



Special Event

Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

The League of Women Voters
of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area presents
**INVESTMENT IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES:
LESSONS FROM NORTH CHICAGO**



Does investment in underserved communities reduce crime and violence? In North Chicago, ReNew, a group affiliated with Christ Church in Lake Forest, has built community by investing and building homes and relationships that foster community pride. Learn about the challenges and successes of this and other efforts, the needs of North Chicago and the intersection of poverty, opportunity and crime.

FEATURED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

MAYOR LEON ROCKINGHAM
CITY OF NORTH CHICAGO

TOM CORNING, RENEW CONSTRUCTION

AUDRA WILSON, ESQ, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE
SHRIVER CENTER ON POVERTY LAW

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH
7 - 8PM VIA ZOOM**

[Zoom Link to January 5 Event](#)

Please join us on January 5th at 7:00 PM by clicking on the above button, or by copying and pasting the following Zoom link into your browser:

<https://us02zoom.us/j/9061796127?pwd=ZU9aTWaHNYstmW3JutWwSOPJqFN.9TC>



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The Voter

January 10, 2021

TOP STORIES



Criminal Justice Study Group to Hold Position Consensus Meetings Soon

Please Prepare and Participate!

As you probably know, LWV LF/LB is participating in a Criminal Justice Study which is reviewing the current LWVIL Criminal Justice Position. Our work, and the work of local Leagues all over Illinois, will yield an updated position that will enable us to engage more fully in criminal justice advocacy.

The events of early summer illustrate why LWVIL must consider updating its Criminal Justice Position. A glaring omission in our position is any reference to policing. In the 20 years since the position was last updated, criminal justice reform efforts have resulted in legislative reconsideration of many critical issues in our present justice system.

Using the League of Women Voters process for studies, our League formed a criminal justice study committee ("CJ Committee") to lead our League through the 14 required study issues during two consensus meetings, which will take place on **Thursday, 1/21, and Thursday, 1/28, at 7:00 PM** via Zoom (links will be available beginning next week).

The members of the CJ Committee are Tracy Baade, Wiebke Droege, Lynn Gaffigan, Jared Rose and Laurie Rose. They spent months reviewing the following topics, which address multiple issues within the criminal justice system through fourteen questions which concern:

1. Investing in communities to reduce crime and violence
2. Bias in the criminal justice system
3. Gender-Responsiveness approach for all offenders
4. Data collection and transparency
5. Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils
6. Policing Pre-Trial Procedures
7. Pre-trial procedures
8. Restorative justice
9. Emerging adults

10. Courtroom procedures and access
11. Sentencing Laws and procedures
12. Illinois Department of Corrections
13. Post Incarceration and sentence completion
14. Funding

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-----Criminal Justice Action Item

If you would like to take action on criminal justice

as an individual (rather than in the name of the League) prior to the revision of the LWVIL Criminal Justice position, LWVIL has provided the following link regarding pending criminal justice omnibus bill legislation for our members:

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/PDF/10100HB0163sam002.pdf>



A Message from the President of the LWV LF/LB Area

**"Though passion may have strained, it must not
break our bonds of affection."- Abraham Lincoln**

**"Let us not seek the Republican answer or the
Democratic answer but the right answer... Let
us accept our responsibility for the future."-
John F. Kennedy**

For 100 years, the League of Women Voters has sought to advance the democratic principles and practices of our nation. Throughout our history, those in our community have served this nation and furthered the cause of democracy-- as advocates, jurists, and legislators -- and in other roles, many of

which have gone unrecorded and unrecognized. I watched in sadness and anger as insurgents invaded the U.S. Capitol in a direct attack on our democracy and an attempt to sow further distrust of our democratic processes, including the very nature of our electoral process.

I write in order to underscore the crucial importance of our non-partisan mission as the only group fostering democratic ideals through voting rights for the past 100 years. Our culture and practices support this mission on an ongoing basis. Through respectful disagreement, debate, and consensus, we affirm each individual and sharpen our collective understanding. In our studies, which foster evidence-based argument, we condemn misinformation and uphold high standards for truth, equity, and justice.

As we have learned throughout this past year, the test of our governing institutions and their leaders is not how they operate in easy times. We test resilience by upholding dignity in times of deep conflict and loss. Our League and our community will rise to the challenge, sustaining, and continuing our non-partisan mission and upholding the very principles that anchor our nation in democracy.

Laurie Rose

LWV LF/LB President



Update on the Shared Services Arrangement Study

Our local League continues its research on the Shared Services Arrangement.

To review, School Districts 67 and 115 share over 18 employees, including the senior positions of Superintendent, Business Office, Human Resources, Communications, Technology, and Building and Grounds. The goal of sharing staff is to create a collaborative coordination of operational services and reduction of administrative costs.

The Study Committee is evaluating the history of the Shared Services Agreement over time, paying particular attention to disclosures to the general public and best practices regarding transparency as communicated by the Illinois Association of School Boards. We look at other shared services arrangements, such as the 911 dispatch service of which Lake Bluff and Lake Forest are members and the Green Oaks and Libertyville School District collaboration for comparative purposes. The Study Committee also intends to report regarding the State of Illinois's recent policy to promote such intergovernmental sharing arrangements and the

LWV's national and state policies relating to transparency.

Currently, District 67 and District 115 are reviewing aspects of the Shared Services Arrangement with the help of Eklund Consulting. Optimizing work efficiency and processes, employee retention and compensation, and Board/Administration relations are driving themes in the analysis.

In addition, Superintendent Mike Simeck plans to leave his position on March 31, so a search for his replacement begins. Both Boards have seats up for election in the April election.

Committee meetings are public and the League strongly encourages its members to stay informed of this significant transition. See the January 6 Shared services committee meeting for a detailed discussion by Board members, administrators and Eklund Consulting. <https://youtu.be/Owf4z5S7Y0E>



Fundraising

LWV LF/LB Campaign a Success!

During the dark days of December, many charitable organizations flooded your email and snail mail with letters requesting donations. A letter from our League was among those snail-mail letters.

Fundraising Chair Peg Determan worked hard to send the LWV LF/LB letters out in early December (did you notice the nice stamps?). In the midst of a pandemic, twenty of our members generously opened their hearts (and their purse strings) to heed the call to provide financial support to our League. We raised \$7250 through our year-end appeal!!!!

We can't thank you (and Peg) enough! With your permission, we would like to recognize your generosity by name. Please contact VP Membership Emily Watts if you would like us to list your name and your 2020 donation on our new website.

If you donated to our 501(c)(3) Education Fund, letters evidencing donations for tax purposes should be in your mailbox in January. Please follow up with Peg Determan if you do not receive a tax letter (snail mail is still delayed).

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Fun Fact of the Week

On January 10, 1878 , an Amendment granting women the right to vote was introduced in Congress by Senator A.A. Sargent of California. Of course you know the amendment didn't pass until 1920, forty-two years later!



