

Everything You Need to Know - and Share - About Elections

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Every year about this time, those of us who ought to know a lot about elections start to wonder if we really know all that we should. Do we know enough to give accurate information to new young voters? To brand new citizens? To our neighbors? Thus our kick off for the 2008-2009 LWVFA program year covers a lot of key information about voting, with a timeliness that allows people to register to vote and apply for absentee ballots as needed. In general, a tremendous amount of information on elections (registration, absentee voting,

upcoming elections, polling places, candidate information) can be found at the Fairfax County elections website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb. City of Fairfax residents may find additional information at GeneralRegistrar@fairfaxva.gov.

One thing we all need to know is that in Virginia we vote every single year. Yes, 2008 is a national election year, but good government starts locally. It is on the local stage that potential candidates receive the training and experience that turns them into responsible politicians for the future. The following chart includes the schedule for elections in Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax for the next few years:

Year	Federal	State-wide	General Assembly	Local/County & City of Fairfax	Town (all May elections)
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •President •Vice-President •House of Reps. •Senate 			City of Fairfax-(May) Mayor 6 Council Members, 5 School Board,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clifton-Mayor, 5 Council •Herndon-Mayor, 6 Council •Vienna-Mayor, 3 Council
2009		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Governor •Lt. Gov •Att’y Gen. 	•House of Delegates	City of Fairfax Commissioner of Revenue Treasurer	•Vienna-3 Council
2010	•House of Reps.			City of Fairfax-(May) Mayor 6 Council 5 School Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clifton-Mayor,5 Council •Herndon-Mayor, 6 Council •Vienna-Mayor, 3 Council
2011			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •State Senate •House of Delegates 	County •Board of Supervisors •Commonwealth’s Attorney •Sheriff •Soil & Water Commission; School Board	•Vienna-3 Council

VOTER REGISTRATION

The first thing Virginians need to know about voting is that they must register to vote. Interestingly, this is not true of one state, North Dakota, and seven states allow voters to register on the day of the election. Ensuring that voters register is a key factor in voter turnout. This may not sound very profound, but the low voter turnout so often mentioned after an election is a percentage of *eligible* voters (63.8% in 2004). The percentage of registered voters who voted that same year was 88.5 percent, a fairly respectable showing. That means, of course, that 27.9 percent of eligible voters were not registered, who most likely would have voted if they were registered. (*National Voter*, June 2008, p.5) Next month's program will take a look at some of the reasons why people may not be registered.

Frequently Asked Questions About REGISTERING TO VOTE in Virginia

1) Am I eligible to vote?

Answer: you are eligible to register to vote if you are

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age by the next general election
- A resident of Virginia
- Have had your voting rights restored by the Governor if you have ever been convicted of a felony. (Unique to Virginia)

2) When is the next election?

Answer: **November 4, 2008**

3) When can I register to vote?

Answer: You can register to vote anytime. However, applications submitted during the 29 days before a general and primary election will not be processed until after that election. Registration will then be permanent under most circumstances.

4) So what does that make the deadline for the November election??

Answer: The deadline to register to vote for the next election **or to submit a change of address form** is 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6. (For additional information call the Fairfax General Registrar's Office at 703 222-0776 or City of Fairfax General Registrar's Office at 703 385-7890.) Mail-in applications must be postmarked on or before October 6.

5) How do I register?

