



Shop Talk

*A publication of
the League of
Women Voters of
Elmhurst.*

Demystifying Local Taxes

Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm
Elmhurst Public Library

Christopher Kain, Assessor for Addison Township
and

Deanna Wilkins, Assessor for York Township

Our speakers will help us understand our local taxes and
guide us through the process of disputing them.

Addison and York Townships include Addison, Bensenville, Elmhurst,
Itasca, Lombard, Oakbrook Terrace, Oak Brook, Villa Park, and
Wood Dale. Portions of Elk Grove Village, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale
and Westmont are also included.

Please join us for the presentation followed by a question and
answer session. Friends and neighbors are always welcome!



Great Decisions will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011,
at the home of Barbara Swords. We will discuss Chapter 2, "American
National Security Since 9/11". Chapter 2 will prompt us to think about
issues in this large topic, how perhaps our ideas have changed, to help
us reflect on our past reading et al during these past several years.

We will not have a designated discussion leader. Thus, come prepared
to present your views.

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Volunteers Needed for Annual League Phonathon on April 28

For the second year, Elmhurst League members will gather at the home of Jeanne Davik from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 28 to participate in this annual LWVIL fund-raiser. Our League will share in the proceeds. Training, a call script, and calling tip sheet will be supplied to each volunteer participating in the phonathon. Refreshments will be served. Last year's volunteers reported that they had a fun time making the calls. Please contact me to sign on as a volunteer and to arrange car pools to Jeanne's home.

Donna Blue

◆ Voter Registration ◆

39 new voters registered on March 7th at our York High School drive. Jan Dorner and I are still marveling at the students' extraordinary excitement over becoming voters.

Dorothy McGuire



Calendar

April

5: Election Day

12: Great Decisions, 1:00 pm at the home of Barbara Swords

22 Earth Day

27: LWV monthly meeting: *Demystifying Your Local Taxes and How to Dispute Them.*

7:00 pm at Elmhurst Public Library

28: Phonathon, 6:45 to 9:00 pm at the home of Jeanne Davik

29: LWVIL State of the State Luncheon

May

17: LWV Elmhurst Annual Meeting. 7:00 pm at Francesca's Amici.

Annual Finance Drive Underway

Donations in response to our February finance drive letters now total over \$1400. Our grateful appreciation is extended to our members and others in the community who have so generously donated to our League general or education funds. Their generosity enables us to carry on our projects of voter education and advocacy of League positions on important issues of the day.

It is not too late to send in a donation with the attached form to LWV of Elmhurst, P.O. Box 12, Elmhurst, IL. You may also make your donation at our website: www.lwvelmhurst.org

Thank you!

Donna Blue

Gina Brigham has rejoined the League.

A Directory update will be sent to members via email.



League of Women Voters of Elmhurst Donor Form

Name/Company

\$ _____
Amount Enclosed

Street Address

City State ZIP

Please check your donation preference:

___ I am contributing to the Elmhurst LWV General Fund

A check made payable to **The League of Women Voters of Elmhurst** will help us continue our work as advocates for public policy issues such as the recent school referenda. Although these donations are not tax deductible, we offer contributors to this fund a one-year subscription to our Observer Reports newsletter covering Elmhurst City Council, School Board, Park Board and Library Board meetings.

To be placed on the 2007-2008 mailing list, please select your preference:

___ **Electronic Version** – via email. Send to:

Email Address: _____

___ **Hard Copy** (paper) – US Postal Service mail delivery.

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___ I am making a tax-deductible donation to the LWV Elmhurst Education Fund

If you would like your donation to count as a tax deduction, please make your check payable to the

LWVIL Education Fund

This is a separate 501 (c) (3) account that is never used for lobbying. Your donation will be used for civic education materials, League studies, and Voter Service activities in our area.

___ I am joining the League of Women Voters of Elmhurst

All women and men of voting age are welcome in the League. Please make your check payable to The League of Women Voters of Elmhurst in the membership amount that applies:

___ **\$60 Individual**

___ **\$90 Household** (2 members, same address -- Please list both names on the first line of this form)

___ **\$30 Full Time Student** at (School): _____

Please send this completed form with your donation to:

League of Women Voters
P.O. Box 12, Elmhurst, IL 60126

In Memorium

It is with sincere sadness that we note the recent passing of **Ginny Pomerance**, a member of our League for nearly 50 years and an inspiration and mentor to League leaders of today.

Coming Soon.....

