

The Voter Challenge

The League of Women Voters of Glenview/Glencoe is a nonpartisan political organization committed to the advocacy of the principles of democracy and the education of citizens about these principles. The LWV Glenview/Glencoe implements the mission of the League of Women Voters on the National, State and Local level through targeted actions that address specific needs.

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE/details | INFO |
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| 2018 | HAPPY 200th BIRTHDAY ILLINOIS | IL200 Everywhere in IL | |
| Apr 3 | 7:30p GV Village Bd Meeting MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD | 2500 E.Lake Av, GV | |
| Apr 4 | 7p G2 Board Meeting Members always welcome | Member home in Glencoe | |
| Apr 5 | 7-8:30 David Orr (retiring Clerk) talks Voter Fraud free open to the public | Wilmette Public Library | pg 5 lyer |
| Apr 7 | 9-11a Pastry & Postcards for DC statehood | GV member home | Pg 5 |
| Apr 10 | #1 ERA Lobby Day | Springfield | Pg 3,4 |
| Apr 18 | 11:30-1p G2 League Lunch “Why We Should Abolish the Electoral College: What to do and How to do it” RSVP: Sue Swaringen | Hackney’s on E.Lake 1514 Lake Av GV \$20 fixed menu pay at the door open to public | |
| Apr 18 | #2 LWVIL Lobby Day in Springfield lwvil.org | Springfield, IL | Pg 3,4 |
| Apr 25 | 7-8:30p Brad Hamm, Dean NU Medill School Journalism “Fake News” Free open to public | New Trier WEST C Bldg C234 7 Happ Rd, Northfield | Pg 6 flyer |
| Apr 28 | 10-11:30 GV Observers | Heinen’s Meeting Room GV Waukegan rd/GV rd GV | Pg 14 |
| Apr 28 | 10:30a G2 “League 101” Breakfast for NEWer and others who want a Refresher. All members invited! | Heinen’s Meeting Room Waukegan rd/GV rd GV | |

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| May 17 | 5:30p "Myths and Facts about the Electoral College" | Frisbie Center Des Plaines | |
| May 22 | G2 Annual Membership Meeting 5:30 cash bar, 6p buffet dinner. 6:30-8p gen membership meeting members only RSVP Sue Swaringen | GV Golf Club Café 800 Shermer Rd, GV | Save Date |
| Jun 28- Jul 1 | LWVUS Biennial Convention http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084cada722aaf94-volunteers | Hilton 720 S. Michigan | PG 5 |

LINKS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED:

EZ to REGISTER TO VOTE ON LINE

<http://elections.il.gov/>

How EZ is it to VOTE ? Check out Illinois:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/politics/graphics/2014-states-where-voting-is-easiest/>

REVEALING FAKE NEWS w NEWSGUARD WATCH HOW:

<https://eblnews.com/video/newsguard-co-founder>

VOTE for your Favorite IL FACTOID

fun website <http://illinoistop200.com/>

PAPER BALLOT INITIATIVE

This group may have outsmarted the Hackers.

www.Auditelectionsusa.org

Co-Presidents: Ann Yoshida & Sheri Latash

Dear Friends,

ACTIVISM!



It takes many forms and there is a lot of it these days. Some of you marched in the March For Our Lives Rally in downtown Chicago. Some of you exercise a quiet form of activism every time you respond to a TFA and phone your legislators. Some of us were inspired last month to hear about the grassroots activism taught to local mothers at COFI (at left). This month, there are LOTS of ways you can make your voices heard and advocate for the things you believe in. We need your bodies and your minds! Here are some important things you can do: there are two opportunities to go to Springfield this month and let them know what we think! The first is the **ERA Lobby Day on April 10th**! It is hoped that the

Illinois legislature will make history this month by **FINALLY** ratifying the ERA here, and then it's possible that after one more state ratifies, it becomes the law of the land! If you would like to attend this special day and talk to legislators in Springfield, contact me. Check in starts at 10:30 am, briefing at 11:30 am, lobbying legislators from approximately 12 noon to 2 pm. ERA Illinois will provide a complimentary lunch for anyone who'd like one; I can take care of the RSVPs, so please contact me if you'd like to carpool to Springfield. I will be driving down there.

