



*Legislative Directory*  
*by Joyce Sullivan*



**2021 Legislative Directory of Elected Officials will be available to distribute on February 15th. We will print 10,000. Once again libraries and government agencies will provide copies to the community. If you are interested in providing copies to your organization or community, please contact Joyce Sullivan at [jftsullivan@comcast.net](mailto:jftsullivan@comcast.net). The Directory will also be available by pdf on our site. Thanks to the Palm Beach Post for their sponsorship**

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## *The League of Women Voter Palm Beach County Speakers Bureau Chair Opportunity*



If you are an experienced speaker who is interested in taking a lead role with the LWVPBC we have rewarding opportunity for you. Our Speakers Bureau Chair educates thousands every year. If you are interested in the position, please review the [JOB DESCRIPTION](#) and send a letter of interest to Diane Marks [dimarks@gate.net](mailto:dimarks@gate.net). Include your name, e-mail address, phone number, experience speaking to adult audiences, and why you are interested in the position.

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## *The Healthcare Committee Saves Lives* *by Nancy Gau*

HOW COULD  
ONE STICKER SAVE  
YOUR LIFE?



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The Healthcare Committee is reopening their program to show families how to be better prepared for emergencies by using [www.EmergencyInfoPlan.com](http://www.EmergencyInfoPlan.com)

This site now educates both iPhone and Android phone users on how to alert 911 and important contacts of an emergency and to provide vital medical information at the scene to those who come to your aid.

The unique phone sticker program has been expanded to also include Emergency Alert Stickers for cars and homes to tell first responders to check your phone for medical information and emergency contacts. [www.EmergencyInfoPlan.com](http://www.EmergencyInfoPlan.com)

Our healthcare committee member, John Pastore, was inspired by his own personal tragedy to develop the website

Everyone seems to carry a mobile phone today. It's obvious that mobile phones are the device of choice to alert 911, to provide vital information to first responders and to notify contacts.

Most people think they are prepared, but when they take the 2-minute assessment they find areas for improvement.

As a League member, you can help spread the word and help the League.

A portion of each sticker pack sale generated by the League will be donated to the LWVPBC Education Fund.

Sales can also be tracked by committees and directed to help fund their projects.

The First 50 League Members will receive Free Emergency Alert Sticker Packs.

Visit [www.EmergencyInfoPlan.com](http://www.EmergencyInfoPlan.com) to:

- Complete the 2-minute assessment
- Place your order for an Emergency Alert Sticker Pack, and
- Enter the promo code **LWVPBCfirst50**

You will receive a free pack and instructions for your family.

When you share the League's discount code, **LWVPBCCares** with family, friends and others, a 10% discount will be credited toward the purchase of packs.

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**Want to provide funds to support your committee programs? Contact Ashley Cacicedo and for a special committee code to share.**

**EIP wants to reach out to:**

- **Hospitals and physician groups,**
- **Care providers,**
- **Homeowner Associations**
- **Communities, (both independent and assisted living), and**
- **other nonprofit organizations that help those who need to be prepared.**

**A portion of the revenue generated from these sponsors will also benefit the League's foundation.**

**Don't be late, be one of the first 50 to get your free sticker pack and help the League promote this valuable program.**

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***Advocacy Committee Volunteers Needed***  
*by Debra Chandler*





LWVPBC members, we need you! Well, at least some of you. Now that the election is over and the campaigns have quieted down some, it is time for persuasion. The Advocacy Committee is reforming and we need members who are skilled writers and speakers. If you have a passion for a cause, let us know. If you are a hard worker, want to learn about the political workings of Palm Beach County and Florida, contact us. And if you have relationship with an elected official, send us an email. The big job of pushing our agenda needs big ideas.

Please respond to Jim at [bigjimlaw@aol.com](mailto:bigjimlaw@aol.com) or me at [dachandler55@gmail.com](mailto:dachandler55@gmail.com)

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*Local League of Women Voters Partners with Solar  
United Neighbors to Virtual Solar Co-op Info Sessions*



# Want to Go Solar?



SAVE MONEY ON THE COST OF GOING SOLAR

JOIN THE  
SOLAR UNITED  
NEIGHBORS  
PALM BEACH COUNTY CO-OP



GET UNBIASED, EXPERT  
HELP THROUGHOUT THE  
PROCESS

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION  
SESSION ONLINE

Wednesday, January 27 at 6pm  
Thursday, February 18 at 6pm  
Tuesday, March 16 at 6pm  
Wednesday, April 7 at 6pm



WE'RE A NON-PROFIT THAT  
HELPS THOUSANDS OF  
PEOPLE GO SOLAR EACH  
YEAR

REGISTER & MORE INFO

[SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PalmBeach/Events](https://SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PalmBeach/Events)

JOIN THE CO-OP

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(West Palm Beach, FL – December 22, 2020) The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County (LWVPC) is partnering with Solar United Neighbors (SUN) to launch the [Palm Beach County Solar Co-op](https://SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PalmBeach) on January 14 to help Palm Beach County residents

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go solar.