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FIRSTHAND Living In Poverty

A WTTW Preview & Discussion

MON JAN 18 | 8:00 pm

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In 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took up a new cause – the “Poor People’s Campaign,” an interracial grassroots movement demanding economic security “and a determination by poor people of all colors and backgrounds to assert and win their right to a decent life and respect for their culture and dignity.”

To mark MLK Day 2021 and Poverty Awareness Month, WTTW invites you to preview **FIRSTHAND: Living In Poverty**, and join an intimate conversation about the increasingly urgent crisis of poverty in our city and state.

Watch highlights from the documentary series and join in the Q&A moderated by executive producer Dan Protess, with a special introduction from Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.. The conversation

will feature Carmelo Barbaro (Executive Director, UChicago Poverty Lab), Ebony Scott (Partnership Director, Family Independence Initiative), Audra Wilson (President & CEO, Shriver Center on Poverty Law), and FIRSTHAND documentary subject Melissa Fonseca.

This event is free, but RSVP below is required.



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At each of these meetings, we will briefly review the study questions, present additional material, clarify issues, and see if we can arrive at a consensus for each topic for via polling on Zoom. Polling on Zoom is easy, anonymous, fast and fun- you just click on a box with one of four responses. All participants will see the results on the screen.

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Fun Fact of the Week - Inauguration History

According to the 20th Amendment, ratified in 1933, "The terms of the President and the Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January...and the terms of their successors shall then begin." Since 1933, Presidential inaugurations have taken place on January 20th (unless January 20th falls on a Sunday). Following the President's inauguration, documents relating to the event are permanently held by the National Archives and Records Administration. Here are some fun historical facts about Inauguration Day from them:

The first President inaugurated on January 20 was Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1937.

The longest Inaugural Address was delivered by our ninth President, William Henry Harrison. It was 8,445 words, and took one hour and 45 minutes to deliver--which he did in a snowstorm without a coat! Harrison died only 32 days later, making him the president who served the shortest term in office. Many assumed it was because of his exposure to the elements during the Inauguration, but it was actually typhoid fever that took his life.

At 43 years, 236 days, John F. Kennedy was the youngest President-elect to be sworn in on Inauguration Day. Teddy Roosevelt was 42 years, 322 days old when he was sworn in, but this was following the death of President McKinley.

It is not required that the Chief Justice of the United States administer the Presidential oath. Seven Presidents were not sworn in by the Chief



Dear LWV LF/LB Area Members,

By now you should have received this week's issue of The Voter, in which there was an announcement about our upcoming Criminal Justice Reform Consensus meetings and a list of materials for you to review in order to prepare. We have added a list of questions to consider, which can be accessed using the button below. Please take time to review this additional material, which we will discuss and opine upon at our meetings. We will discuss questions 1-7 at the first meeting, and questions 8-14 at the second meeting. You can participate in one of or both of the meetings.

The Criminal Justice Reform Consensus meetings will be held on consecutive Thursdays, January 21st and January 28th, at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Please sign up for the meeting and read/view the materials via the links provided.

Here is the link to our January 21st meeting--which requires advanced registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9025626584282142540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C/DG6rDmGU7h6ChMZG0B3H4L3uCh11>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Sincerely,

Laurie Rose, President, LWV LF/LB Area

Criminal Justice Consensus Questions



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Criminal Justice Study Consensus Meeting Continues This Week

Take part in helping our League to develop a new criminal justice position for the first time in 20 years! Our first Criminal Justice consensus meeting was filled with stimulating dialogue. Join us for Part 2 as we continue the conversation on Zoom, this Thursday, January 28th, at 7 PM.

Our meeting this week will explore pre-trial procedures, sentencing, restorative justice, emerging adults in the criminal justice system, courtroom procedures and access, sentencing laws and procedures, the IL Department of Corrections,

Monday, February 22, 7:00 PM

Join us for the first LWV-LF/LB book club gathering on Monday, February 22, at 7:00 PM. This event will be part of our recognition of Black History Month.

Prue Beidler will lead a discussion of Bryan's Stevenson's 2014 book *Just Mercy, A Story of Justice and Redemption*. Audra Wilson, President and CEO on the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, will join her in leading the discussion. The book is available at Lake Forest Book Store, so please support them with your purchase.

Bryan Stevenson is the founder/executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative based in Montgomery, Alabama, and a law professor at the New York University School of Law. He has assisted in cases that have save dozens of prisoners from the death penalty.

The dramatic film, *Just Mercy*, is based on Stevenson's book. The film is available on YouTube and HBO. A link to an interesting interview between Stevenson and NPR's Krista Tippet is here:

<https://onbeing.org/programs/bryan-stevenson-love-is-the-motive/>



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Please Respond by February 28!

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January 31, 2021

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Community Policing and Mental Health - Virtual on Zoom

This Wednesday, February 3, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

The City of Lake Forest Police Crisis Intervention Team will be our featured speakers to address mental health and policing in our community. Commander Rick Anderson and Linda Porter will lead the discussion of the complexities of crisis situations. In addition, we will meet the Student Resource Officers who serve as law enforcement, educator and counselor to our community youth. Our event is this Wednesday on Zoom. **Registration**

is required, and this is a members-only event. You may register by clicking the button below.

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State League Seeks Bylaws Amendment Suggestions

The LWVIL (State League) Convention will be virtual this year from June 11-13th. All members are encouraged to attend this Convention via Zoom in order to better understand the work of our state and local Leagues. Revisions to the LWVIL Bylaws will be voted upon at Convention. You may wish to take some time to familiarize yourself with the current bylaws, accessible using the button below or at any time on the state league website.

Please forward any suggestions you have for amendments **by March 11** to the LWVIL Bylaws to LWVIL Bylaws Committee Chair Jan Dorner, jdorner@lwvil.org

LWVIL Bylaws

**New And
Improved**

Spoiler Alert: Communication and the LWV- LF/LB Area Website

Our Website Committee is hard at work developing our new LWV LF/LB website. It will "go live" in the coming weeks of 2021. When it is up and running, it will serve as our main communication hub and will simplify your interaction with our League and its many initiatives and events.

As LWVIL prepares our members for the important structural changes approved at the 2019 Convention, they will begin to share a great deal of important information through their online newsletter. At the same time, the pandemic has resulted in an enormous increase in email from every possible organization and entity (as well as friends and family). Our members have commented that they are receiving too many LWV related emails (including repetitive reminder email from LWV LF/LB committees, LWV and LWVIL). In the coming months, you will see fewer emails from LWV LF/LB entities as we encourage a transition to the use of our website as a communication portal. Until that transition happens, make time to read **The Voter** every Sunday and check our website, www.lwv-lflb.org, on a weekly basis.