Lobby Day #2! The following week, April 18th, LWVIL Issues Committee has organized LWVIL Lobby Day. Here's the scoop on that from Sheri Latash:

"April is a busy time for advocacy in Springfield. We know some League members will be joining members of ERA coalitions on the April 10 ERA Lobby Day; and some members will join other environmentalists for the April 26 Environmental Lobby Day. But on Wednesday, April 18, LWVIL will be having its own lobby day in Springfield!"

We need members to **FIRST** lobby their representatives on 2 issues:

1. **Fair Maps Amendment (HJRCA 43), and the**
2. **Fair Tax Amendment (bill # TBD as there are multiple versions as of this writing).**

These two bills require a constitutional amendment. In order for them to appear on the November ballot, the General Assembly must pass the bills by May 6, six months before the November election. See Jane Ballengee's article in this newsletter for details on the Fair Maps Amendment.

After addressing those two bills, you are free to lobby on other LWVIL-supported legislation.

Paula Lawson (Glencoe) and Sheri Latash (Glenview) will both be driving down to Springfield on April 18 and are happy to have passengers. If you wish to drive yourself, LWVIL will reimburse your mileage! If you plan on going to Springfield on April 18, please email Sheri

(LWVG2SheriL@gmail.com). We will be joined there by the Springfield and Champaign County Leagues." Best, Sheri & Ann



G2 Leaguer at March for our Lives

GLENVIEW LEAGUERS!!!

Please show your support of the proposed coal tar sealant ban by showing up on Tues Apr 3 at 7:30p at GV Village Hall where Trustees will discuss the issue.

**Tues Apr 10, Wed APR 18
LOBBY DAYs #1 and #2
Springfield**



April 10 is Equality and ERA Lobby Day in Springfield. As partner in ERA Illinois coalition, LWVIL announces that Leaguers and other coalition members will meet in Springfield at the State House Inn, 101 East Adams Street, and a block from the Capitol. Check in starts at 10:30 am, briefing at 11:30 am, lobbying legislators from approximately 12noon 'til 2 p. A box lunch will be provided. If you need a vegetarian lunch, please include that in your RSVP.

See President's Column pg 3 for info on Apr 18 Lobby Day #2.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LWVUS CONVENTION

We are looking for volunteers to work at the LWVUS Convention, to be held June 28-July 1 at the Hilton Chicago. Slots are going fast, so if you'd like to work, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084cada722aaf94-volunteers>

You'll see details of the time slots and jobs. Volunteers may attend plenary sessions and will also be able to purchase discounted tickets for LWVIL's Second City Fundraiser.

Thurs APR 5 7-8:30p
LWV-Wilmette hosts Cook County Clerk David Orr
@Wilmette Pub Library

Topics will range from election integrity, our voter registration system, and safeguards against voter fraud to anything that has long been a curiosity and sparks questions from the audience. What's the security story of paper versus electronic ballots? Is there online voting in the offing? What's up with automatic voter registration in the coming year? And more.

A former history and urban affairs professor, Mr. Orr began his political career in 1979 when elected alderman of Chicago's 49th Ward on the city's north side. As vice mayor in late 1987, he served for a storied week as interim mayor of the city following the unexpected death of then-Mayor Harold Washington. Elected to the Cook County Clerk's office in 1990, Mr. Orr will retire at the end of this year after seven successful terms.



Sat Apr 7 9:00-11:00a
Pastries & Postcards and DC Statehood!
Ann's house in GV

In November 2016, DC citizens voted overwhelming in favor of petitioning Congress for statehood - the first step in the statehood process. The League of Women Voters has had a position supporting DC self-governance since 1938. Currently, LWVDC members are working hard to get legislators to sponsor DC Statehood bills in both houses of Congress. Representative Brad Schneider and Senator Tammy Duckworth are two legislators who have been targeted as potential sponsors but neither has signed on yet. (Senator Durbin and Rep. Schakowsky are already signed on.) LWVGG is going to send postcards to Rep. Schneider and Sen. Duckworth to let them know that DC statehood matters to us! Come and have a cup of coffee and a piece of coffeecake while you write notes to your legislators. There's a great DC statehood Power Point that you can view if you want, and a petition to sign. Citizens of DC have no voting representation in Congress—but YOU do!