“The co-op will enable Palm Beach County homeowners and business owners to join the growing community of people saving money by harnessing solar power,” said Laura Tellez, South Florida program coordinator for SUN. “Together, we’re building a movement to transform our electricity system into one that is cleaner, fairer, and shares its benefits more broadly.”

The co-op is free to join and open to homeowners and business owners in Palm Beach County. Together, co-op members will learn about solar energy and leverage bulk purchasing to ensure competitive pricing and quality solar installations.

After a competitive bidding process facilitated by Solar United Neighbors, co-op members will select a single solar company to complete the installations. Joining the co-op does not obligate members to purchase solar. Instead, members will have the option to individually purchase panels and electric vehicle chargers based on the installer’s group rate.

Solar United Neighbors has hosted 60 solar co-ops in Florida since 2015. According to the group’s estimates, the 1,800 homes and businesses that now have solar panels because of co-ops represent: 17+ MW of solar power, \$39.2 million in local solar spending, and more than 585 million lbs. of lifetime carbon offsets.

Solar United Neighbors will host several free information sessions to educate community members about solar energy and the co-op. Individuals interested in going solar can sign up for the co-op or one of the upcoming information sessions by visiting the co-op web page at [SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PalmBeach](https://SolarUnitedNeighbors.org/PalmBeach).

Virtual information meetings are planned for:

- + Wednesday, January 27 at 6pm
  - + Thursday, February 18 at 6pm
  - + Tuesday, March 16 at 6pm
  - + Wednesday, April 7 at 6pm
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***FEBRUARY 20, 2021 CALLING NEW MEMBERS!***  
*by Membership Committee*



If you have not yet attended a Palm Beach County League Orientation for new members, please put February 20 on your calendar. The Orientation will be held on Zoom until it is safe to meet in person. The Taste of the League Orientation is a dynamic hour (10:30-11:30 a.m.) well spent learning about the work of the League. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Taste of the League.....February 20, May 15 and September 25.

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***Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Municipal Elections  
are on the Way!***  
*by JalyNSEY Brown*

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**For those of you thinking, “whew, we made it past the presidential election,” just know there’s still more voting to do. On March 9, 2021, there will be municipal elections taking place across Palm Beach County.**

**Not all municipalities in the county will be having elections however. According to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections website, the following municipalities will be having an election: Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Haverhill, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Lake Worth Beach, Lantana, Loxahatchee Groves, North Palm Beach, Ocean Ridge, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Riviera Beach, South Bay, Tequesta, and West Palm Beach.**

**There will be no early voting for the 2021 municipal elections. The last day to register to vote in the municipal elections is February 8, 2021. You do have the option to vote by mail in the upcoming elections. The last day to request your vote by mail ballot is February 27, 2021; and the last day to return it is March 9, 2021 by 7:00pm. Polls will be open on Election Day, March 9, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. All of this information is available at your fingertips by going online to <https://www.pbcelections.org> .**

**The League of Women Voters and When We All Vote Palm Beach County Voting Squad have organized municipal candidate forums, to take place in February. The first two forums will be held February 11, 2021 with candidates from Ocean Ridge, West Palm Beach and Delray Beach. The next forum will be held February 17, 2021 with candidates from Boca Raton, The last forum will take place on February 18, 2021 with candidates from Riviera Beach, Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay. The forums will be held live, streaming on Facebook Live, YouTube and Zoom. The public is strongly encouraged to attend.**

**I hope that everyone exercises their right to vote again. Come on Palm Beach County and let’s make this one count!**





## *reformation*

*by Kelly Hayes*

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## *Business Spotlight: Emergency Info Plan, LLC*

*by Jalydney Brown*

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## *What to Expect for the Environment Under the Biden Administration*

by Kathy Panko

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## Netherlands Palm Beach County Connection

by Pam Maldonado

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## Florida Housing Coalition's Center for Racial Equity Live Launch [Register](#)



## Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation [Register](#)

**What is the Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation?**

Why does poverty impact people of color disproportionately in our nation? An assessment of the realities of racism in our nation grows. Broad for the world offers this 2-hour experience, designed to transform participants and lead to the correct racial wealth gap, and how far centuries, it has been and continues to be embedded in the fabric of the U.S. economy.

