



Shop Talk

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Elmhurst.*



LWV Elmhurst 2010-2011



Upcoming programs sure to be informative and engaging

We are looking forward to a great year of programs! We have not finalized our schedule; however, this is what we are working on:
Innovative Approaches to Storm Water Management
Demystifying Your Local Taxes, understanding our local taxes and how to dispute them
Behind the Scenes in Springfield: What IS the real story?
Candidate Forum
Healthcare—Just the facts, including a possible Elmhurst Hospital Tour
Community Roundtable: what's on your mind?

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Program Meetings:

Thursday, September 16*
Wednesday, October 27
Thursday, November 11
Wednesday, January 26
Wednesday, March 23

Monthly Program Meetings will be at 7:00 pm at Elmhurst Public Library unless otherwise noted. *The meeting on September 16 will be at Wilder Mansion.

-Sue Williams

On the Calendar this month...

Please join us on **September 16**, 7:00 pm at Wilder Mansion for our program: Behind the Scenes in Springfield. What is the real story? We are very excited to have Jan Czarnik, the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Illinois present an insider's view on the politics in Springfield. Jan has been responsible for passing key election legislation and is a former Springfield lobbyist. Her presentation at the LWVIL state convention was extremely interesting and eye opening.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to join in this fun and informative evening.

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Treasurer's Report submitted by Connie Zillig:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ELMHURST 2009-2010
(July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010)

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FULL YEAR BUDGET</u>	<u>Through 6/30/10 ACTUAL</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Dues	5400	4169.13	-1230.87
Finance Drive	3750	2330.00	-1420.00
Interest	250	3.66	-246.34
Calendar Sales	30	24.00	-6.00
Ticket Sales	400	83.00	-317.00
Other Income	0	318.65	318.65
Window Cling Sales	50		-50.00
Grants	300		-300.00
Other Donations	100	450.00	350.00
TOTAL INCOME	10280	7378.44	-2901.56
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Board & Administration			
Board Tools	50	56.00	-6.00
Finance Drive	150	105.45	44.55
Membership	200	60.00	140.00
President	25		25.00
1st VP Supplies	10		10.00
2nd VP Supplies	10		10.00
Public Relations	10		10.00
Secretary	10	14.00	-4.00
Treasurer	25	17.60	7.40
Total	490	253.05	236.95
Delegate Expenses			
Convention	2500	1201.62	1298.38
Seminars & Conferences	500	210.00	290.00
Total	3000	1411.62	1588.38
Educational Activities			
Action	75		75.00
Observer Reports	450	379.79	70.21
Programs	300	200.00	100.00
Speakers	150		150.00
Study Aids	25		25.00
Voter Service	100	194.37	-94.37
Website	100	111.00	-11.00
Total	1200	885.16	314.84
Operating Expenses			
Directory	200	198.94	1.06
Hospitality	200	131.20	68.80
Insurance/Liability	125	105.00	20.00
Shop Talk	400	94.88	305.12
Total	925	530.02	394.98
Support			
Lake Michigan ILO	25	25.00	0.00
LWVIL \$26/member	2184	2223.00	-39.00
LWVUS \$29.20/member	2436	2466.60	-30.60
Other	20	20.00	0.00
Total	4665	4734.60	-69.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10280	7814.45	2465.55
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURES	0	-436.01	-436.01

Recall of Governor: A Proposed Amendment of the Illinois Constitution

At the November 2, 2010 General Election, voters will be asked to decide whether the Illinois Constitution should be amended to add a new Section 7 to Article III. The new section would provide the State's voters with an option to petition for a special election to recall a Governor and for the special election of a successor Governor.

The League of Women Voters of Illinois has not conducted a study on the recall amendment and therefore will not be taking a position for or against the amendment. We are providing some resources for local Leagues that can be used for education of their members and the public.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO RECALL THE GOVERNOR

1. What is a "recall"?

It's a process whereby voters can remove and replace an elected official before the end of his or her term of office.

2. How is "recall" different from "impeachment" for state offices?

"Impeachment" in Illinois is solely the purview of the General Assembly. It is a legal process by which the House of Representatives brings specific charges of misconduct against an elected official and the Senate acts as a jury to decide whether the official should be removed from office. Former Governor Blagojevich was removed by impeachment in January 2009.

3. Why is there an amendment to "recall the governor" on the November 2, 2010 ballot?

In 2009, the Illinois General Assembly passed a resolution (HJRCA31) to amend the Illinois Constitution to provide a process whereby a governor could be recalled. Voters must decide in November whether to adopt the amendment.

4. Will the amendment allow voters to recall any other elected or appointed official in Illinois?

No. The amendment only allows recall of a Governor.

5. If the amendment is passed in November, how will the recall process work?

- A proponent (who can be anyone) of recall must file an affidavit with the Illinois State Board of Elections. This affidavit provides the Board with notice of intent to circulate petitions to recall the Governor.
- An affidavit cannot be filed during the first 6 months of a Governor's term of office.
- The affidavit must be signed by at least 10 members of the Illinois Senate and 20 members of the Illinois House of Representatives. No more than 50% of the signatures in each chamber can be from members of the same political party.
- Petitions must be signed by at least 15% of the total votes cast for Governor in the preceding general election.

6. How many signatures is 15%?

In the 2006 election, a little less than 3.5 million people voted for governor. 15% of that number is nearly 525,000.



7. Are there time limits for collecting the signatures?

Proponents have 150 days after filing the affidavit to collect the signatures and submit them to the State Board of Elections for certification.

8. What does the State Board do with the petitions?

The Board has 100 days to certify the petitions and call for a special election in which voters decide to recall or not.