Where: Ann Yoshida's House

When: Saturday, April 7th, drop in any time between 9am and 11 am

What: Eat, drink coffee, write postcards (We will provide postcards and postage.)

Come chat, eat, and ACT on this important issue. Let's let them hear from us!

Wed APR 18 11:30a-1:00
Hackney's on Lake
G2 LEAGUE LUNCH: Abolishing the Electoral College
See Flyer

Karen Glennemeier from LWV Wilmette will present the "hows and whys" of the LWV position to support abolition. RSVP to Sue Swaringen by 4/16 so Hackney's knows our seating needs. You pay \$20 fixed price lunch at the door; also a cash bar.. Presentation starts at noon. Several of us have seen this excellent and informative presentation and urge you to come and bring your friends!

Thurs APR 25 7-8:30p Wilmette Library
REAL OR FAKE: IDENTIFYING TRUTH IN YOUR NEWSFEED
See Flyer



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Hamm's PhD is in mass communication research from the University of North Carolina, with a master's degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina and an undergraduate degree from Catawba College in North Carolina.

He also served as the interim dean and associate dean of the School of Communications at Elon University in North Carolina. Hamm has taught in study abroad programs in Japan, China and Great Britain and started his career as a newspaper reporter. His teaching and research interests are in journalism history and media theory, particularly agenda setting theory.

Primary Candidate Forum and Election Turnout
Sue Swaringen and Carole Weber

CANDIDATE FORUM -- The March 3rd candidate forum, co-sponsored by LWV of Glenview/Glencoe, Evanston, Wilmette and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth, was a well-attended and successful event, judging from comments from both the candidates and the audience. Forum candidates for the three local, contested races answered audience questions on a wide range of topics. Winners on Primary Election Day from those races were John Ellison (40%), 9th Congressional (R); Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz (37%), 17th State Rep. (D); and Larry Suffredin (59%), Cook Co. Commissioner 13th District (D).

A successful forum is the result of many moving parts, but none as important as the volunteers who fill so many essential roles. Thirty-one League members from Glenview/Glencoe, Wilmette, Evanston and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth pitched in for a total of 92 hours, acting as candidate greeters, ushers, timers, question sorters and volunteer coordinators. Our dedicated team from G2 accounted for more than a third of the forum volunteers. Thank you to our members for their time and giving voters an opportunity to be informed before stepping into the voting booth:



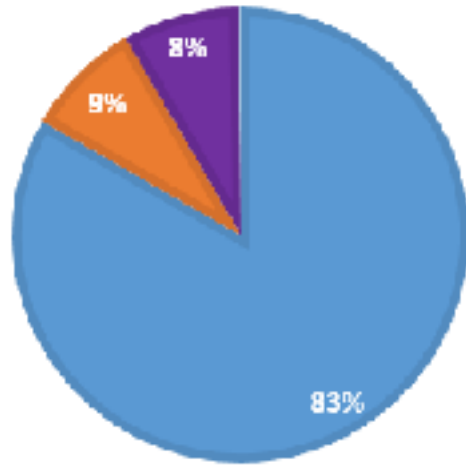
Ann Yoshida, Audree Rowe, Sheri Latash, Dolly St. Clair, Eileen Ribordy, Jane Ballengee, Janet Spector Bishop, Jen Roberts, Kate McMahon Gazda, Margaret Sents, Mary Hummel, Terri Morgan, Toni Dautel, Sue Swaringen, and Carole Weber.

VOTER TURNOUT -- In spite of efforts by many groups, including the League, to register voters and provide voter education through candidate forums, the overall turnout for Suburban Cook County voters for the March 20th Primary Election was just 29%. However, this year's gubernatorial primary election, though low, was better than the last gubernatorial primary turnout of 16% in 2014.

Cook County Clerk David Orr, in a Chicago Tribune article, suggested voter apathy was spurred by attack ads, and an enormous surge of campaign spending may have played a role in the area's turnout. "When you lie over and over and over again in those TV ads and radio, you do a disservice to the public," Orr told reporters. "I hate to say it, but Democrats and Republicans are lying all the time in those ads — and that does create a lot of frustration in voters, because it makes you think they're all bad."

