



Shop Talk

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Candidate Forum

February 12, 1-5 pm
Elmhurst College Frick Center



*Elmhurst League of Women Voters Candidate Forum to cover two primary races:
Illinois State Senate District 24 and County Board, District 2.
Informational session on electric aggregation referendum question also planned.*

The Elmhurst League, in partnership with Elmhurst College, will conduct a Candidate Forum on Sunday, February 12th at the Frick Center, Elmhurst College.

The entire event is free and open to the general public. Candidates may display literature and meet with the public before the forum begins. LWVE will offer voter registration from 12 noon until 1:00 pm.

At 1:00 pm, the two Republican candidates for Illinois Senate District 24 will address the issues. Senator Kirk Dillard and Representative Chris Nybo are vying to be on the ballot in the newly-drawn 24th District.

At 2:30 pm, League President Susan Rose will present an informational session on the Elmhurst Electric Aggregation Referendum.

The forum for the candidates running in the Republican Primary for District 2 of the DuPage County Board will begin at 3:00 pm. Participating candidates are as follows: Zachary C. Wilson, Peter "Pete" DiCianni, Sean T. Noonan, Rafael Rivadeneira, Michael J. "Mike" Loftus, Elaine Zannis, Charles Mueller. James "Jim" Long will not be participating.

District 2 Democratic candidate, Elizabeth "Liz" Chaplin, will make a 2-minute statement.

The Elmhurst League of Women Voters will moderate both Candidate Forums. For the Senate Forum, a diverse panel of community representatives have been invited to participate in the questioning. The audiences for both forums will also be able to suggest questions for the candidates.

The primary election is on March 20th. Since the Illinois election districts have been redrawn since the last election, voters are advised to check with the DuPage County Election Commission to verify their election districts and polling places.

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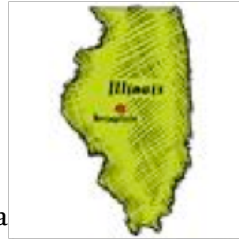
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Re-districting Program Notes

On January 19, Jan Dorner, President of the Illinois League of Women Voters presented a thoughtful look at re-districting to a group of interested residents of Elmhurst at the Elmhurst Public Library. She described the new state maps with great interactive technology that allowed listeners to pinpoint the exact boundaries of the new districts. Jan gave great explanations of some of the more colorful terms applied to redistricting, such as cracking, packing, kidnapping, and bleaching. Gerrymandering hardly does these new methods justice. She gave a quick update of the LWVIL lawsuit and the methods some other states are proposing to “make every vote count” rather than trying to influence the outcome of elections through re-districting. It was a great presentation!



LWVIL President Jan Dorner presenting on redistricting.



Missey Wilhelm, Susan Rose, Maria Hirsh and Jan Dorner gathered at the Governmental Forum at Elmhurst College.

5th Annual Governmental Forum

Missey Wilhelm, Vice President for Voter Services, Illinois League of Women Voters, Susan Rose, President, Elmhurst League, Maria Hirsch, Voter Registration, Elmhurst League and Jan Dorner, President, Illinois League, attended the 5th Annual Elmhurst College Governmental Forum on January 24. Speakers included Dr. Lance Pressl, President of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and The Honorable Michael J. Madigan, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, in addition to the forum organizer The Honorable Lee Daniels, former Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. This year's Forum, attended by over 200 local leaders, emphasized issues of regional economic development and the role of government in fostering competitiveness.



Program Information and Important Dates

Mark your Calendars

◆ **February 7-February 21:** Voter Registration Drive.

*Tuesday February 7: 9am – 3pm: Elmhurst Park District Wagner Community Center, 615 N. West Ave.

*Wednesday February 8, 8am – 2pm Elmhurst Park District Wagner Community Center, 615 N. West Ave.

*Sunday February 12, Noon – 1pm, Prior to the LVW Candidate Forum, Elmhurst College Frick Center

*Tuesday February 21, 5pm – 9pm, Elmhurst Public Library, 125 S. Prospect Ave.

◆ **February 8:** 8:00 am - 2:00 pm-- Voter Registration at the Elmhurst Park District's Joanne B. Wagner Community Center, 615 N. West Avenue. Come register to vote, or update your voter information (name/address).

◆ **February 12:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm -- LWV Elmhurst Candidate Forum at the Elmhurst College Frick Center. Candidates running for the 24th District of the State Senate and DuPage County Board District 2 were asked to participate. Please watch for our Voters Guide!

◆ **February 21:** 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm -- Voter Registration at the Elmhurst Public Library. Come register to vote, or update your voter information (name/address). Please note that this is the LAST day to register to vote before the March Primary Election!

◆ **February 27:** Early voting begins.

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for these league events

◆ **March 6:** 7 – 9 pm at the Elmhurst Public Library. In cooperation with the LWVE, AAUW, and the EPH, the Cool Cities Coalition will present an informational session about electric aggregation. Specific information about aggregation will be presented, drawing on the experiences of other communities who are either considering this step or who have moved forward with it.

◆ **March 15:** 7 – 9 pm at the Elmhurst Public Library. The LWVE will present a public program on City finance and budgeting. City representatives will explain how the City budget process works, with an emphasis on how and when citizens can discuss budget priorities and have their voices heard.

◆ **April 19:** 7 – 9 pm at the Elmhurst Public Library. Tax Increment Financing districts (TIFs) are powerful tools for economic development, but there is controversy about them and many different views about their value for the community as a whole. The LWVE will present a program to describe what TIFs are (and are not), how they function as economic tools, and what TIFs are currently under

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School Board meeting information: <http://www.boarddocs.com/il/elmhurst/Board.nsf/Public>

Park Board agendas and minutes: <http://www.epd.org/parkboard.asp>

Elmhurst City Council agendas and minutes: <http://www.elmhurst.org/index.aspx?NID=370>

City, school district and other community-focused videos can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/user/elmhursttv>

LWV observer reports: <http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/observerreports.asp>

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