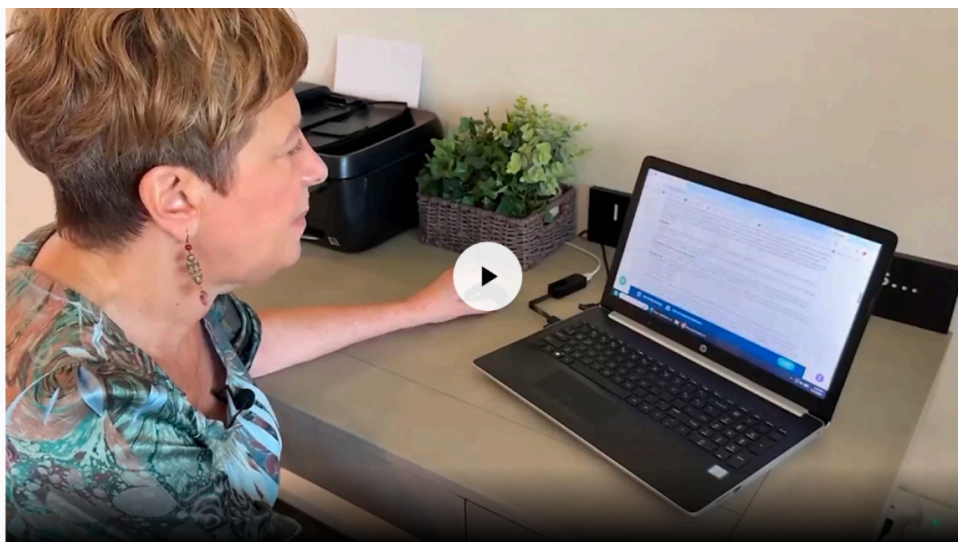
August 10 @ 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Blush Tea & Coffee
2382 Dr. MLK Jr. St.

Our August Cocktails & Conversation highlights the work of LWVSPA's Reproductive Rights team and will be a collection point for Tampa Period Pantry. Please consider bringing menstrual period and hygiene supplies to donate such as tampons, pads, period panties, and menstrual cups. Let's generously support this effort to wipe out period poverty.

In addition to tea, coffee, beer, and wine, Blush will have charcuterie available to purchase for \$10. For more information about the event and how support these efforts, and to register, click [here](#). If you cannot attend but would like to help out, you can make donations through the initiative's [wish list](#).

LWVSPA In the News

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A court challenge could reshape how Florida voters see a property tax amendment on ballots this fall. Heidi Davis, voter services co-chair with the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area and pictured here, tells us the language of ballot questions are instrumental when it comes to a voter's decision when they're in the voting booth.

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"We encourage voters to read the synopsis, understand what you're voting on, understand what a 'yes' vote means, and understand what a 'no' vote means," said Davis. "Get educated so that you don't skip your vote and you're able to be an informed voter."

Immigration Justice Action Team Chairperson Courtney Prokopas called into WMNF's Florida Matters Live & Local show to discuss ways to urge local officials to **end 287(g) Agreements.**

END 287(g)

Feeling the heat over ICE, Fluorid-a a year later, it's like a sauna out here, hail to the chef

By Matthew Peddie, Gracya Doctor, Amelie Horace, Quincy Walters, Claire Macchiarola

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IMMIGRATION JUSTICE

Listen to the conversation [here!](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Zoom Events in Black **In-Person Events in Red**

Reproductive Rights Action Team Meeting

August 3 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Join us via Zoom! This month we will be featuring Karen Johnson, a chairwoman for the [Sonia Plotnick Women's Health Fund \(SPHF\)](#). A local nonprofit dedicated to promoting the wellness of women in the Tampa Bay area, SPHF provides financial assistance for women's varied healthcare needs. [RSVP here](#)

National Popular Vote Committee

August 5 @ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

This month we meet on the first Wednesday, then we return to our regular schedule of the first Tuesday each month. [RSVP here](#)