A frustrating reality, as voiced by David Orr. But the League of Women Voters will continue to **MAKE DEMOCRACY HEARD**. Bit by bit. Volunteer by volunteer. Voter by voter. In Chicago 29% of registered voters voted in the 2018 Primary.

**\$83+Million for IL
Governor's Dem
PRIMARY Race!**



| Candidate | Funds Raised | Funds Raised Per Vote |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| JD Pritzker ✓ | \$69,530,883 | \$124 |
| Chris Kennedy | \$6,950,012 | \$23 |
| Daniel Bliss | \$6,784,537 | \$21 |
| Bob Dalber* | \$144,860 | \$10 |
| Robert Marshall* | \$30,520 | \$2 |
| Tia Hardiman* | \$6,972 | \$0 |
| Total | \$83,447,793 | |

**CO PRES LATASH
REMARKS TO
GLENVIEW BOARD**

**OF TRUSTEE
re COAL TAR SEALANTS**

MARCH 6, 2018

MEMO TO: Glenview Village President Jim Patterson
Glenview Board of Trustees
Glenview Village Manager Matt Formica

FROM: Sheri Latash and Ann Yoshida, Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters of Glenview/Glencoe
LWVGlens@gmail.com

RE: Coal Tar Sealants ("CTS")

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The League of Women Voters of Glenview/Glencoe proposes that the Village of Glenview adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of coal tar sealants ("CTS") village-wide. Several neighboring communities have researched the hazards posed by CTS and have enacted bans. Given the examination of the issue by the environmental commissions of those communities, we ask that Glenview rely on their research as a way to expedite consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Coal tar sealants are a topcoat applied to asphalt surfaces for aesthetic reasons. In 2015, the U.S. Geological Survey (a bureau of the U.S Department of the Interior) undertook a nationwide public tour communicating the results of their years of research on the hazards posed by constituent ingredients in coal tar. Those constituents threaten aquatic life and human health, and as a result more than 135 municipalities & states prohibit or limit CTS use. Locally, Winnetka (2014), Highland Park (2017) Wilmette (2017), Evanston (2017), and Northbrook (2018) have enacted ordinances banning the use of coal tar sealants in their communities. And, just last night, a ban was approved in Deerfield.

According to conversations with former Village Manager Todd Hileman, bid specifications for village work prohibit contractors from using CTS. This is also true in District 34. Though the use of CTS products has been discontinued for more than five years, the Glenview Park District adopted a written policy banning their use on March 23, 2017.

These self-imposed limitations on coal tar sealants by Glenview's units of government are a necessary first step in limiting this product's use; however, CTS are still allowed on commercial & residential properties and houses of worship. *An ordinance regulating the use of coal tar sealants throughout the village is needed to protect the natural environments we've so carefully cultivated and nurtured, and to decrease the health hazards of tracking coal tar dust into our indoor environments.*

Glenview prides itself on its efficiency in cost-sharing and service arrangements with other local communities. Utilizing research developed by our neighboring communities during their deliberations on CTS can save Glenview village staff time and money as this petition is considered. The attachments in this package highlight some of the research assembled by these communities. More detailed background, including basic research by the U.S. Geological Survey, can be found in those communities' public records.

We hope that a review of these materials by the Glenview village board and village staff will result in adoption of an ordinance in time to limit use of coal tar sealants for at least part of the upcoming construction season.



Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to working with the Village on this matter. LWVGkens@gmail.com,

If you have questions, we can be reached at

cc: Glenview Development Director Jeff Brady
Glenview Village Attorney Eric Patt

ATTACHMENTS

- Village of Wilmette Ordinance No. 2017-O-10
- City of Evanston Ordinance 49-O-17
- Village of Winnetka Ordinance No. MC-7-2014
- City of Highland Park Ordinance O04-2017
- Village of Northbrook Ordinance No. 2018-10