Answer: There are four ways:

- a. In person from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323 Fairfax Virginia 22035-0081
Phone: 703 222-0076

Or, in City of Fairfax,

General Registrar's Office / Sisson House,
10455 Armstrong St. Fairfax, Virginia 22030
703-385-7890

- b. In person at other registration sites such as community festivals where a trained assistant registrar, such as some League of Women Voters members, can take your application. Be sure to get a receipt if you ask the assistant registrar to mail it in. Call 703 324 4700 for a list of other sites.
 - c. By mail, to the Fairfax County address above or, if a City of Fairfax resident, to General Registrar's Office / Sisson House, 10455 Armstrong St. Fairfax, Virginia 22030. The form will contain a pre-addressed envelope. If you register by mail you should include a copy of your current and valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address. You should receive a Voter Information Card within 30 days. If you do not, call your respective Office of Elections number above to follow up.
 - d. Military personnel and their families, plus other overseas voters, may register to vote by using a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) which can be downloaded from www.fvap.gov. You can sign it and mail, fax, or scan and send an e-mail attachment to your local registrar, so long as it reaches the office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008. Please note that the original post card application with the original signature, must be mailed to the registrar's office and received no later than the close of polls on election day to be processed. Sounds complicated? Maybe the following website can clarify this: www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Absentee_Voting/Military_Overseas_Citizens/Index.html
- #### 6) Where do I get a registration application?
- Answer: You can pick a Virginia Voter Registration Application at the following sites:
- Department of Motor Vehicles (5)
 - Military recruitment offices
 - Public assistance agency offices
 - Public libraries
 - Public schools
 - District Government Centers, Board of Supervisors offices
 - Citizens Assistance in the County Government Center lobby
 - Judicial Center information desk

- Web site of the State Board of Elections:
http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html
- Voter drives, such as local elections groups, civic associations, churches, League of Women Voters outreach events at community gatherings

7) Are there other restrictions when you register by mail?

Answer: Yes. If you register by mail, you must vote in person the first time you vote. You are exempt from this if you are in the military service or a dependent, an overseas citizen, a full-time student, or disabled. However, if exempt from this restriction, you must still provide a photocopy of a valid identification with your mailed absentee ballot.

8) Do I have to state my political party preference?

Answer: No

9) I'm already registered but moving. Will I be able to vote in the next election?

Answer: Registered voters must notify their general registrar in writing of any change of address to insure their voting privilege. The back of your Voter Information Card (which we hope you have carefully saved) provides a form. Full legal name, home address, date moved to the address, birth date, the last four digits of your social security number, complete address of previous registration and a signature must be provided. If you are moving to another city or county, you must complete a new voter registration application to update your address. This must be done by October 6 for the November election.

10) I am a college student living away from home.

Where should I register?

Answer: You can register either at your home or school, depending on state law. It is important to update your registration each time you move. If you are registered at your home address while you are at school, remember to request an absentee ballot at least 30 days before the election. (See absentee ballots)

11) Where can I get assistance for someone who doesn't speak English?

Answer: Check with registrar. The Voting Rights Act requires local election officials to provide bilingual voter registration applications, ballots, and language assistance once the minority reaches a certain percentage of the population.

12) Is the information on the Voter Registration Form confidential?

Answer: The information is a matter of public record. However, recent legislation prevents

states from using this information for any purpose other than voter registration. States that require a Social Security number are required to protect the confidentiality. This is why our recently mailed Virginia Voter cards no longer have a Social Security number, but a new registration number.

13) What information does the registration form require?

Answer: See insert: Virginia Voter Registration Application

ABSENTEE VOTING

How Do I Vote If I Am Out of Town?

The issues surrounding absentee voting are many and include the question as to why you must have a reason to vote absentee and the problems that people have voting absentee from overseas. Next month's study will look at some of these.

Frequently Asked Questions About ABSENTEE VOTING

1) I will be out of town on Election Day. Can I vote absentee?

Answer: Any registered voter who expects to be away or otherwise physically unable to go the polls on Election Day may request an absentee ballot.

2) My commute is too long to get back in time to vote. How can I vote?

Answer: You can vote absentee if you will be working and commuting for 11 or more hours between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., if you are a primary caregiver of a confined family member, an Election Officer (poll watcher), or on vacation. (Other acceptable reasons are listed on the ballot application below.)

3) Is working in Washington D.C. or even Alexandria considered being out of town?