Learn about the systems that create many of the challenges we face, as well as actionable approaches to changing them. Participation is limited to 100 persons.

This program is free to participants.

**Saturday—February 20, 2021**  
**Time—1:00-3:00 PM**

Register [here](#), once registered, you will receive a link to join a day before the event.

Logos for NCJ, Palm Beach, and other organizations are displayed at the bottom of the flyer.

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# Black History Month

by Rebecca Freeman



February 1st to March 1st, the United States honors and celebrates Black History Month. The entire month of February honors African Americans' achievements and their roles in our country's history. In 1915 the Association for the Study of Negro Life was founded by historian Carter G. Woodson in response to the lack of information on African Americans' accomplishments available to the public. A few years later, in 1926 the organization declared the second week of February as Negro History Week. Also, few studied Black history and it was often not included in textbooks prior to the establishment of Negro History Week.

The week in February was chosen because it included the birthdays of well-known figures such as Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln (the former president of the United States who abolished the practice of slavery). In 1976, former President Gerald Ford extended the recognition for the entire month of February to represent all the Black Americans who have made significant contributions in all areas of society.

One woman who is recognized during Black History Month is Madam C.J. Walker. Walker created specialized hair products for African Americans and as a result became one of the first African American women to become a self-made millionaire. Walker promoted her hair products by traveling around the country, providing lectures, demonstrations, and later established Madame C.J. Walker Laboratories to make cosmetics and train sales beauticians.

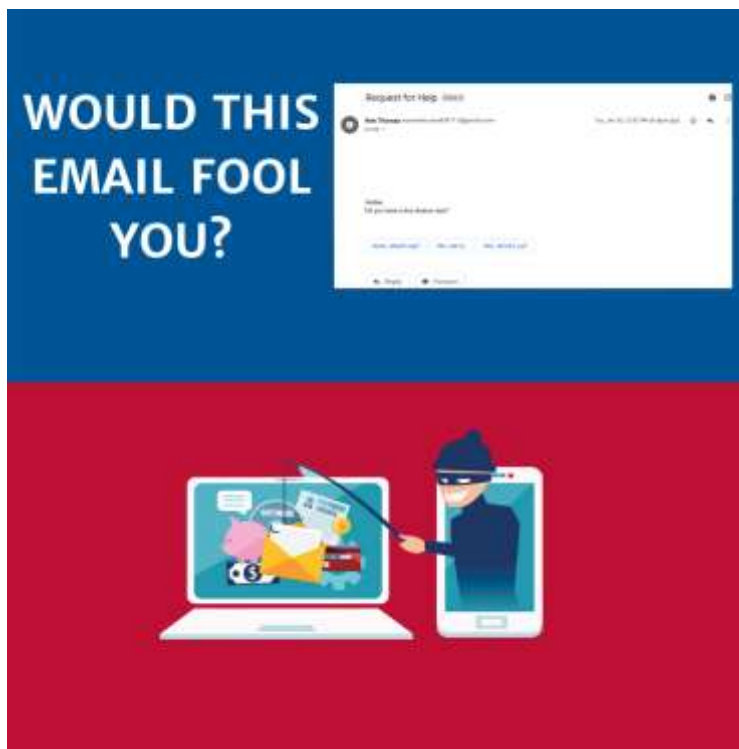
Various museums around the country have excellent exhibits that tell African Americans' story and their contributions to the world.



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# Cyber Security

by Communications Team




## Be Cybersmart with LWVPBC

### What is Online Phishing?

Hackers use fake email messages to get personal information from you designed to:

- Reveal information.
- Give unauthorized access to a system.
- Click on a link.
- Commit to a financial transaction.

### Be Cybersmart about the bait.

- Do not respond to emails from strangers.
  - Avoid clicking on hyperlinks.
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- Be aware of messages asking you to act immediately.
  - Consider using longer or passphrase passwords.
  - Protect your personal information.
  - Double your login protection, e.g., Multifactor authentication (MFA).
  - Install and update anti-virus software.

For more information, please visit <https://www.cisa.gov/>

<https://staysafeonline.org/>

#LWVPBCISCybersmart

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## *Meet the 2021 Leadership Team*

*by Young Leaguers Committee*



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*Voting It's for My Family*



CLICK HERE TO WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sAxAvfJKKeg>

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*Be Heard Vote for the Future*







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