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## Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources (GWAAR) News

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### ***Nice to Know***

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#### **Brief Survey Regarding Volunteer Coordination**

The Volunteer Program Coordinator for the Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources has asked that anyone coordinating volunteers consider completing this brief survey:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7123493/BADR-Volunteer-Coordinator-Survey>

The results of the survey will be used in a new series of meetings that will connect volunteer coordinators and other individuals who work frequently with volunteers in their professional roles. The meetings will allow time for collaboration and connection, but also sharing of best practices.

Please complete the survey by January 31, 2023.

#### **Save the Date for the Second Quarter Virtual ACE Meeting**

*Wednesday, April 12 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

Join us for the second quarter A Commitment to Excellence (ACE) meeting April 12. Watch for a calendar invitation from Rosanna Mazzara, [Rosanna.Mazzara@gwaar.org](mailto:Rosanna.Mazzara@gwaar.org).



## Advocacy

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[Janet Zander](#), Advocacy and Public Policy Coordinator

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#### **Prepare to Vote**

While the Spring 2023 Elections might seem a long time from now, they are not really very far off. The spring election is an opportunity for us to take part in important decisions that will shape our courts and local communities. Save the dates for this year's elections:

- Spring Primary: February 21
- Spring Election: April 4

Take time now, to make sure you are ready to vote this spring. To confirm you are registered to vote go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Voter-Info>. If you are concerned your work schedule, health, or

family/personal commitments may prevent you from going to your polling site, ensure you will get a ballot for every election this year (including any special elections that may be scheduled on short notice) by submitting a calendar year absentee voting request at this same link.

If you are planning to head to your polling site to vote, you can check the location of your polling site by entering your voting address here: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Find-My-Polling-Place>

Share this message with staff, board members, consumers, and community members, so they can also prepare to vote this spring. You might also want to post a link to [www.MyVote.WI.Gov](http://www.MyVote.WI.Gov) on your social media sites.

To learn more about what's on the ballot this spring, check out these resources:

- Meet the candidates running in the 2023 Wisconsin Supreme Court primary - <https://pbswisconsin.org/news-item/meet-the-candidates-running-in-the-2023-wisconsin-supreme-court-primary/>
- League of Women Voters of Wisconsin - Supreme Court Fact Sheet <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/wisconsin-supreme-court-information>
- League of Women Voters of Wisconsin - Voter-information/learn-more-about-candidates-issues <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/voter-information/learn-more-about-candidates-issues>
- WI Disability Vote Coalition - Local Elections Factsheet - 2022 (disabilityvote.org) <https://disabilityvote.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/DVC-Local-Elections-Fact-Sheet-2022-acc.pdf>

## Family Caregiver Support

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[Bryn Ceman](#), Older Americans Act Consultant - Family Caregiver Support Specialist

### ***Need to Know***

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#### **Last Call: County and Tribal/Aging Unit Caregiver Coalition Poll**

The purpose of this poll is to gather information about the status of Caregiver Coalitions throughout the state so we can provide education about Caregiver Coalitions for newer Aging Unit staff and county staff. We understand that coalitions may have evolved over time, and we desire to learn what is working well and not so well today. Complete the survey here:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/r/dS765nKnd3> The survey will take you less than five minutes to complete. The survey will close on January 13, 2023 so there will be time to review and compile the results before the Caregiver Support Community Statewide Webinar on January 24, 2023.

1. Does your County or Tribal/Aging Unit have an active Caregiver Coalition?

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☐ Yes

☐ No

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