

Record high turnout in Shawnee County Primary election

Wahoo! According to the Shawnee County election office, August 2022 saw a record high turnout of registered voters at the ballot box. As many of our League members, I too personally worked the election polls on Election Day this year. What amazed me was the numbers of unaffiliated voters who came on Election Day to cast a vote on one measure. I know we weren't the only organization encouraging registration and voting, but I think our efforts paid off. In Shawnee County alone, 55.26% of registered voters voted in the August 2nd primary election. Our next challenge will be keeping this momentum going. Aren't sure if your personal efforts made a difference with your circle of influence? You don't have to be an ambassador on our [Voter To Voter team](#) to log on and check on your close neighbors and friends that you personally talked to just to make sure that they really voted.

Whatcha been doing?

Stuff. We've been doing stuff like **Empowering Voters** and **Defending Democracy!** This year we've held 52 events to register voters and encourage voting. We've had 34 different people volunteer at those events for 324 hours! We've talked to 1,960 people about voting and helped 77 people fill out their voter registrations on [KSVotes.org](#).



Here's a picture of Christine Smith (left) and Cindy Lash (right) living it up with Elias Garcia at the Mexican Fiesta. We estimate that we talked to roughly 400 people about voting and helped five people register to vote during the Mexican Fiesta. We are so grateful that Elias Garcia shared his spot with us during the Fiesta this year.

There's still time for you to help. Find all our events on [POINT](#). You don't have to sign up to just look at our events; just click on that link. If you don't want to help out on a tabling event, but you enjoy talking with high school seniors, join us in the classroom this fall. So far, we have 20 people signed up, but, you know, life happens. We can always use a few more in case someone comes down with COVID at the last minute or accidentally breaks their arm. I don't know; it could happen! And besides, you'd get to wear one of our spanking new League of Women Voters sashes. That's reason enough to come out and help. Here's Gretchen Gleue (left) and Jayne Boggs-Varney (right) donning our new sashes.



What's on deck?

We have added several new events at Washburn University in August and September. Also, in November this year we have an event you won't want to miss: we will be giving voter demonstrations at Washburn University on November 7. See [POINT](#) to sign up and for all the latest information on these and many more events.

AUG 22 Voter Registration at TSCPL Farmer's Market 7:30 - 11:30 am

AUG 24 Voter Registration at WashU Market Daze (expecting 400–800 people!) 10 am - 1 pm

AUG 29 Voter Registration at TSCPL Farmer's Market from 7:30 to 11:30 am

AUG 30 Voter Registration at Washburn's WU Fest 5 - 8 pm

SEP 2 Voter Registration at NOTO's First Friday Artwalk 5 – 8 pm

SEP 20 National Voter Registration Day at Washburn University 11 am - 1:30 pm

SEP 22 Voter Registration for First Generation Students at Washburn University 4 - 6 pm

Join us for team meetings

If you are interested in learning more, come to our next team meeting. Our team meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. Grab your calendar and mark these dates down right now, so you won't miss any of our fun!

- Tuesday, September 20, 6 - 7 pm, Menninger Room 206
- Tuesday, October 18, 6 - 7 pm, Anton Room 202
- Tuesday, November 15, 6 - 7 pm, Anton Room 202