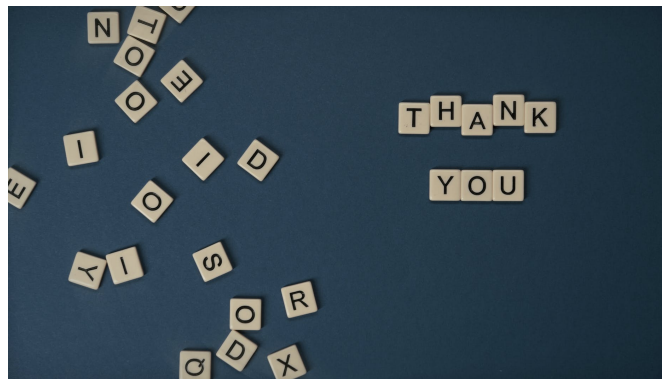


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## Thanks to All the VOTE411 Volunteers!

**Heartfelt thanks** go out to each League member who stepped up to support and promote VOTE411 this season, at each stage of the election season.

These League volunteers:

- **followed up** with local candidates about VOTE411 questionnaire responses;
- **organized and delivered** packets of VOTE411 flyers and bookmarks to public library branches in Catawba and Burke Counties;
- **spoke** about VOTE411 and handed out information at every event hosted or attended by LWVCV this fall;
- **put** VOTE411 magnets on vehicles;
- **found homes for** VOTE411 yard signs;
- **shared** League posts on social media; and
- **talked** about VOTE411 and the League's work with friends, family, and acquaintances.

VOTE411 is one way we provide information to voters in EVERY election cycle, in pursuit of the League's stated mission to empower voters.

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## LWVCV Receives \$7000 Grant

**The LWVCV Board recently received** an unsolicited grant for \$7000. According to the award letter, our League was chosen, along with a few other NC Leagues, "because of the potential to improve civic engagement in the region".

**We will use the grant to inform and educate** the Catawba Valley community on several fronts, for both existing League projects and new ones.

These activities include:

- printing and distributing brochures regarding Vote411
- printing and distributing flyers on local voting information
- possibly renting billboards to promote Vote411 and encourage voting
- holding Candidate Forums or Meet-the-Candidates events for contested races
- holding educational events on voting issues, in partnership with other non-partisan organizations

**This grant is a general support grant** that cannot be used to organize a voting drive for a specific candidate or party or be used for voter registration events. There are no other restrictions on the use of the grant funds. Per a request from the grantor, the grantor will not be named publicly.

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## **Be Ready for These Approaching League Events**

**LWVCV committees are already organizing** multiple public events for early 2024 across the Catawba Valley, in collaboration with our partner organizations. As the new calendar year approaches, we encourage members to think about how they can get involved in these projects.

### **"Ready to Vote" Community Educational Events**

LWVCV, Common Cause, and other partner groups are teaming up to provide voters with the latest non-partisan information they'll need to navigate (and help their communities navigate) new voting, elections, and redistricting changes in North Carolina. These "Ready to Vote" events will include guests from county Boards of Elections and will happen before the start of early voting.

Two of these events are already confirmed:

- [Thursday, January 18, from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM](#) at the Alexander Senior Center in Taylorsville with the Alexander County Board of Elections
- [Tuesday, January 30, from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM](#) at the Catawba County Board of Elections Office

Any additional events will be announced on the LWVCV website, social media accounts, and through local media and e-mail to League members and supporters.

### **Candidate Forums for primaries and general elections**

As in previous years, LWVCV is hoping to hold Candidate Forums or Meet the Candidate sessions for 2024 local elections. Once candidate filing closes on December 15th, 2023, the League will assess which races are competitive and would lend themselves to such candidate events.

The League is also exploring partnerships with several organizations we have not worked with before to expand our reach to more segments of the local population.

**Keep an eye on your e-mail inboxes** for volunteer and participation opportunities for these events, which will be coming soon.

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# BE A POLL WORKER

## Wanted in All Counties: Poll Workers for 2024 Elections

**Local Boards of Elections are seeking poll workers for the 2024 election cycle.** The primary election and general election will have large numbers of offices and candidates, so the Board of Elections is starting early to recruit community members to serve as Precinct Officials. These positions are paid, and they require workers to be registered voters in the county where they intend to serve.

**More information and links to application process** in the four-county area -- Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba -- is available on the League website [here](#).



### Notes from the President by Tiffany Canaday

**Hi everyone!** I hope you enjoyed a blessed, safe Thanksgiving with family and friends. I personally wish to thank you for your work in protecting elections and thereby preserving democracy.