The new website will contain many new and easy-to-use features. Member and board member profiles, contained in a password-protected members-only section of the site (and easily updated by members online at any time), will allow you to share the information contained in our directory with members—or add optional

information such as employment, education, family members, pets, social media accounts, hobbies, birthdays, and photos. New members will be able to put "names with faces" during the pandemic through profile photos. You will be able to join, renew and donate quickly and easily- and customized letters evidencing tax-deductible donations will arrive via email during the first week in January of 2022.

Standing operating committees such as Program and Voter Services will have dedicated pages with expanded content, photos, videos, and links to resources such as studies, voter registration, and legislative initiatives. The Climate Change Interest Group will have a dedicated page that can serve as a repository for articles, events, and meeting summaries. Annual Meeting information and archived issues of our newsletter will be uploaded to dedicated sections on the site. Once the Observer Corps is up and running, we will post videos and notes from meeting observations. New content featuring the history of our League and our Carrie Chapman Catt award winners and donors will also be added.

Reimagined graphic design, photos, and videos will create a brighter, more interactive site experience. Numerous FAQs and dedicated telephone support from the web host will enable you to access and navigate the website quickly and easily.

This is a very brief summary of a reimagined content-rich website in progress. Please direct any questions about the new website to a member of

our Website Committee (Wiebke Droege-Chair, Emily Watts, and Laurie Rose).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Climate Change Interest Group Meeting-VIRTUAL

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Meeting of Climate Change Interest Group with Program Committee - VIRTUAL

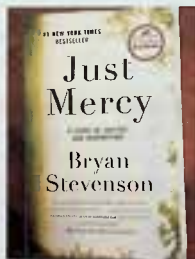
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If you have any questions or would like the links and call-in information, please call Joy Guscott-Mueller (847.682.0699 or ejg@guscottmuellerlaw.com) or David Mueller (847.431.2404 or dmueller@guscottmuellerlaw.com).



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<https://onbeing.org/programs/bryan-stevenson-love-is-the-motive/>

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Criminal Justice Reform - The Way Forward

A sincere and profound thank you to the engaged and informed League members and criminal justice study group members who participated in the LWV LF/LB Criminal Justice Reform Study consensus meetings during the past two weeks! After over seven hours (!!!) of consensus meetings (on two separate occasions), the group compiled a summary of proposals for the LWVIL.

Those proposals will be used to guide the LWVIL in its drafting of a new criminal justice position for the first time in twenty years! The final LWVIL criminal justice position will be considered and subject to a vote at the LWVIL Convention during the second week in June. Unlike prior conventions, the 2021 LWVIL Convention will be on Zoom- and all members are welcomed and invited.

In order to prepare members for that meeting, the Criminal Justice Study Group will continue to provide links to the topics covered by the study.

Here are the first two links---

**SB 3653 Summary (IL Criminal Justice Reform
Legislation pending Governor's signature) -**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKU-
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Cunningham** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?
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Thursday, February 18, 3:00 PM

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State League Seeks Bylaws

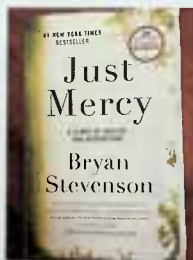
Amendment Suggestions

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Please forward any suggestions you have for amendments by **March 11** to the LWVIL Bylaws to LWVIL Bylaws Committee Chair Jan Dorner, jdorner@lwwil.org

LWVIL Bylaws

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We'll review our current local positions and action foci and hear an update on our Shared Services Study.

In addition, we'll collect member input on the LWV Illinois positions for the upcoming State Convention in June. Please familiarize yourself with the Positions in Brief that guide LWV-IL advocacy.

<https://www.lwvil.org/where-we-stand>

For additional insights on issues, view the following webinar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXvzswmTuzM>

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Register for the Planning Meeting



Stronger Together: Climate Change

Interest Group Merges With Program Committee

As environmental action opportunities take center stage on state and national platforms, the opportunities for local action and advocacy resulting in positive environmental change increase dramatically. As a result, the League of Women of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area strives to strengthen and centralize its action and advocacy efforts in this area.

The recent joint meeting between the Climate Change Interest Group and the Program Action & Advocacy Committee represented a pivotal step in this direction. Since volunteers from both of these groups seek similar ends, it makes sense to align and consolidate resources, the expertise and the planning efforts through a merged group.

The Environmental Action Group ("EAG") is a merged group of ambassadors for environmental action from the group formerly known as the Climate Change Interest Group and the Program Committee. It will go beyond the parameters of climate change and benefit from the increased effectiveness of a larger group that will be regularly informed by outside scientific experts coupled with the ability to rapidly implement action and advocacy at local meetings and events.

Formed by the Board and working under the direction of Vice President of Program, Action, and Advocacy, the EAG will focus its initial efforts on EtO and coal tar sealants. The EAG welcomes input from all LWV LF/LB members as it seeks to realize the vision of a sustainable environmental

framework for the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff area.

The EAG will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Members will share research, camaraderie, and develop action and advocacy.

The kick-off meeting of the EAG will be on February 25 via Zoom, and will feature State Senator Julie Morrison, who will address Environmental legislation and Ethics reform measures in Illinois. A link to the meeting will be provided in next week's issue of The Voter.



Advocacy in Action

Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 PM

On Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30 PM, the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) of the City Council of Lake Forest plans to address restrictions on the use of coal tar sealants in Lake Forest. Our League encourages members to speak during public participation to support such measures. Here is the link for the meeting:

Public audience

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161938791?pwd=djN2bHZJVHVGRlEzdXZiM3hYdWlWUT09>
Or dial by phone at: [312-626-6799](tel:312-626-6799) Webinar ID:

The League of Women Voters (US) supports measures to reduce pollution in order to protect surface water, groundwater and drinking water. Coal tar sealants contain carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) that pollute storm water runoff and especially threaten the health of children and aquatic ecosystems.

Pavement sealcoat is a commercial product marked for use primarily on parking lots and driveways and is rarely used on public roads. Most sealcoat products are either coal-tar or asphalt emulsions. Coal tar and coal-tar pitch, both used in sealcoat products, have extremely high concentrations of PAHs, and both are classified as known human carcinogens. Coal tar-based sealcoat products typically are 20 to 35 percent coal tar or coal-tar pitch.

Asphalt-based sealants are alternatives to coal tar sealants and have 1000 times lower PAH levels. They are readily available at Home Depot, Lowes, and Menards, stores that no longer sell coal tar sealants

Evanston, Wilmette, Winnetka, Highland Park, Deerfield, Port Barrington, North Barrington, and South Barrington have banned coal tar sealants.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



LWWIL Issues Briefing

Saturday, February 20, and Saturday, February 27, via Zoom

Spend time learning about these critical issues with LWVIL (our state League) on Zoom. Register at lwvil.org. This program has a \$10 registration fee which will be reimbursed by our League.

