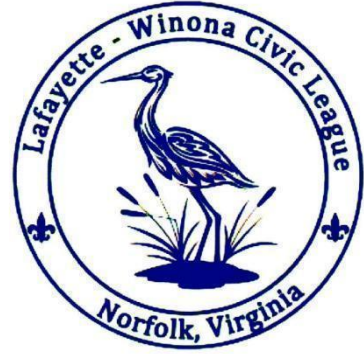


Lafayette-Winona Civic League
Minutes of the LWCL Meeting
March 17, 2026



7:00 pm - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome to the 2025/2026 Civic League Season

Board Members:

Bryan Cornell, President
Matt Hinson, Vice President
Nancy Eyler, Treasurer
Christopher May PhD, Secretary
Douglas Arnold, Member at Large

Attendance: 35

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

Introductory Announcements by our President

- Last meeting we agreed to read the meeting minutes at each LWCL meeting and approve the minutes for publication to the LWCL.net website
- **President recaps his goals for his term**
 - Committees have been created and grown
 - Reinvigorate the website
 - Elections need to be official

Officer Tomko

- One attempted burglary on 181 Orleans on March 9th between 12AM and 7AM
 - No suspects
 - Norfolk Police Detective division is still handling the incident
- Larceny from a commercial building – no information on this to report

Committee Updates

- **Events – Amanda Pine**
 - April 18th is the date of the neighborhood yard sale – save the date
 - April 25th is tentative date for the plant sale
- **Social – Rebecca Shultz**
 - New signs will be ordered this week
 - Please subscribe to the newsletter at LWCL.net
 - Survey on the Lafayette Blvd Corridor is LIVE – link will be provided on the LWCL.net
- **Dog Park – Susan Jones**
 - We will be closing down the dog park on April 11th for one day to work on the agility course

- This will be posted on the website
- Mulch is usually put out at this time of year – city will order the mulch – just waiting on the city and they will notify us when ready
 - VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO SPREAD MULCH! Please volunteer
- Leaves were brought in for the meantime to provide ground cover in wet/muddy areas

● **Nomination Committee Report – Amanda Pine**

Hi friends, last year, I led the nominations team so I am just going to take a minute and tell you about the nominations process.

First, at this meeting, we need to make a motion to assemble the Nominating Committee that is made up of three-five people per our bylaws. Right now, we have Cheryl Cushing-Oman, Nancy Eyler, Marcia Cronin, and myself. We are charged with vetting the candidates and determining which roles need to be filled. I will make that motion in a moment, then it will need to be seconded, then we can discuss, then we can vote.

Motion was made, seconded, and voted – the motion passes: Nominating Committee is set

Each candidate needs to be a registered voter in the Commonwealth of VA and must be a resident of the Civic League for at least a year.

Right now, we know that the position of Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President will be vacant. Matt is going to stay on as Traffic Subcommittee Chair, which I'm sure will make him a popular connection after this meeting.

Our President, Bryan, and our Member at Large, Douglas, will run again. That doesn't mean that you cannot run for these positions. To run for a position, you just need to submit a bio to the nominations team (one of the people I just mentioned).

SO- come chat with one of us! Voting will happen in May, and at the April Meeting we will have an opportunity for everyone who is running to introduce themselves.

Rezoning Request – 2747 Tidewater Drive

- **Alex Rodriguez, Owner: here to present plans for the property at 1747 Tidewater Drive in anticipation of a rezoning review by the City (zoning on the property has lapsed). Alex would like LWCL blessing on property plans.**
 - Nothing will change in terms of design or aesthetics (apartment upstairs and business downstairs – this will stay the same)
 - Improvements/upgrades will be made to the property
 - Working on rezoning the property
 - Motion made to vote on approval of the improvements – LWCL votes in favor

Special Guest Speaker

[League of Women Voters of South Hampton Roads](#)

This month, we are pleased to welcome a guest speaker from the League of Women Voters of South Hampton Roads. The League is a nonpartisan civic organization dedicated to encouraging informed and active participation in government through voter education, community outreach, and public discussion of important issues.

The League works throughout our region to provide reliable election information, host candidate forums, and help residents better understand how decisions made by local and state governments affect their communities. Their presentation will highlight the League's work in South Hampton Roads and share ways residents can stay informed, engaged, and involved in civic life.

Welcome Josie Bergstrom!

- League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization. It does not advocate for any political party, but it is a political organization
- The Virginia Board of Elections website is where you go to find out about all upcoming elections in the Commonwealth
- If you have a driver's license or VA issued ID from DMV you can easily register. If you do not have a VA-issued ID you must complete a paper application and send to the VA board of elections
- Upcoming elections:
 - April 21st is a special election on redistricting (statewide)
 - Redistricting is typically based on the 10-year census (last one was in 2020)
 - General Assembly has issued a referendum for an amendment on redistricting
 - Board of Elections website will give you the history and full verbiage of the referendum to be voted on (present law and proposed law)
 - Early voting is live now
 - August 24th is a primary
 - November 3rd General Election– all house of representatives elections
- Vote 411 is the League of Women Voters website -they aggregate information on their website
- League of Women Voters also has an outreach program which seeks to educate citizens on voting and the voting process
- If you are curious to see if your vote was counted, you can go to the Virginia Board of Elections website and you can look up that information
- LWCL.net will show you who our representatives are

Good for the Order

- Dan Morgan – First United Methodist Southern District
 - First United Methodist will operate under the assumption the groups of churches can do more when they work together in an outreach capacity in the community –

identify issues in the community and work together with other churches to address community concerns

- Tomorrow Night Community Dinner (Wednesday 3/18 at 6PM) – free to all as a meet and greet

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Eyler

- \$60 brought in from membership
- Total: \$5,441.91

Last Meeting's Minutes

- February's meeting minutes are available on the LWCL.net website

Next meeting date: April 21, 2026

Adjournment at 7:56PM

****AS A REMINDER: You must be a paid member to vote! Dues must be paid 30 days in advance of voting per the bylaws. You must pay dues by April if you want to vote in May**

Check out the website: www.lwcl.net