- December 25, 2016 "*Coal Tar Main Source of Toxicity in Streams*", Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- November 16, 2016 American Medical Association press release "*AMA Urges Legislation to Ban Dangerous Coal-Tar Sealants*"
- 2016-06-10 *Coal Tars and the Distillates* summary, Government of Canada
- April 2016 "*Coal-Tar-Based Pavement Sealcoat--Potential Concerns for Human Health and Aquatic Life*", U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior
- February 2011 "*Coal-Tar-Based Pavement Sealcoat, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), and Environmental Health*", U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Also, See: NPDES Stormwater Webcast Presentations on coal tar sealants <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-stormwater-webcast-presentations>
- November 20, 2015 memorandum from Wilmette Village President Robert T. Bielinski to Christopher Dunn, Chairman of the Environmental & Energy Commission requesting a report and recommendation concerning local regulation of coal tar sealants
- November 16, 2016 report and recommendation from Christopher Dunn to President Bielinski
- June 26, 2014 Report to Winnetka Village Council on Coal Tar Sealant Materials from the Winnetka Environmental & Forestry Commission
- Village of Winnetka Coal Tar Ban Information Guide
- June 1, 2017 Memorandum from the Evanston Environment Board to the Human Services Committee
- February 28, 2018 Deerfield Request for Board Action

LOCAL COMMUNITIES' TIMELINES FOR ADOPTING COAL TAR SEALANT BANS

In Winnetka, the village board asked their Environmental & Forestry Commission ("EFC") to research the issue in April 2014. In July 2014 the EFC made its recommendation, and the village adopted a ban on August 19, 2014.

The Highland Park City Council adopted a ban on January 9, 2017. During late 2015 and throughout 2016, the city's Natural Resources Commission ("NRC") had researched the issue and the actions of other comparable communities. On November 10, 2015 the NRC unanimously recommended that CTS use on public and private property be prohibited; that sale of CTS products be prohibited; and, pavement sealant applicators be licensed.

In Wilmette, the village president requested that their Environmental & Energy Commission research and preparation of a report (attachment) in November 2015. That report was presented at the December 13, 2016 village board meeting (attachment). The village board unanimously enacted a ban on coal tar sealants at its February 28, 2017 board meeting.

In Evanston, the consideration process began at the March 9, 2017 meeting of the Evanston Environment Board (reviewing their March 11, 2015 recommended ban), and concluded on July 10, 2017 when their city council enacted a ban. For several years a member of Northbrook's Environmental Quality Commission had been advocating for a village ban. In 2016 environmental group Go Green Northbrook also asked the village to ban CTS. On January 18, 2018 Northbrook's Environmental Quality Commission unanimously recommended a ban on CTS. The Northbrook Village Board adopted a ban on February 13, 2018.

**Co PRESIDENT LATASH SPEAKS
at Mar 12 Freight Train Holding Track Forum**



My name is Sheri Latash, and along with Ann Yoshida, we serve as co-presidents of the League of Women Voters of Glenview/Glencoe.

The League of Women Voters may be best known for registering voters and holding candidate forums. But for the past 98 years the League of Women Voters has been the ongoing voice for "responsible and representative government" at the local, state, and national levels. Responsible government includes, among other things, ensuring transparency in governmental actions through open meetings, access to information, and a fair process that includes public participation and the government's duty to respond to citizen concerns. Citizens' right to know, and to be heard by elected & appointed officials and civil servants, is essential to faith in a democracy.

The League also has long-standing public policy positions on a range of natural resource issues which serve as the basis for advocacy on issues such as the Environmental Assessment.

As a follow-up to Kent Fuller's comments, in November 2016 the League submitted comments on the Environmental Assessment. For the following reasons, we disputed the finding of no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. The consultants doing the Environmental Assessment did not take any air, soil, or water samples in the vicinity of the existing freight track. Instead, they relied on Cook County air quality data. Nor did they do any real-time noise & vibration monitoring of homes near the existing track.

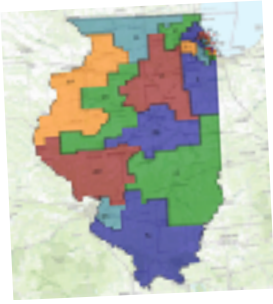
Also, the Environmental Assessment didn't include an inventory of nearby schools, senior citizen housing, or parks where the most sensitive populations might be exposed to particulates and hazardous constituents in diesel fumes. The Environmental Assessment didn't discuss unique local sources of air pollution and how the additive or synergistic impact of exhaust from the additional diesel trains might influence air quality.