On schedule for the first meeting:

9:00 - 10:15 AM - Restoring Environmental Stewardship and the Pursuit of Ecojustice

10:30 - 11:30 AM - After the Graduated Rate Income Tax Campaign: Now What?

11:45 AM-12:45 PM - Housing is Everything: The Role of Housing as a Determinant of Economic Success

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LWV and the Illinois Criminal Justice Reform Bill

There has been much activity revolving around the criminal justice reform bill just passed by the General Assembly (HB3653). You may have received an email asking that your organization write to the Governor and ask him to sign this bill. As you know, we are in the midst of updating our criminal justice position and our current position does not address many of the features found in HB3653. Therefore LWVIL and local Leagues cannot endorse the bill and ask the Governor to sign it.

However, League members always have the option of contacting their legislators and the Governor as individuals. And so, if you choose to do so, you may voice your opinion at the Governor's comment page:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gov/contactus/Pages/VoiceAnOpinion.aspx>

If you have any questions about this, please refer to the LWVIL website.



Moderator Training

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Fun Fact of the Week

You may already know that Valentine's Day was named after its patron saint, St. Valentine — but there's actually some confusion surrounding *which* St. Valentine the holiday technically honors. According to [History.com](http://www.history.com), there are at least two men named Valentine that could've inspired the holiday, including one Valentine who

was a priest in third century Rome. As the story goes, this Valentine defied Emperor Claudius II's ban on marriage (he thought it distracted young soldiers), illegally marrying couples in the spirit of love until he was caught and sentenced to death.

Another legend suggests that Valentine was killed for attempting to help Christians escape prison in Rome, and that he actually sent the first "valentine" message himself while imprisoned, writing a letter signed "From your Valentine."

Though some historians believe that Valentine's Day commemorates the death of St. Valentine on February 14, others believe that the holiday actually has its origins in a pagan fertility festival called "Lupercalia," which was celebrated on February 15 in ancient Rome. Dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and Roman founders Romulus and Remus, the day was celebrated by sacrificing animals and smacking women with animal hides, a practice that was believed to encourage fertility.



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A Conversation with State Senator Julie Morrison

Thursday, February 25, 5:30 PM

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Advance registration is required to participate.

Please register using the button below.

Register for A Conversation with State Senator
Julie Morrison

Hear Directly From the Candidates Running in the April 6 Consolidated Election

All Candidates Have Been Invited

**Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM, and Thursday,
March 18, 7:00 PM**

Residents can hear the candidates together for easy comparison at the nonpartisan candidate forums held by the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area. The League has invited all certified candidates in contested races in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff to participate. Residents of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood are encouraged to attend the zoom webinar candidate forums scheduled for Sunday, March 14, and Thursday, March 18. Attendees can submit their question when they register.

On Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM all eight (8) candidates running for four (4) openings on the Lake Forest High School #115 Board of Education: David Burns, Sally L. Davis, Jeff Giannelli, Amy Marsch, Joanna Marshall, Robert Ted Moorman, Marcus Schabacker, and John Venson have been invited. A separate forum for six (6) candidates running for four (4) seats for Lake Forest District #67 also will be held. The candidates are Emily

Bernahl, Taylor Cottam, Lori Fitzgerald, Anne Geraghty Helms, Carl Kirar, and Alice LeVert.

Another set of forums will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 PM. Again, all candidates have been invited. For the Village of Lake Bluff Board of Trustees, the two candidates running for President are Regis Charlot and Bill Meyer. Also, five (5) candidates are running for three (3) Trustee positions. They are Kathryn "Kate" Briand, Mickey Collins, Taryn S. Fisher, Susan H. Rider, and Aaron Towle.

The six (6) candidates for four (4) seats on the Lake Bluff Park District Board of Commissioners are Gerard McDermott, Michele Mrachek, Susan Raymoure, Ann Rieder, Niki Walsh, and Scott Weber.

The Lake Bluff Public Library Board of Trustees has four (4) open seats with five (5) candidates. They are Tricia Brockett, Jenny Graziano, William Hayes, Bonnie Shaul, and Matthew Zaute.

The League thanks the candidates for volunteering to serve the public in these important roles.

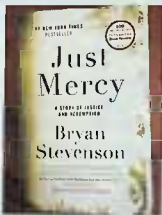
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"There are seventy-two crimes in the state of Virginia which, if committed by a black man (no matter how ignorant he be), subject him to the punishment of death; while only two of these same crimes will subject a white man to like punishment." - Frederick Douglass, Independence Day (1852)

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Welcome

New Members

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Fun Fact of the Week

This week on Tuesday, February 23, our book club will hold its first meeting, discussing a book that addresses the racial injustices of our criminal justice system. This date also happens to be the birthday of African American educator and leader William Edward Burghardt Du Bois (1868-1963), who was born and raised in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Considered to be an accomplished

Sociologist, Du Bois was among the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and from 1910 to 1934 served it as director of publicity and research, a member of the board of directors, and founder and editor of *The Crisis*, its monthly magazine.

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**Hear Directly From the Candidates
Running in the April 6 Consolidated
Election**

All Candidates Have Been Invited

**Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM, and Thursday,
March 18, 7:00 PM**

Residents can hear the candidates together for easy comparison at the nonpartisan candidate forums held by the League of Women Voters of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area. The League has invited all certified candidates in contested races in Lake Forest and Lake Bluff to participate. Residents of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood are encouraged to attend the zoom webinar candidate forums scheduled for Sunday, March 14, and Thursday, March 18. Attendees can submit their question when they register using the buttons below.

On Sunday, March 14, 2:00 PM all eight (8) candidates running for four (4) openings on the

Lake Forest High School #115 Board of Education: David Burns, Sally L. Davis, Jeff Giannelli, Amy Marsch, Joanna Marshall, Robert Ted Moorman, Marcus Schabacker, and John Venson have been invited. A separate forum for six (6) candidates running for four (4) seats for Lake Forest District #67 also will be held. The candidates are Emily Bernahl, Taylor Cottam, Lori Fitzgerald, Anne Geraghty Helms, Carl Kirar, and Alice LeVert.

Another set of forums will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 PM. Again, all candidates have been invited. For the Village of Lake Bluff Board of Trustees, the two candidates running for President are Regis Charlot and Bill Meyer. Also, five (5) candidates are running for three (3) Trustee positions. They are Kathryn "Kate" Briand, Mickey Collins, Taryn S. Fisher, Susan H. Rider, and Aaron Towle.

The six (6) candidates for four (4) seats on the Lake Bluff Park District Board of Commissioners are Gerard McDermott, Michele Mrachek, Susan Raymoure, Ann Rieder, Niki Walsh, and Scott Weber.