Answer: Yes. Anyone out of Fairfax County on Election Day may vote absentee, if you meet the above time frame. This includes Washington, D.C, Arlington, or Alexandria, among others

4) What if I just want to avoid the hassle on Election Day.

Answer: You have to swear that the reason you selected is true. The penalty is a felony conviction under VA law (conviction would bar you from voting for life.) The maximum penalty is \$2500 fine and/or 10 years in jail.

5) Where do I apply to vote absentee?

Answer: Four places:

- A. By mail. Form may be requested from the General Registrar's Office (address and

Virginia Voter Registration Application Form

→ Use this form to register to vote in Virginia or report a change in name or address. If you are already registered with your current name and address, you do not need to re-register.

To register to vote in Virginia, you must:

- Be a **United States citizen**
- Be a **resident of Virginia**
- Be **18 years old by the next general election**
- Have **had your voting rights restored** if you have ever been convicted of a felony
- Have **had your capacity restored** if you have ever been declared mentally incapacitated in a Circuit Court

→ **Starred (*) items are required.** If you do not complete all of the items that are marked with *, your application may be denied. Once your local registrar approves your application, you will receive a voter card **by mail**.

Privacy Act Notice: This form requires your social security number for identification and to prevent fraud. Your application will be denied if you fail to provide your social security number or any other information necessary to determine your qualification to vote. Federal law (the Privacy Act and Help America Vote Act) and state law (the Virginia Constitution, Article II, § 2, Title 24.2 of the Code of Virginia and the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act) authorize collecting this information and restrict its use to official purposes only.

WARNING: INTENTIONALLY MAKING A MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF ELECTION FRAUD, WHICH IS PUNISHABLE UNDER VIRGINIA LAW AS A FELONY. VIOLATORS MAY BE SENTENCED TO UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON, OR UP TO 12 MONTHS IN JAIL AND/OR FINED UP TO \$2,500.

1	*Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	*Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next General Election day? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If you checked "NO" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.
2	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> None	
	*Social Security Number	*Date of Birth	Daytime Telephone Number
	*Last Name	*First Name	*Full Middle or Maiden Name
			*Suffix (Jr., Sr., III, Etc.)

3 *Residence (Permanent) Home Address Apt/Unit/Lot/Rm/Ste City/Town Zip Code

If Rural Address or Homeless, please describe where you reside E-mail address

Mailing Address (If different)/ Virginia P.O.Box or Uniformed Service Address, City or County
if applicable (include Zip Code) Name of City or County of Residence

4 *Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO State where convicted

If YES, have your voting rights been restored? YES NO If YES, when restored?

5 *Have you ever been judged mentally incapacitated? YES NO

If YES, has court restored you to capacity? YES NO If YES, when restored?

6 **Registration Statement:** I swear/affirm, under felony penalty for making willfully false material statements or entries, that the information provided on this form is true. I authorize the cancellation (entered in Box 7 below) of my current registration and I have read the Privacy Act Notice on the front of this form.

→ *Signature (or mark if unable to sign)

If applicant is unable to sign due to a physical disability, write the name/address of person who assisted. (Required). Check/describe if you have a disability that requires accommodation in order to vote.

<input type="checkbox"/> I'm interested in being an Election Official on Election Day. Please send me information.	You may request that your home address not be released if you (a) are active or retired law enforcement, or (b) have been granted a protective court order, or (c) are in fear of your personal safety from someone who has threatened or stalked you and have filed a complaint against that person with a magistrate or law enforcement (must attach copy of complaint). You must show a Virginia P.O. box under mailing address in Box 3 above. <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Protective Order <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened/Stalked
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7 Commonwealth of Virginia—*Previous Voter Registration Information

No, I am not currently registered to vote in Virginia or another state.