9. What if the recall is successful?

The Governor is immediately removed from office and an acting Governor is appointed. Another election is held – within 60 days of the recall election - to elect a successor Governor who holds office until the next election for Governor

10. How long could a recall process take?

Based on the analysis of HRJCA31 it could take up to 13 months.

11. How much will this cost?

Currently, the State Board of Elections estimates that conducting both special elections – both the recall and successor Governor - would cost \$101 million.

12. How many votes are required to pass the amendment on November 2, 2010?

In Illinois an amendment passes if: 1) either 3/5s of those voting on the amendment vote “yes,” or 2) the majority of those voting in the election vote “yes.”

For example: Suppose 1000 vote in the November 2010 election but only 800 vote on the amendment. The amendment will pass if:

- 1) 3/5s of 800 voters or 480 vote “yes” or
- 2) 50% of 1000 (+1) or 501 vote “yes”

13. Do other states permit recalls?

18 states permit recall of state officials, not just the Governor. Few gubernatorial recall attempts have been successful. Prior to the 2003 recall of California Governor Gray Davis, the only other successful recall was of North Dakota Governor Lynn Frazier in 1921. California voters have initiated 32 gubernatorial recall attempts since 1911. The 2003 recall of Governor Gray Davis was the first ever to reach the ballot.

The following resources provide more information:

Illinois General Assembly, *House Joint Resolution 121*, www.ilga.gov;

Contains - Language of the Recall Amendment; Process for Amending the Illinois Constitution;

Explanation of the Amendment; Arguments in Favor and Against the Proposed Amendment;

and Form of the Ballot.

National Conference of State Legislatures; *Initiative, Referendum and Recall; and Recall of State Officials*; www.ncsl.org

Neighboring Leagues Sponsor Gathering of Candidates

*Downers Grove, Woodridge,
Lisle and Naperville Members
provide forum for DuPage
County Voters*

The League of Women Voters
of Downers Grove/
Woodridge/Lisle and the
League of Women Voters of
Naperville will sponsor a
gathering of candidates for
public office to be held on
Sunday, October 17, from 2 to
4:00 at the Downers Grove
Park District Recreation and
Fitness Center, 4500 Belmont
Road, Downers Grove.

Unlike a more traditional
forum, this Candidates Fair
proposes to bring each
candidate into one-on-one
conversation with potential
constituents, so that voters
can ask their questions
directly and office seekers
can discuss ideas without the
time constraints of a more
formal debate. It is our
hope that this format will
foster a deeper and more
nuanced presentation of
ideas. It may also provide an
opportunity for dialogue
among candidates and

voters, as campaigns
approach Election Day.

We have extended this
invitation to all candidates
for offices that serve the
Naperville, Downers Grove,
Lisle, and Woodridge
communities.

These offices include:

6th and 13th Congressional
District Representatives

State Representative Districts
42, 47, 48, and 96

DuPage County Board
President

DuPage County Board
Districts 2, 3, and 5

Forest Preserve District
President

Forest Preserve District 2

Judges of the 2nd Appellate
Court and 18th Circuit Court

DuPage County Clerk

DuPage Regional
Superintendent of Schools

Sheriff

Candidates will have
information tables with
campaign literature
available. Voters may
circulate freely during the
two-hour event to talk with
speak with candidates as
they choose. By bringing
all office-seekers together,
the League hopes to
enhance voters' decision-
making process as they
weigh the positions
expressed and raise their
own concerns. League
members will be present to
facilitate.

The League of Women
Voters is a non-partisan
political organization that
fosters informed
participation of citizens in
their government.
Membership is open to
both women and men.
More information can be
found at

www.naperville.il.lwv.org

and

<http://dgwl.il.lwvnet.org>

-Laura Kratz

The Lake Michigan League of Women Voters Annual Meeting

*Friday and Saturday, October 8-9, 2010
Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Avenue,
Manitowoc, WI.*

All members are invited to join Leaguers from Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana as we address the environmental issues facing Lake Michigan. This is a very dynamic group and provides a real opportunity for our members to get involved and be party to some outstanding League work. Several of our Elmhurst members usually attend and we welcome anyone with an interest in environmental issues.

The program opens at 1:00 pm on Friday with a visit to the Point Beach Energy Center followed by dinner and keynote

speaker Phillip Moy, Invasive Species Specialist.

On Saturday, Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels will address the group about the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. After the annual membership meeting, there will be a lunch talk by Jim Knickelbine, Director of Woodland Dunes.

For more details or to make reservations, call or email Laura Kratz or Donna Blue or check the LMLWV web site www.lmlwv.org. Space is limited and reservations are required.



Pictured above: Sue Williams, certified GREEN Realtor, handled logistics of Green Fest and shared her expertise in energy efficient home modifications.

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Green Fest a Success

The third annual Green Fest was a success even though the morning started with a downpour. 65 exhibitors were scheduled and 60 showed up. The Recycling Boutique Booth was again a hit with the Elmhurst community as was the Unitec electronics truck which was jammed full by 3pm. The Cool Cities Coalition thanks all of its member groups for their work on planning and presenting this year's Green Fest. A special thanks to Elmhurst Park District, City of Elmhurst, and the Library for supporting this effort. Next year's Green Fest is scheduled for Saturday, July 30 2011.

-Jan Vanek

Mock Elections Underway at Du Page High Schools

Mock Elections high school students the opportunity to learn about the election process. Illinois Student Vote, sponsored by the LWVIL Education Fund in cooperation with the National Student/Parent Mock Election Jan Dorner is already working with DuPage high schools in setting up their elections.



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