The Lake Bluff Public Library Board of Trustees has four (4) open seats with five (5) candidates. They are Tricia Brockett, Jenny Graziano, William Hayes, Bonnie Shaul, and Matthew Zaute.

The League thanks the candidates for volunteering to serve the public in these important roles.

Early voting at Lake Forest City Hall starts on March 22. Or you can request a Ballot by Mail now at www.lakecountvil.gov. Ballots will be mailed

starting March 12.

Watch for more information on the League website www.lwv-lflb.org and on the League facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/LeagueOfWomenVotersLakeForestLakeBluff>

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Register for the School Board Candidate Forums

Register for Lake Bluff Consolidated Election
Candidate Forums

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In 2016, the Obama administration set out to redesign the \$20 bill, replacing the image of Andrew Jackson, who enslaved people, fought Native Americans and forced them to move from their land. The Obama administration was hoping for a release of the new bill in 2020 to mark the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote, a right that could at that point be exercised mainly by white women.

However, the project to get Tubman represented on the currency was delayed during the Trump

administration. In the spring of 2019, then-Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said "counterfeit issues" would make it impossible to unveil Harriet Tubman on the bill by 2020, the deadline set by the Obama administration. Trump, who put Jackson's portrait in the Oval Office, had criticized changing the image on the bill, saying it was being done out of "pure political correctness."

Psaki said that the Biden administration doesn't have a set deadline for the release of the new bill but that the administration is working on it.



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The LWV LF/LB Area Needs You!

Join the New LWV LF/LB Observer Corps & Let the
Sunshine In!

Training is Saturday, March 20, 9:00 -11:00 AM

"At every level, transparency and citizen participation are the critical ingredients to ensuring open and accountable government (LWVUS President Wilson, 2010)."

Our new LWV LF/LB Area Observer Corps will promote government transparency and accountability in two distinct areas: access to public records and access to public meetings.

Our Observer Corps will provide a valuable service

to the community by helping to ensure that citizens are aware of the local decisions that impact their lives. Observers working on behalf of their friends, family and neighbors will observe objectively and report back to the League regarding their observations on the proceedings. LWV LF/LB Observers will be required to follow long established LWV guidelines regarding objectivity during their observation of and reporting about governmental meetings and hearings. Observers observe. They do not act on issues during the course of observing governmental meetings and must refrain from expressing or promoting personal or partisan agendas.

In order to join our Observer Corps, you must complete 2 hours of training sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Illinois ("LWVIL"). Free, customized LWVIL Observer Corps Training will be offered for our League on Zoom on Saturday, March 20, from 9-11 AM. If you are interested in attending any local governmental meetings on behalf of LWV LF/LB (via Zoom) and joining the Observer Corps (or simply learning more about this process), register in advance for Zoom training using the button below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information from LWVIL about joining the meeting.

[Register for Observer Corps Training](#)

It's Time for Action Outdoors!

As warmer weather arrived in our community in recent weeks, you may notice greenery emerging in

yards and woodlands. One of the earliest spring plants is **fig buttercup**, aka lesser celandine. It has small yellow flowers with green glossy leaves and typically grows in clumps (see photos below).

It is a non-native invasive species that can really take over and bully out our native plants. Fig buttercup:

- Thrives in partial sun and moist soils, but also tolerant of drier, sunny sites.
- Invades forests, wetlands and riparian areas, as well as upland areas and lawns.
- Below ground tubers make it hard to eradicate.

What you can do:

- Walk your property now and in the coming weeks and look for this plant
- Dig out the clumps and tubers
- Consult professionals if you choose to use herbicides
- Educate your neighbors if you see this species in their yards
- Questions? Attend the Environmental Action Group meeting on March 25 at 5:30 pm for member expertise!

Helpful Information from Lake Forest Open Lands Association

<https://www.facebook.com/249521185164469/videos/541942170018829/>

The LWV Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Area local position on conservation supports these measures to preserve the natural resources of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Area: protection and preservation of the Lake Forest/Lake Bluff shoreline and bluff; preservation of ravines and other open areas; preservation, through restricted use, of the flood plain lands along the Skokie River; establishment of walkways and bicycle paths.





LWV-LF/LB Area Book Club - DATE CHANGE

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Local Candidates: Who Are They? What Do They Plan To Do?

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18, 7:00 PM**

Good questions! Hear and see the candidates as they participate in our candidate forums on Sunday, March 14 and Thursday, March 18.

Our local elected officials, for better or worse, impact our lives on a daily basis. Taxes, education, safety, economic growth, community character are just a few ways. Don't you want to know who will be steering our communities and in what direction? Don't you want a say in it?

If you missed our excellent forum on Sunday, March 14, at 2:00 PM with the candidates running for the LFHS Board of Education and candidates for LF District #67 Board of Education, the forum was recorded and will be available for viewing on our website in a few days. www.lwy-lfb.org

On Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 PM, candidates in hotly contested Lake Bluff races have the opportunity to explain their visions for the future. Races include the President and Trustees for L.B. Village Board, L.B. Public Library, and L.B.

Park District. Register and submit a question using the button below.

For information about registering to vote, voting, applying for a vote by mail ballot, or more information about the candidates, go to the League's voter guide at ILLINOISVOTERGUIDE.ORG

The Lake County Clerk's office started mailing ballots on March 12.

Early voting at L.F. City Hall begins on March 22.

Election Day is April 6.

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Today is the birthday of the first female dentist, Lucy Hobbs Taylor (1833-1910). She was born in

New York state and received her degree in 1866 from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery. By 1900, almost one thousand women had followed Lucy Hobbs Taylor into dentistry, an increase many attribute largely to her accomplishments. In 1983, the American Association of Women Dentists honored Taylor by establishing the Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award, which it now presents annually to AAWD members in recognition of professional excellence and achievements in advancing the role of women in dentistry. Lucy was also a strong women's rights advocate.



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Make a Plan to Vote!

Early Voting Begins Monday, March 22

Voting has started for the April 6th, 2021 Consolidated Election! We have a number of important contested races in our communities: Lake Forest High School District 115 Board, L.F. School District 67 Board, Lake Bluff Village Board President and Trustees, Library and Park Districts Boards. If you were not able to watch our candidate forums live, you can watch videos of the School Boards of Education forum and of the Lake Bluff Municipal Boards forum on our website www.LWV-LFLB.org at your convenience.

If you want more information about the candidates, registration, or where/when/how you can vote, go to the League's Illinois Voter Guide at

www.ILLINOISVOTERGUIDE.ORG . General information also can be found on Lake Forest Library's website <https://www.lakeforestlibrary.org/node/22030> and on the Lake County Clerk's www.LakeVoterPower.info .

If you're not registered to vote, or you've moved and need to change your registration, you can do so online through March 21, 2021, at ova.elections.il.gov . After March 21, you may still register to vote at the polls, as long as you vote at the same time you register. You'll need two forms of identification, at least one showing your current address.