Yes, I am registered to vote at another address in Virginia or in another state. **If YES, the information below must be completed:**

Full Name as Registered Date of Birth Social Security Number (last 4 digits required)

Address at which you were previously registered to vote City/Town State Zip Code

City/County/Town of Residence (if applicable). This cancellation information will be sent to the county or city and state you entered above.

phone number above) beginning 10 months before the general election. Requests for a ballot must be received by the General Registrar at least SEVEN DAYS before the election—**October 28, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.** They are also available at registration sites and government centers. The League Office often has a number on hand as well as being provided at Voters Service Outreach events.

- B. In person at the Registrar's Office
- C. Online: Web site of the State Board of Elections: http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html
- D. Military personnel and their families serving overseas and other overseas voters are permitted to apply for an absentee ballot by email attachment, using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). People meeting this criteria may request to receive the ballot via e-mail. The original card with an original signature has to be mailed so that it is received by the close of polls on Election Day. Every voting family member must send in a separate card and fill out forms sent specifically to them. The ballot itself must be sent through postal mail or delivered personally to the Office of Elections.

6) How do I cast my vote on an absentee basis?

Answer: Two ways:

- a. By mail or in person, voted ballots must be received in the office by **7:00 p.m. of Election Day** to be counted.
- b. You may vote in person in the Registrar's Office or in satellite locations before a general election. **IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTES MAY BE CAST THROUGH THE SATURDAY BEFORE EACH ELECTION DAY (this year, NOV. 1, 2008). YOU MAY BEGIN VOTING IN PERSON THIS ELECTION ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008.**

7) Where are the in-person satellite voting locations?

Answer: Besides the registrar's office at the Government Center, there are 7 locations; you need to call 703 222-0776 or visit the county website mentioned above to discover hours of operation:

- Franconia Governmental Center
- Mason Governmental Center
- McLean Governmental Center
- Mt Vernon Governmental Center
- North County Governmental Center
- Sully District Governmental Center
- West Springfield Governmental Center

8) What information does the absentee ballot application ask for?

Answer: See next page for copy of first page of absentee ballot application that lists the criteria for voting absentee. The second page of the application, not included here, gives you, in Part B, the opportunity to tell them where to send the ballot, especially important if you have moved. (Part F on this page gives you the opportunity to submit change of address information.) Part C gives you the opportunity to tell them if you need assistance marking the ballot due to disability, blindness, or inability to read which will alert officials to the need to send instruction to the assistant. Part D asks you to sign a statement that all the information is true with the penalties mentioned in #4 under Absentee Voting. Part E is where the Assistant signs for the person mentioned in Part C.

9) Is there any problem with voting absentee?

Answer: According to election officials, the absentee ballot must include all information requested on the B envelope, including the date, or it will have to be rejected. This happens in an unfortunate number of cases.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Going to the Polls

Assuming you have navigated the registration process successfully and you will be in town on Election Day, you may still confront some complications at the polls. A close look at some of these, such as long lines or confusing ballots, will be part of next month's study.

Frequently Asked Questions About VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

1) How will I know where to vote?

Answer: The Registrar's Office determines eligibility and confirms acceptance of a registration application by mailing to the registrant a voter information card which includes your election districts and the name and address of the voting location. You should check with the General Registrar if you are not notified within a reasonable time of your voting status. You can also find your polling place online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb or GeneralRegistrar@fairfaxva.gov

2) When will the polls be open?

Answer: From 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3) Is there any way I can help relieve the anticipated long lines at the polls?

See **What You Should Know**, Page EF-7, Col. 1

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Precinct: _____	District: _____	Application number: _____	Reviewed by: _____
Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In person <input type="checkbox"/> By mail <input type="checkbox"/> By fax <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Application accepted: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Reason not accepted: _____
Date received: <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>		Ballot to be: <input type="checkbox"/> Mailed <input type="checkbox"/> Voted in person (<i>On machine</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

Commonwealth of Virginia

Absentee Ballot Application

Submit a separate form for each person and for each election. Must Complete Parts A through D (and E/F if applicable).

