

Calendar of Events

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- April 23, 2026
- Election Education Forum**
Third Presbyterian Church
4 Meigs Street
Rochester, NY 14604
05:30 PM - 08:00 PM EST
A community forum focused on Rochester's role in expanding voting rights and strengthening our democratic process. Whether you're a first-time voter or a longtime participant in civic life, this forum offers valuable insights and practical information to help you stay informed and engaged. Sponsored by Knowledge and Action Rochester, LWV-RMA, Indivisible Outreach, and Indivisible Westside MC.
- May 1, 2026
- First Friday**
I-Square
200 Bakers Square
Irondequoit, NY
11:30 AM - 01:30 PM EST
Join us for social time at I-Square. There's no agenda but we talk about everything League and have lots of political discussions. Many great ideas originate at First Fridays and a lot of work gets done. And we have a lot of fun. Come when you can, leave when you must. No need to register, just come!
- May 12, 2026
- Combating Misinformation on Social Media Through Crowdchecking**
06:30 PM - 07:30 PM EST
Adam Shenxiong Li is a third-year Ph.D. student at the Simon Business School, University of Rochester. His research, supervised by Professor Huaxia Rui, focuses on misinformation on social media platforms and crowd-based fact-checking mechanisms. His work explores how online communities can be leveraged to identify and counter the spread of false information in digital environments.
- Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83283274610>*
- May 14, 2026
- Board meeting**
06:00 PM - 07:30 PM EST
Members are welcome to attend these zoom board meetings. Please request a link by emailing to president@lwv-rma.org.

May 21, 2026

Book Club: Children of the Land by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo

04:30 PM - 05:30 PM EST

Children of the Land by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo

When Marcelo Hernandez Castillo was five years old and his family was preparing to cross the border between Mexico and the United States, he suffered temporary, stress-induced blindness. Castillo regained his vision, but quickly understood that he had to move into a threshold of invisibility before settling in California with his parents and siblings. Thus began a new life of hiding in plain sight and of paying extraordinarily careful attention at all times for fear of being truly seen. Before Castillo was one of the most celebrated poets of a generation, he was a boy who perfected his English in the hopes that he might never seem extraordinary.

With beauty, grace, and honesty, Castillo recounts his and his family's encounters with a system that treats them as criminals for seeking safe, ordinary lives. He writes of the Sunday afternoon when he opened the door to an ICE officer who had one hand on his holster, of the hours he spent making a fake social security card so that he could work to support his family, of his father's deportation and the decade that he spent waiting to return to his wife and children only to be denied reentry, and of his mother's heartbreaking decision to leave her children and grandchildren so that she could be reunited with her estranged husband and retire from a life of hard labor.

Children of the Land distills the trauma of displacement, illuminates the human lives behind the headlines and serves as a stunning meditation on what it means to be a man and a citizen.

June 5, 2026

First Friday

I-Square

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