If you didn't apply for a Vote by Mail ballot, but want to, applications must be received by April 1 at the Clerk's office.

Early Voting at Lake Forest City Hall starts on Monday, March 22. You don't need to rush there the first day, Early Voting will be open through April 3rd. Remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Information about other Early Voting sites can be found on the Clerk's website.

Drop Boxes will be available at each Early Voting location. You can simply walk in with a mask on and place your Vote by Mail ballot in the Drop Box. This gives you the ability to use the Vote by Mail program postage free. There aren't any external drop boxes this election.

If you requested a Vote by Mail ballot, you may still vote in person, but you should take the ballot with you and surrender it when you check in.

On your ballot also will be the uncontested races in our area. There are candidates for the City of Lake Forest Mayor and aldermen, Shields Township, College of Lake County, and Village of Lake Bluff Clerk.

You have three voting options - Vote in person at an Early Voting sites of your choice, Vote by Mail using US postal service or postage free drop boxes, or Vote In person on Election Day at your assigned poll. Just be sure to VOTE!



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Local Candidate Forums a Success

Video Recordings Now Available

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On Thursday, March 18, our League hosted the candidates for the various Lake Bluff local elections: Library Board, Park District Board, and Village Board/Village President. This series of forums drew over 100 attendees and also many accolades.

To view the video recordings of these meetings, please click the button below, and feel free to share the links with community members who may not have been able to attend. The links have already

been shared many times on Facebook in various news groups.

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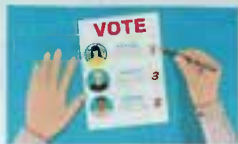
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Register for Weeds & Pests Program



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Fun Fact of the Week

On March 22, 1972, the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed by the U.S. Senate and then sent to the states for ratification. The ERA, as it became known, prohibited discrimination on the basis of gender, stating, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex," and that "the Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article." Although 22 of the required 38 states quickly ratified the Amendment, opposition arose over concerns that women would

be subject to the draft and combat duty, along with other legal concerns. The ERA eventually failed (by three states) to achieve ratification despite an extension of the deadline to June of 1982. It's still a point of contention, with Illinois not having ratified it until 2018. Just last week the North Dakota House voted Friday to rescind the state's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, declaring that it expired in 1979.

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Save the Date: Shared Services Consensus Meeting

Thursday, April 29, 7:00-9:00 PM (Virtual)

The Study Committee will hold the Consensus Meeting for the Shared Services Study and see if members can arrive at a consensus for a new LWV LF/LB position.

After nearly a year of research, interviews and School Board meetings, the Study Committee will present its findings on this important intergovernmental arrangement between District 67 and District 115.

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Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes.

These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as *poisson*

d'avril (April fish), said to symbolize a young, "easily hooked" fish and a gullible person.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them. - *History Channel*

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Criminal Justice Update: Discussion of SB 3653

Wednesday, April 14th, 7:00 PM on Zoom

At our state convention in June, Leagues throughout Illinois will vote on a revised criminal justice position that includes input from our League.

These are the criminal justice and juvenile justice bills, which have been voted out of committee with a "do pass" vote or are on 2nd reading. LWV1 supports the ones in red, and you may support them as League members:

HB88, HB111, HB1952, HB2399, HB2989,
HB3085, HB3099, HB3447, HB3512, HB3513,
HB3591, HB3665, HB3767, SB64, SB1976.

For more information on these bills, please visit the
Illinois General Assembly website www.ilga.gov.

The LWV of Naperville has invited us to join them
for a webinar on SB 3653, the legislation that
enacted criminal justice reform in Illinois, with IL
Representative Anna Stava Murray, on April 14th at
7:00 PM.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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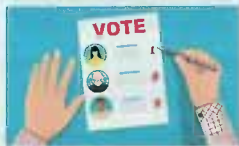
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Monday, April 5, 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Virtual)

We've received a number of inquiries about ranked choice voting. The LWVIL will host a presentation about this election system, endorsed as an option by League membership during the 2020 convention.

Rob Richie, President and CEO of FairVote, will provide an overview of the different types of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and discuss their pros and cons.

Registration is required--you may use the button below to sign up, then the event link will be sent to you a day in advance.

[Register for the RCV Program](#)



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Details for the meeting registration and a few reading materials will be available in April. Every member is encouraged to attend.

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Fun Fact of the Week

This week on April 6, our own local election day, will mark the 130th anniversary of the first women's votes in Illinois. Ellen Annette Martin (January 16, 1847 – March 13, 1916) was an attorney who used her cleverness to become the first woman to vote in Illinois.

On April 6, 1891, in Lombard, Ellen led a group of 14 prominent women to the voting place at the general store. Although the right to vote was restricted to men at that time in Illinois, Lombard

election ordinances omitted any mention of gender. Ellen, pointing out this loophole to the three male election judges, demanded that they be allowed to vote. Legend has it that the judges were quite shocked by Ellen, so much so that one of them fell backward into a flour barrel! Stunned and covered in flour as they may have been, the judges had no choice but to let the women to vote.

In 2008, the city of Lombard, Illinois, declared April 6 to be "Ellen Martin Day" in commemoration of Ms. Martin's historic victory for women's suffrage. So after you cast your vote on Tuesday, raise a glass to Ellen Martin!

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ISPS DEMOCRACY

Yale ISPS Democracy Series: Rethinking Political Representation

Tuesday, April 13, 4:00-5:30 PM on Zoom

How can we improve our system of elections and representation? Yale's Institute for Social and Policy Studies will host a panel of innovators who will discuss new and important ideas for reforming democratic representation, including deliberative assemblies, representation lotteries, quota systems, and ranked choice voting. Please join Elisa Celis, Mark Gorton, Helene Landemore, and Rob Ritchie for an engaging discussion of ways to reorganize our institutions of collective choice.

PANELISTS:

- Elisa Celis, Assistant Professor of Statistics & Data Science, Yale University
- Mark Gorton, Founder and Chairman, Tower

Research Capital

- **Helene Landemore**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University
- **Rob Ritchie**, President and CEO, FairVote

MODERATORS:

- **Alan Gerber**, Charles C. & Dorathea S. Dilley Professor of Political Science, Director of ISPS, and Dean of the FAS Social Science Division
- **Steven Wilkinson**, Nilekani Professor of India and South Asian Studies, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, and Henry R. Luce Director at the Yale MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

This is a non-partisan event that is free and open to the general public, but advance registration is required.

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MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



Criminal Justice Update: Discussion of SB 3653

Wednesday, April 14th, 7:00 PM on Zoom

At our state convention in June, Leagues throughout Illinois will vote on a revised criminal justice position that includes input from our League.