I am registered to vote in the County/City of: _____

I am applying to vote in: General Election or Special Election Democratic Primary Republican Primary

To be held on: / / Printed Last Name: _____

PART A Under Virginia law a registered voter may qualify to vote absentee by completing one of the following statements.

Note: First time voters who registered by mail may be ineligible to apply to vote absentee by mail. See Instructions.

→ I will be absent on Election Day from the county/city in which I am registered to vote because of the following:

- 1A Student attending (name/address of school): _____
- 1B Spouse of student attending (name/address of school): _____
- 1C Business (name of employer or business): _____
- 1D Personal business or vacation (place of travel—VA city/county or State or Country): _____
- 6A Active duty Merchant Marine or Armed Forces (Branch/Rank or Rate, Service ID): _____
- 6B Spouse or dependent living with a member of 6A (Branch/ Rank or Rate, Service ID): _____
- 6C Temporarily residing outside US, cohabitant spouse or dependent (if your Virginia residence is **no longer available to you**, provide your last date of residence in Virginia): _____
- 6D Temporarily residing outside US for employment, cohabitant spouse or dependent (if your Virginia residence is **no longer available to you**, provide your last date of residence in Virginia): _____

→ I will be unable to go to the polls in person on Election Day for the following reason:

- 2A My disability or illness (nature of disability or illness): _____
- 2B I am primarily and personally responsible for the care of a disabled/ill family member confined at home.
Their Name: _____ Nature of their Disability/illness: _____
- 2C My pregnancy.
- 5A I have a religious obligation (religion and nature of obligation): _____

→ I am:

- 1E Working and commuting to/from home for 11 or more hours between 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Election Day.
Working/Commuting: : AM – : PM.
Name of business or employer and workplace address: _____
- 3A Confined, awaiting trial (place/address of confinement): _____
- 3B Confined, convicted of a misdemeanor (place/address of confinement): _____

- 4A An electoral board member, registrar, officer of election, or custodian of voting equipment.
- 7A Requesting a ballot for **presidential and vice-presidential electors only**. (Ballots for other offices/issues will not be sent.)

Absentee Ballot Application continues →

What You Should Know, From Page EF-5

Answer: YES! BECOME AN ELECTION OFFICER. Call 703 324-4706 or check web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb. The hours are long but you can split a shift if you get someone to do it with you. You get paid, and can see all your neighbors. (You are usually assigned to your home precinct.)

4) What happens if bad weather and traffic prevents you from getting to the polls on time?

Answer: Protocol exists for extending hours, but it was not implemented by the political parties last February during the primary.

5) Will I need to show some sort of I.D.?

Answer: Yes. The General assembly passed legislation that requires you to provide I.D. or sign an Affirmation of Identity in order to vote.

6) What forms of I.D. are acceptable?

Answer: The following will work:

- Virginia voter identification card (see why you need to save it?)
- Va. Driver's license or special ID card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Valid U.S. passport
- Military ID
- Any Federal, state or local government issued ID
- Employer issued photo
- Social Security Card

7) What if I turn up without any of these?

Answer: You may sign, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity, which is your certification in writing that the name and address information being provided is correct.

8) I am a busy person. When am I least likely to stand in a long line?

Answer: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. are the least busy times. You may wonder why we don't vote on weekends or declare a holiday so that all don't have to interrupt jobs to vote. We will take a look at that in next month's study. An additional note on this issue: an increased number of election workers would make shorter lines for all. Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb to find out about becoming an election worker or to download an application.

9) What kind of voting machine will I be using?

Answer: According to County Election officials, "every precinct will have at least one optical scanner and from 3 to 6 touch screen machines (depending upon the size of the precinct.) Voters will be encouraged (but not required) to use the

paper ballot which will keep the lines moving faster since more voters can vote at the same time. The County is planning to print enough paper ballots for 100% turnout, so it won't be caught short!" Optical scanner voting machines are being introduced in response to recently passed state law to answer concerns about electronic machines not leaving a paper trail. See sample paper ballot, which must be run through an optical scan reader.