For all these reasons and more, the League asserted that the Environmental Assessment was inadequate and requested that the more comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement be prepared.

Ample research exists on the impacts of noise and air pollution from diesel freight traffic. In the next few weeks, a revised Environmental Assessment will be released. We will be looking to see whether it addresses the concerns we identified 16 months ago. And we will be persistent in advocating that the public has a reasonable time period in which to review and comment on this latest version.

REDISTRICTING IS BACK.....HJRCA43 / HJRCA26

You have already received a TFA: Time for Action, which has been sent to every member. Review it on <http://www.lwvil.org/issues.html>



We need to have the amendment signed by both the Illinois House & Senate.

So here is the plan:

Visit or call your representative. Ask him/her to co-sponsor or at a minimum, sign on to the amendments. The amendments

are HJRCA43 / HJRCA26 .

For reference documents go to our website www.lwvglens.org; click on Redistricting. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact either Paula Lawson or Jane Ballengee

Census question on citizenship is bad news for Illinois

Chicago Sun Times

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross appears on Oct. 12 before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to discuss preparing for the 2020 Census on Capitol Hill in Washington. | J. Scott Applewhite/AP file photo

By Lynn Sweet

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is adding a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census, and that is bad news for Illinois, no matter your politics.

Illinois now has 18 House seats in Congress. Population declines already charted mean Illinois is on course to lose one or two seats, according to an analysis by the respected Election Data Services company.

The inclusion of the intimidating citizenship question puts President Donald Trump's thumb on the scale — and makes a drop to 16 Illinois seats more likely after the 2020 Census. If self-serving politics were always logical, all 18 Illinois House incumbents — 11 Democrats and 7 Republicans — would show the same concern about getting the most accurate count possible for Illinois. Only Democrats are sounding the alarm.

Non-citizen immigrants — who cluster in urban, i.e. Democratic cities — may well be afraid in this Trump era to respond to the census. That could create significant undercounts in states like Illinois with major immigrant populations.

Trump has been targeting immigrants since he started running for president. The wall. Travel bans. Yanking "Dreamer" protections. Going after sanctuary cities, of which Chicago is one.

People have to trust that the information provided to the census will not be used against them. During a phone briefing for reporters on Tuesday, Arturo Vargas, the executive director of NALEO — the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Education Fund — said the Trump administration’s use of the question was a “scare tactic” to prevent Latinos and others from “participating” in the 2020 census.

The Commerce Department announced the addition of the question on Monday night.

READ entire article <https://chicago.suntimes.com/news/census-question-on-citizenship-is-bad-news-for-illinois/>



GLENVIEW OBSERVER CORPS MARCH Highlights

NEXT MEETING: Sat APR 28 at Heinen’s in GV 10-11:30a meeting room to share observations of GV Boards and Commissions. Grab some coffee and join us. Members always welcome.

School District 225 (High Schools GBS,GBN)

--The district has hired consultants to design and implement added school safety and security features.

School District 34

--Staff will be provided training in revamped social media policy for employees.

--Changes in special education bus contracts will save the district \$869,719 over a three year period.

--Last day of school will be June 5th.

--English Language Learner (ELL) statistics were reviewed. Interesting fact: top 5 languages (besides English) spoken in the district are: Spanish, Korean, Russian, Polish, and Mongolian.

Plan Commission

---Commission reviewed plans for new Goodwill store on Paddock Drive, new day care center on Waukegan Road, and 34 new dwelling units on the site of Red’s Auto Body on Lehigh.

Park Board

--Referendum passed with a 65% YES vote, third highest in GPD history.

Village Board

--Staff reviewed the ongoing success of the Water Smart program, which allows homeowners and the village to monitor home water consumption and for consumers to receive a notice when possible leaks are noticed.

--Resident Sam Friedman was sworn in as a commissioner on the Glenview Zoning Board.