St. Petersburg Chamber Meet the Candidates

Presented By Tampa Bay Rays and Spectrum

August 6 @ 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

This event gives voters an opportunity to meet candidates for all elected positions in the St. Petersburg region, from federal seats to school district and city council. [Buy tickets at St. Pete Chamber of Commerce Website](#)

Bloody Streets and Crooked Lines:

100 Years of Black Voter Suppression in Florida

August 8 @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Clearwater North Greenwood Library

905 N Martin Luther King Jr Ave.

Hosted by LWV North Pinellas County. James Abraham is a former journalist who now edits and publishes books. His Book-Broker Publishers, founded in 2004, has produced and edited more than 500 books in a variety of genres. Abraham is a writing coach, critic, and lecturer. He conducted the longest-running race relations class in Charlotte County. A graduate of Oberlin College, Abraham is the author of *Century: A People's History of Charlotte County*. [RSVP here](#)

Cocktails & Conversations

August 10 @ 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Blush Tea & Coffee

2382 Dr. MLK Jr. St.

These happy hours are the perfect time to relax with (or without!) a drink and enjoy some great company. This month's event highlights ways to support reproductive rights in the Tampa Bay area. For more information and to RSVP, click [here](#).

Community-Centered Development Team Meeting

August 12 @ 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Smart development centers people and planet at the heart of city planning, managing growth sustainably and equitably to put the public good over narrow individual benefits for any one stakeholder group, geographic area or private business interest or sector. Get involved! [RSVP for Zoom here](#)

Board Meeting

August 17 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

If any LWVSPA member wishes to address the board, they should email the president at president@lwvspa.org to get on the agenda and to receive meeting info (such as location or Zoom login).

Communications Committee Meeting

August 18 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

The LWVSPA Communications Committee meets monthly via Zoom. Got a background or an interest in communications to help get the word out on all we do?

Email office@lwvspa.org for the link if you'd like to get involved.

Voter Services Committee

August 19 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

This committee gets around! Among its many recent activities were 11 events at recreation centers across St. Pete, talking with parents picking up their kids about [Vote411](#) and the upcoming elections. Tabling with Voter Services is a fun and gratifying way to meet with the public and assist our neighbors with voter registration, mail ballot renewal, and more. [Tune in via Zoom](#) to learn more about what we're up to and how to get involved.

All-Member General Meeting

August 20 @ 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Allendale UMC

Gather with fellow members to catch up on what is happening League-wide, and hear from guest speaker Pinellas County Commissioner Dr. René Flowers. Childcare will be available during the meeting. See you there! [RSVP here](#)

Education Committee (With LWVNPC)

August 24 @ 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monthly LWVNPC/LWVSPA Education Committee Meeting via Zoom. For an invitation or to attend, contact lwvnpc.info@gmail.com to receive an agenda. Open to all current LWV members only.

New Member Orientation

August 25 @ 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Allendale UMC

We are one of the most active advocacy and policy education groups in Pinellas County! This orientation is designed to welcome community members who are curious about the League, as well as those who've been members for less than a year. [RSVP here](#)

TODOS LOS DOMINGOS!
EVERY SUNDAY!

VIGILA por la JUSTICIA para los IMMIGRANTES
VIGIL for IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

 **Pinellas County Courthouse**
14250 49th Street N (corner of 144 Ave N &
49th St N), Clearwater, FL 33762

 **5 PM - 6 PM**

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF THE ST. PETERSBURG AREA

Register Now 

Join LWVSPA, the Pinellas/Hillsborough Interfaith Coalition, and community allies for our weekly [Vigil for Immigrant Justice and To End 287\(g\) for Immigrant Justice and to End 287\(g\)](#) as we stand in solidarity with immigrant families and

demand an end to the detention and deportation of our nonviolent, law-abiding immigrant community neighbors, siblings, and friends.

[Join our Immigration Justice team](#) for updates on this and other urgent issues. Your involvement can help make a difference!

More events at www.lwvspa.org/events



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Robin Jones and Robert Kerstein
JoEllen Schilke
Julie Weston

If you find our local forums, voter guides, and other resources to be useful, please consider donating to and/or joining the League! (People of every gender welcome.)

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directly to communications@lwwspa.org.**



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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.

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