WHAT LWVFA DOES TO SERVE VOTERS

The League of Women Voters to the Rescue

The League of Women Voters was formed right after women obtained the right to vote in order to make sure these new voters became informed voters. We feel we are needed more than ever these days, and not just for women. Consequently the LWV of the Fairfax Area puts considerable effort into providing the following informational voting services. The first three items also appear on our website, www.lwv-fairfax.org:

- **VOTER'S GUIDE**—Local and state Leagues request biographies, photos, and answers to questions of those qualified to be on the ballot. Their answers will be published in the *Connection Newspapers* throughout the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County approximately two weeks before the election.
- **"WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?"**—In user-friendly language and in readable form, the League publishes every autumn a list of all the decisions the voters will be making, including candidates and bond issues. This publication will appear on our website and in our October newsletter in late September. Printed versions will be passed out at League voter outreach events (community fairs, etc.) before the election. Each library will receive copies as well as governmental offices.
- **FACTS FOR VOTERS**—Updated yearly, this is an easily accessible listing of every elected official (and some appointed ones) for voters in Fairfax County and City of Fairfax from the President of the U.S to local school board members and administration. Voting registration information, registrar's offices, local and regional libraries and more are included. Distribution is the same as in "What's on the Ballot?"
- **VOTING 101 CLASSES**—for this election they will be held in four regional libraries in October: Chantilly, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m.; the City of Fairfax, Oct. 5, 2:00 p.m.; Reston, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.; and Sherwood, Oct. 12 at 2:00 p.m. Classes will cover in more detail much of the information



FAMOUS NAMES DEMONSTRATION BALLOT

Completely fill in the Oval opposite the name of each candidate you wish to vote for as shown

PRESIDENT
(Vote for ONE)

THOMAS JEFFERSON

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

JOHN F. KENNEDY

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Write-in

POET LAUREATE
(Vote for ONE)

MARIANNE MOORE

ROBERT FROST

CARL SANDBURG

T.S. ELIOT

EZRA POUND

Write-in

COMMISSIONERS FOR NATIONAL PASTIMES
(Vote for TWO)

JIM THORPE

BILL RUSSELL

JOE DIMAGGIO

PEGGY FLEMING

Write-in 1

Write-in 2

COMMISSIONER OF AMERICAN LITERATURE
(Vote for ONE)

ERNEST HEMINGWAY

WILLIAM FAULKNER

JOHN STEINBECK

SINCLAIR LEWIS

Write-in

MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION
(Vote for ONE)

AMELIA EARHART

CHUCK YEAGER

ORVILLE WRIGHT

NEIL ARMSTRONG

Write-in

MINISTER OF COMIC RELIEF
(Vote for ONE)

LUCILLE BALL

BOB HOPE

CAROL BURNETT

LILY TOMLIN

Write-in

MINISTER OF ART
(Vote for ONE)

ANDREW WYETH

ALEXANDER CALDER

Write-in

TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING

covered in this study. This program will also be given at the Reston Community Center October 8.

- **PHONE BANKS**—Starting October 28, voting information seekers can call the League Office (703 658-9150) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **WEB SITE**—www.LWV-Fairfax.org—will contain “What’s on the Ballot” and all the information in this study starting the first week in September.
- **LINK TO NATIONAL LEAGUE INFORMATION SITE.** Our local site will provide a link to a

valuable source of voting information for the entire county, www.VOTE411.org

- **DEBATES**—Our local League is currently arranging for televised candidate debates for Districts 8, 10 and 11 which will be televised on Channel 10 (Fairfax County Public Television) at their Merrifield location.
- **REGISTRATION**--League members will be helping to register voters at several locations around the county until October 6.