CIVICS FOR GROWNUPS 101

Mary Hummel

We are steadily working toward our goal for 2018 to have League presentations at the #225 GBN/GBS. We plan to speak to the GBS civics class as we did in December at GBN. Some G2 members have taken the lead in advancing information on the Electoral College by partnering with a local community group in DesPlaines for a free and open to the public presentation given by lwv members. LWVGG is committed to offering mentoring by our active GV Observer Corps as a great way for the #225 students to learn about local government. Thanks to Leaguers who are creating contacts and content. Ideas on community outreach ALWAYS welcome.

Let us know if you belong to a community group who might like a League presentation? For a fun short weekly Civics podcast to keep learning civics go to <https://www.civics101podcast.org>

Civics Challenge

Here are 6 more of the 30 questions in the **1870 Louisiana Voter Literacy Test**. Voters had to take this test if they couldn't prove they had a fifth grade education.

ONE wrong answer is failure. You have 10 minutes to finish 30 questions. So you must finish in 3.33 min. GO

2. Draw a line under the last word in this line.

4. Draw a line around the shortest word in this line.

6. In the space below draw three circles, one inside (engulfed by) the other.

7. Above the letter X make a small cross.

24. Print a word that looks the same whether it is printed frontwards or backwards.

28. Divide a vertical line in two equal parts by bisecting it with a horizontal line that is only straight at its spot bisection of the vertical. (sic)

Wed-Thurs JUN 27-28
LWVLMR/UMRR Annual Meeting

Save the Date and some Water

The two League regional groups, LWV Lake Michigan Region and the LWV Upper Mississippi River Region have sent a survey out to Local Leagues across the country to find out what they are doing about water issues, what is successful and what is problematic. The results will be presented at a June 27th session the day before national convention. **WATER; ADVOCATING FOR PROTECTION; PUT YOUR LEAGUE ON THE MAP!** will be held at the historic Standard Club at 320 S. Plymouth Court from 2-8 pm. Registration will be on the LWV Lake Michigan Region web site at lwvlmr.org

Both LWVLMR and LWVUMRR will be holding their Annual Meetings on the morning of June 27th as well. If any GG Leaguers would like to provide B&B for some that are traveling from Iowa, MN ,WI and MI, please let me know. I am a board member of both organizations and will try to match travelers and beds. Judy Beck

Communication Survey Results

The Communications Committee

The Communications Committee conducted a survey last Fall about our communication methods.

30% of membership responded. Here are the results:

Where do you prefer getting your League information:

77% get League information from the Voter Challenge newsletter

23% from the website;

In addition,

69% received some information through emails;

44% at League events;

21% at public events;

19% word of mouth;

16% local press;

16% FaceBook.

Comments indicated that our communication methods need work to optimize their usefulness. We have heard your concerns and are listening to your comments. You will see changes in the coming months. For instance, we are completely redesigning the website in order to supply more useful information and to make it easier to navigate.

Thank you to all the members who participated in the survey. We very much appreciate your taking the time to answer our questions and provide comments.

“the bulletin board”

MEMBER POSTS

MEMBERS CAN SUBMIT SHORT BRIEF POSTS BY 29TH DAY OF ANY MONTH.

Looking for Leaguer who could run a Rummage Sale to fundraise for G2.
Interested?
Stacy powers

June 27-28 LWVLMR/UMRR Annual Meeting

If any GG Leaguers would like to provide B&B for Leaguers that are traveling from Iowa, MN ,WI and MI, please let me know. Judy Beck

4****Recommended by Sue Swaringen: *SHE THE PEOPLE* “It was hilarious”! @Second City. Looking for a fun girl’s night out? Company in town and looking for something to do? I highly recommend Second City’s “She The People.” It’s political, without being overbearing (is equal pay for equal work a partisan issue?), with a lot of sisters-in-arms issues thrown in (e.g., housekeeping).

It’s time for women everywhere to collectively reclaim comedy! 100 minutes with a brief intermission. Rated: R

Mary Hummel

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Recommends: 99 Homes First run movie got almost no buzz,deals w housing bubble/crisis in FL dvd Andrew Garfield, Michael Shannon
92% Rotten Tomatoes

LWVGG Board of Directors, Issues Spec., ILOs, Other LWV Delegates

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