LWVIL State of the State Luncheon

Friday, April 29, 2011 at The Union League Club,
Chicago

Keynote Speaker

Charles Thomas, ABC 7 Political Reporter

Special Honors Presentations

Flora Sylvester Cheney Award

Eileen Subak, LWVIL Criminal Justice and
Children's Services Issues Specialist

Civic Participation Award

The Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death
Penalty

Many Elmhurst League members and their guests attend this event each year and a portion of our ticket sales come back to our local League. To join a carpool, please contact either Donna Blue or Dorothy McGuire.

***Tar Creek* Movie Screening**

April 16 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Barrows Auditorium, the Billy Graham Center on the
Wheaton College Campus
500 College Avenue, Wheaton, IL

The Wheaton LWV, along with A Rocha, an international conservation group from Wheaton College, will present the film *Tar Creek*, the story of an environmental disaster in Oklahoma, now a Superfund site. The program will include a brief introduction to the history of superfund sites and the sites in DuPage County associated with Kerr-McGee. Following the film screening, there will be a panel discussion comparing and contrasting the Tar Creek Superfund site with those in DuPage County.

For carpooling, please contact Donna Blue or Dorothy McGuire.

National Study: The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education

It's time to prepare for this compelling study, adopted at the LWVUS convention. We should begin receiving materials from the LWVUS in May and we will have until November to conduct our local study and take consensus. We will need a committee for this activity and a chairman to lead the effort and keep everyone on track. To help you determine your level of participation, the LWVUS is offering a webinar, *How to Conduct a National Study*, on Thursday, April 21st at 2:00pm Central. Click here to sign up:

[sign up for this webinar](#)

Spring Cleaning Recycling Opportunities

Source: SCARCE

(School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Community Education)

This is a partial list of events; visit www.scarcecoed.org and click on the Recycling tab to see more DuPage events and to verify the items that will be accepted.

Saturday, April 2 Whole Foods Market, 201 63rd St., Willowbrook 8am-2pm

Electronics - desktop, laptops, servers, monitors, modems, keyboards, mice, docking stations, fax machines, printers, toner/ink cartridges, copy machines, tvs, stereos, radios, gaming consoles, VCRs, tape players, CD player; Gently used children's books; rulers; clothing buttons; cell phones; crayons;

Saturday, April 9 Elmhurst College, 9am-noon Mill Theatre Lot (corner of Park & Myrtle)

Electronics - desktop, laptops, servers, monitors, modems, keyboards, mice, docking stations, fax machines, printers, toner/ink cartridges, copy machines, tvs, stereos, radios, gaming consoles, VCRs, tape players, CD players; household batteries; toner cartridges; electric appliances; ink jet cartridges

Saturday, April 30 Glen Ellyn Recycling Extravaganza 8am-11am Duane & Lorraine

Parking Lot: Electronics - desktop, laptops, servers, monitors, modems, keyboards, mice, docking stations, fax machines, printers, toner/ink cartridges, copy machines, tvs, stereos, radios, gaming consoles, VCRs, tape players, CD players; electric appliances; household batteries; books - any and all books, reference, text, library, reading, adult, children, encyclopedias; bicycles; scrap metal - hangers, fencing, washers, dryers, lawn furniture, pots, pans, tomato cages. No Fridges or AC units; Yarn; Clothing Buttons; Rulers; Toner Cartridges; Propane Tanks; Oxygen Tanks; Eye Glasses; American Flags; LP Records; SLA Batteries; Hearing Aids; Fire Extinguishers [Glen Ellyn Recycling Flyer](#)

Saturday, May 7 Itasca Recycling Extravaganza 9am-2pm

Itasca Metra Commuter Parking Lot (307 W Irving Park) (630) 228-5653

American Flags; Bicycles; Cell Phones; Electronics - desktop, laptops, servers, monitors, modems, keyboards, mice, docking stations, fax machines, printers, toner/ink cartridges, copy machines, tvs, stereos, radios, gaming consoles, VCRs, tape players, CD players; Eye Glasses; Household Batteries; Ink Jet Cartridges; Rulers; Scrap Metal- hangers, fencing, washers, dryers, lawn furniture, pots, pans, tomato cages. No Fridges or AC units; SLA Batteries; Electronic Appliances; Toner Cartridges

Saturday, June 4 Oak Brook Library 9:30-1:30 Oak Brook Library 600 Oak Brook Rd. (31st

St.) Electronics; Electric Appliances; Books; Household Batteries; SLA Batteries; Propane Tanks; Oxygen Tanks; American Flags; Eye Glasses; Hearing Aids; Clothing Buttons; Rulers; Toner Cartridges; Ink Jet Cartridges; Yarn; Fire Extinguishers



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