These are the criminal justice and juvenile justice bills, which have been voted out of committee with a "do pass" vote or are on 2nd reading. LWVI supports the ones in red, and you may support them as League members:

HB88, HB111, HB1952, HB2399, HB2989,
HB3085, HB3099, HB3447, HB3512, HB3513,
HB3591, HB3665, HB3767, SB64, SB1976.

For more information on these bills, please visit the
Illinois General Assembly website www.ilga.gov.

The LWV of Naperville has invited us to join them
for a webinar on SB 3653, the legislation that
enacted criminal justice reform in Illinois, with IL
Representative Anna Stava Murray, on April 14th at
7:00 PM.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85774722370?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85774722370?pwd=RUg3V1RNbm4zcFluVjhlUHdaa09JQT09)
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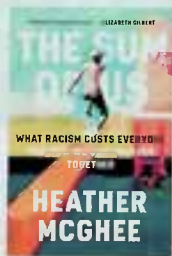
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Saturday, April 17, will mark the 60th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the U.S.-backed attempt to

overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba, which failed disastrously. About 1,400 anti-Castro exiles invaded the island's southern coast along the Bay of Pigs but were overrun by 20,000 Cuban soldiers and jailed. Trained and guided by the U.S., the exiles had expected support from U.S. military aircraft and help from anti-Castro insurgents on the island. Instead, due to a series of mishaps, they had fended for themselves with no support. The failed invasion heightened Cold War tensions between Cuba's political ally, Soviet Russia, and the fledgling administration of President John F. Kennedy. The following year, the Russians brazenly installed nuclear missiles in Cuba resulting in the Cuban Missile Crisis.

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Proposed Amendments to Our Bylaws are Due Today!

Reminder! Please send any proposed amendments on our bylaws to the LWV LF/LB 2021 Bylaws Committee. New this year, the Bylaws Committee will be considering amendments from the model bylaws proposed by LWVIL. Here is a link to those model bylaws on the LWVIL website (under Member Resources):

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5eb87706d3837677cd92bc85/t/606ce7af136bda2a08847f32/1617749936282/Local%2BLeague%2BModel%2BBylaws%2B3.23+%281%29.pdf>

Our current bylaws appear on our website under the "Resources" tab.

Please send comments to
lww.iflb.bylaws21@gmail.com by the end of today.



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Crisis Intervention and Policing

In early February, we heard from the City of Lake Forest Crisis Intervention Team on their approach to mental health emergencies and the additional training of our local police officers. Our state needs to expand similar programs!

**ASK YOUR LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT THE
FOLLOW BILL IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
VOTE YES:**

Community Emergency Services and Supports Act (HB2784 & SB2117)

Ten percent of 911 calls request help with a mental or behavioral health emergency. CESSA would create a 911 response option separate from law enforcement for mental and behavioral health emergencies.

Responders would use appropriate de-escalation techniques, saving money by supporting people in the community rather than in emergency rooms and jails.

The League of Women Voters of Illinois supports the expansion of prevention and treatment programs to ease the burden on the criminal justice system. Adequate and accessible community services should be available for seriously mentally ill persons of all ages. The array of services should include crisis intervention.

Find your legislators using the following link:

<http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/legislation.asp?legid=2784&legtype=HB>



Maps for Representation

Redistricting. Once a decade, legislative maps all over the US are redrawn based on new federal census numbers. Once a decade, voting districts can, and do, shift on local, state and federal lines.

COVID-delayed Census counts will not be available until September, yet the Illinois Constitution requires that maps be drawn and approved by the state legislature by June 30—so Illinois lawmakers are moving forward. Both the House and Senate Redistricting Committees are currently in the midst of a month of more than 40 public redistricting hearings being held statewide.

Public hearings allow community members to provide input about their interests, needs, and demographics that might have shifted in the past decade.

LWVIL's mission to protect voter representation puts it squarely in support of fair and equitable map drawing. For the past decade, LWVIL has advocated unsuccessfully for a legally-mandated independent mapping commission as a way to provide permanent protection from partisan gerrymandering, ensuring that the needs of a community precede the political goals of legislators.

In the absence of an independent commission, transparency and community input must be part of the redistricting process. The LWVIL's testimony during current hearings suggests that additional public hearings should be held after maps are drawn, so adjustments can be made based on public input prior to voting on the final maps.

However, unless things change, once hearings are completed on April 24, the Illinois General Assembly will begin drawing maps. If approved by the House and Senate, these can be sent directly to the Governor. Illinois voters will have to rely on Governor Pritzker's repeated public statements that he will veto any partisan map.

Elected representatives are the voice of their communities, and the impact of new maps and new districts will be felt for another decade. Voters must speak up now while the maps are being drawn.

Find your legislator here to ask for additional public hearings:

<http://www.ilsenateredistricting.com/339977F4FD86FD682540EF23F30FEED0/C67FD2F38AC4859C/jsp?okay=true>

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Time for Action!

Two Items Need Your Immediate Attention!

1. National Redistricting Day of Action, Thursday, April 29.

Contact your legislators and tell them you want fair, representative maps. Help amplify the message: redistricting must be fair and equitable so that all voices are heard!

2. Filibuster Reform

Using the filibuster to block legislation supported by American voters destroys representative democracy, which is why the League of Women Voters advocates for filibuster reform. When senators are required to hold the floor of the Senate during a standing filibuster, voters can see clearly which of their elected senators are blocking the vote and hold them accountable. "As long as senators can hide behind the filibuster, they are not beholden to the American people," said Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters of the US in a recent statement. "Our nation deserves better...It is time to amend the filibuster for the health and safety of our democracy."

Contact your legislators today to advocate for filibuster reform. Use the button below if you need assistance finding your legislators.

[Find My Legislators](#)

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ANNUAL MEETING

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Recycle Your Garden Plastics, Close the Loop!

Spring is in full swing and many home gardeners have begun to fill their garden planters with their colorful favorites. But what's the best way to dispose of the plastic containers, trays, flats and hanging baskets? **Return them to the garden stores!**

Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart, Costco, Menards and Meijer all collect used garden plastics #2, #5 and #6, plant labels and hanging basket hangers. Customers can return empty garden containers and trays back to any of these chain stores. The nursery growers that deliver plants to these big chains pick up the used containers that customers return to the stores. The growers sort the collected plastic by type. Some is cleaned and reused by growers. The rest is baled by plastic type and picked up by a large recycling company, East Jordan Plastics, located in South Haven, MI. There, the bales are opened, sorted again, cleaned and ground. The "regrind" is then manufactured into new horticultural plastic pots and trays. This is a closed loop recycling. Horticultural products going back into horticultural products.

Do not put garden plastics into your recycling bins. Waste Management, the recycling company with whom Lake Forest contracts does not accept garden plastic, be it #2 #4, or #5. If you put garden plastic in your curbside bin, it will end up in the landfill, and it will end up costing the City more in contamination fees. FYI The City of Lake Forest hopes to reduce recycling waste from the current 25% to 10%, thereby reducing the City's recycling process costs by 25% per ton, which equates to an annual savings of up to \$50,000.