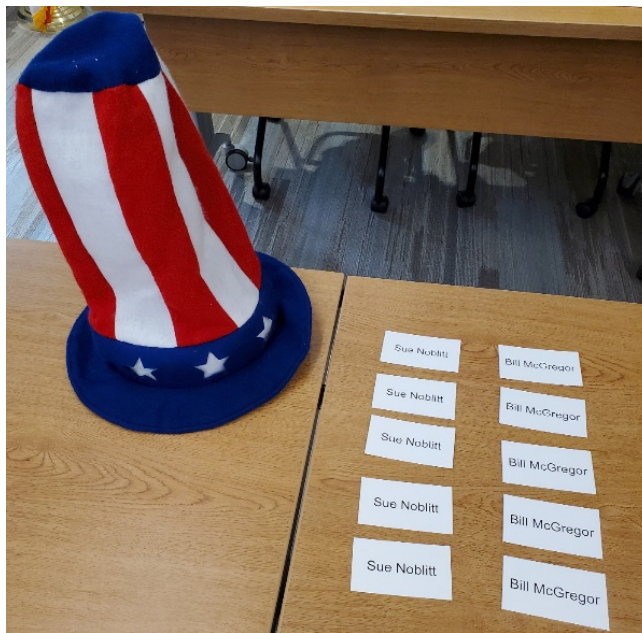
**We will not hold a business meeting in December**, but will resume meeting on January 17, 2024, via Zoom. In the meantime, stay up to date on League activities and issues by visiting the website—[lwvcv.org](http://lwvcv.org)—and following LWVCV on social media (remember to “like” and share!).

As we approach the new year, **please consider donating to LWVCV**. You may donate online at [lwvcv.org/donate](http://lwvcv.org/donate). Your donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law and enable the essential League work of informing, educating and registering voters.

**Wishing you all joyful holidays!**

Tiffany

***League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley (LWVCV) is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy. It works to inform and engage the community and to encourage participation by citizens in government.***



## Every Vote Does Count!

**The 2023 race for Alderman** in the town of Brookford ended in a tie, with 43 votes for each of the two candidates. In accordance with state law, the race was decided by a "method of random selection", which in this case was drawing a name from a hat

**If just one more voter** had cast their ballot in this local race, one of the candidates would have won outright. And this is not the first time that this has happened in Catawba County in recent years! Both the [2019 primary](#) for the Ward 3 City Council seat in Hickory and the [2021 race](#) for Conover City Council were decided by coin toss.

**It's more proof that, yes, every vote truly does count!**

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## Public Comment Period Open for Proposed Rules on Photo ID & Election Observers

**[Two important sets of proposed rules changes](#)** by the State Board of Elections are up for public comment right now.

The first is a set of three temporary rules regarding election observers at polling places. This comment period runs **through December 20, 2023**.

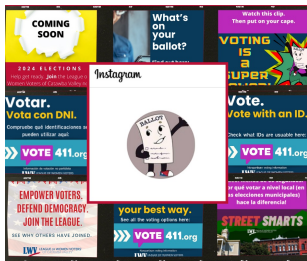
The second is a pair of permanent rules for implementing the photo ID requirements for in-person and absentee voting. The comment period for this set of rules runs **through January 16, 2024**.

**Public comment** on these rules can be submitted in any of three ways:

- online on the NCSBE website;
- by e-mail to the NCSBE Rulemaking Coordinator; or
- by postal mail.

Links to the State Board of Elections' public comment portals are available on the LWVCV website [here](#).

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## Volunteer Opportunity: Social Media Management

The League's social media activity will be an important part of our efforts to keep the Catawba Valley community informed in 2024.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate the LWVCV social media accounts, let the Communications group know [here!](#)



## Let Elected Leaders Know What You Think

The LWVCV website has a **new page** to help connect Catawba Valley residents to their elected representatives.

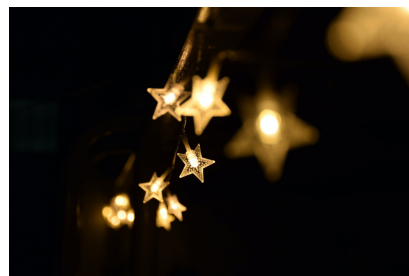
["Elected Leaders in the Catawba Valley"](#) has links to the county commissions of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties, as well as to state and federal legislators.

***Top tip: Look for signup links to constituent newsletters from your county commissioners and legislators!***

## Happy Holidays to All!

**Thank you** for supporting the LWVCV newsletter in 2023, and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2024.

**Let's look forward together** to the coming year of life in the League!



Thanks for reading our newsletter. Please forward this edition to any friends who might like to know more about the League. They or anyone may **join the LWVCV** by tapping [this link.](#)

# Calendar

*More details on these events are available on the [League Calendar](#). The new version of the calendar also allows you to add events to your personal calendar.*

**LWVCV January Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2023**  
**10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Meeting link and additional materials will be made available to members prior to the meeting.

**"Ready to Vote" Community Educational Event**  
**January 18, 2023**  
**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**  
**Alexander Senior Center**  
**730 7th Street SW, Taylorsville NC**

This education event is powered by the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley, Common Cause NC, state and local partners, and featuring special guests from the Alexander County Board of Elections.

Registration link will be available [here](#) soon.

**"Ready to Vote" Community Educational Event**  
**January 30, 2023**  
**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**  
**Catawba County Board of Elections Office**  
**145 Government Dr., Newton, NC**

This education event is powered by the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley, Common Cause NC, state and local partners, and featuring special guests from the Catawba County Board of Elections.

Registration link will be available [here](#) soon.

**Thanks to Lynn B. Spees & Dot Williams for reviewing this newsletter.**

***Any remaining errors are the editor's.***

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