



December 2025 Newsletter



Our Mission Statement: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, increases understanding of major public policy issues, and seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy.”

Message from our President:

Greetings and Special Wishes for this holiday season!

Looking ahead, we are planning an informational event in January at the Calvert Library which will feature Len Zusa reporting on his research into Data Centers, currently under discussion in the county.

Our website and Social Media pages are the best places to follow upcoming events for information and details. Please accustom yourselves with them and use them often!

If you want to volunteer to help with any events or other programs and committees, contact us at: lwvcalvertcounty@gmail.com. If you have any suggestions or questions, we'd like to hear from you. *-JC Hooker*

LWVCC Voter Service: This coming election season will be busy for our League. Beyond our usual voter registration activities, we hope to encourage registered voters to actually vote. Voter registration training will be provided in February and March for all interested members. Check our website at lwvcalvert.org for dates of the training, and your emails to volunteer through Sign UP Genius.

For MARTIN LUTHER KINGS Day of service on January 19th, we will be providing items for the CSM student foodbank. The following are most-needed items: *Quick and easy*

microwaveable meals, proteins such as chicken or tuna cans, peanut butter, protein and granola bars, cereals and breakfast bars, shelf-stable milk boxes, add-water only pancake mixes, snacks such as crackers, pretzels, microwave popcorn, applesauce or fruit cups, dried fruit, canned vegetables, fruits, stews, instant potatoes, rice, pasta and boxed pasta meals, tortillas, and personal care items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc., and paper goods: towels, plates, disinfecting wipes, reusable bags.

STATE LEAGUE NEWS

LWVMD supports local Leagues with a variety of resources, including programs open to all members.



Winter Workshop, January 24, 2026

Topics will cover voter intimidation (outside of polls) and how federal actions may impact voting. Check LWVMD website for registration information. Virtual.

Democracy Dialogues

A virtual series that addresses current issues. “Disinformation” will be the topic for February 5th (or 12th) with a panel of media experts moderated by Len Foxwell. On March 3rd, the topic will be “Anti-Science” with a focus on vaccines and climate change. Check the LWVMD.org website for times and login information.

LWVMD Press Release, December 18, 2025

— The League of Women Voters of Maryland (LWVMD) is disturbed by the recent updates coming from the Governor’s Redistricting Advisory Commission. LWVMD, like all Marylanders, learned after the fact that the redistricting commission held a meeting on Thursday, December 18th, at which time they decided to proceed with creating a map to redistrict Maryland and eliminate the last minority-party district in the state.

The Commission’s approach has not met the spirit or intent of open meetings and has given the public only two weeks to weigh in, most of which fall over the holidays. The Commission has demonstrated that it is more loyal to a single party’s desire to redistrict than to the people of Maryland.

“There was no notice of today’s meeting; it was not streamed for public viewing. The Commission has not shared future meeting dates or even an outline of a process or tools for people to contribute to the development of meaningful and fair maps. While it

seems like small details, it sends a clear message that says the majority party can jam through what it wants while ignoring the citizens,” said executive director Nikki Tyree.

“The mission of the League of Women Voters is to ‘empower voters and defend democracy. Maryland’s elected leaders need to do the same,” said Linda Kohn, President LWVMD.