LWV-LF/LB supports federal and state policies to reduce the quantities of waste, to reclaim useful materials, and to safely restore the residue to the environment. The League encourages its municipalities to expand local programs, to combine efforts to solve waste problems regionally, and to report to residents on disposition of recycled items.



Fun Fact of the Week

This week will mark a very important anniversary in U.S. history. On April 30, 1789, George Washington became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City. Chancellor of New York Robert Livingston administered the presidential oath of office. With this inauguration, the executive branch of the United States government officially began operations under the new frame of government established by the 1787 Constitution. *(graphic from Getty images)*

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An Important Day in Women's History

Last Wednesday evening offered one of the most symbolic political "firsts" when, for the first time, two women flanked an American president on the dais of the House Chamber as he delivered an address to a joint session of Congress.

According to protocol, Vice President Kamala Harris called the proceedings to order and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi formally introduced Mr. Biden to Congress as President for the first time. It's a moment that lasts only a few seconds and usually isn't seen by the global television audience.

But it was the pinnacle of a remarkable rise for two female political figures, who also both happen to be from California's Bay Area. (CBS News photo)

UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV Naperville Presents "The Future of Tribune Publishing: An Interview with Naperville Sun Editor Karen Sorensen"

Thursday, May 6, 7 PM on Zoom

Freedom of the Press is so vital to our democracy that it is in the first amendment to our Constitution; communities rely on independent journalism to keep a watchful eye on our government. So what does the future hold for the Naperville Sun and Tribune Publishing?

The Naperville Sun is part of Tribune Publishing, which also includes the Chicago Tribune and sister papers in Baltimore, Hartford, Orlando and elsewhere. Today Tribune Publishing is on the brink of being bought by Alden Global Capital, a hedge fund, which already owns nearly 200 papers around the country. Staff at several Tribune publications have desperately tried to find other bidders, but with no success, and as shareholders get ready to vote on May 21, the clock is ticking.

Join us for an exclusive live interview with Karen Sorensen, editor of the Naperville Sun and the Elgin Courier News, about what this sale could mean for independent journalism in our community.

The event is free, but registration is required.

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P.S. An outdoor gathering for our League is in the planning stages for some time this summer--stay tuned for more information!

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Fun Fact of the Week

Today is the tenth anniversary of the day U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid on May 2, 2011, marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks of September 11th, 2001, in which four American passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons. Two jets had struck and subsequently collapsed the 110-story Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, while another struck the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. A fourth jet also headed toward Washington had crashed into a field in Pennsylvania as passengers attempted to overpower the hijackers on board.

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Legislative Interview of Congressman Schneider

The LWV will conduct an official Legislative Interview of Illinois Representative Brad Schneider (D, 10th District) on Monday, May 10, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The interview is not open to the public, however all of the Leagues in the 10th District will have a representative present. The purpose of these interviews is to develop or

reinforce a positive relationship with legislators;
and to determine each legislator's opinion on topics
representing League positions that may have
legislative consequences for the upcoming
legislative sessions.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Next EAG Meeting

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The next gathering of the Environmental Action Group will take place virtually on Thursday, May 27, at 5:30 PM. Please join us for our monthly discussion of local, regional, and global environmental issues, and learn what you can do to take action. The link and phone-in information is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02zoom.us/j/82552810922>

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Lake County Public Meetings on Redrawing County Board District Boundaries

May 19 and May 20

Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart will host four separate virtual public meetings to discuss the reapportionment process and to gather input from residents. Each meeting will focus on a separate quadrant of the County:

Learn more about redistricting for your community and share input on the process. Tell Lake County

Government what you want!

Under state law, every 10 years all Illinois counties are required to use Census data to go through a redistricting process, known as reapportionment, to ensure that each district includes approximately the same number of residents.

For more information on the meetings go to:

<http://www.lakecountylaw.com/4445/Reapportionment-Committee>



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Call for Candidates!

The League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region Nominating Committee is now recruiting the slate of officers for 2021-2022. The Committee is tasked with slating the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Committee Chair, and Nominating Committee members.

Candidates are eligible if they are a member of a local League that pays dues to LWV-LMR. Self-nominations are welcome. Email your nominations to lwvlakemichigan@gmail.com, as soon as possible or by July 15, 2021. Please include "2021-22 Nomination" in the subject line, and provide your phone number and preferred email address.



Legislative Interview of Rep. Brad Schneider

The LWV conducted an official Legislative Interview of Illinois Representative Brad Schneider (D, 10th District) on Monday, May 10, via Zoom. The purpose of legislative interviews is to develop or reinforce a positive relationship with legislators; and to determine each legislator's opinion on topics representing League positions that may have legislative consequences for the upcoming legislative sessions. Schneider answered questions about:

1. Voting Rights: Schneider supports restoration of the John Lewis Voting Act, and reminded us that the more people who vote, the more representative Congress will be. He applauded the work that the League does in registering and educating voters.

2. Green Act and other carbon reduction legislation: Schneider suggested that all Congressional committees should have a subcommittee that reviews the impact of pending legislation on the environment. He strongly supports the development of renewable fuels. He also supports some form of carbon taxing where at

least a percentage of the fund would be used for mitigation efforts. He is hoping the the EPA under the Biden administration will be more proactive and easier to work with.

3. Criminal justice, police reform, and gun violence: Schneider supports the George Floyd Policing Act but does not support campaigns to defund the police. In fact, he believes that we should be funding the police more so that they can add officers and better train them. He is pushing for universal background checks for gun purchases, but does not think an assault weapons ban will happen.

4. Partisan politics: Schneider suggested that the LWV could be instrumental in promoting unity. He didn't think adding Supreme Court Justices would happen, though imposing term limits on Justices might. He supports statehood for the District of Columbia, and said it would likely pass in the House, but not the Senate. He discussed adding representatives to the House since the number of people per representative has gone from 33 thousand at the outset to 730 thousand currently.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LWV Lake County Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 12:00 PM via Zoom

All members are welcome to attend the next Board meeting of the LWV Lake County. Come hear about

this League's work and receive an update on the Lake County redistricting process.

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Thursday, May 27, 5:30 - 6:30 PM via Zoom

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1. **Contact Membership** to ensure that your email address is correct, especially if no emails have ever been received. If the email address is verified as correct, then the problem is on the receiving end. Emily Watts, Vice President of Membership, can be reached via email at ewatts@ilstu.edu.

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- The bipartisan Congressional Ethylene Oxide Task Force has pushed for federal funding of ambient air monitoring, met with the EPA to advocate for stringent and public health-focused regulation of EtO, and provided the EPA with feedback on forthcoming regulations. In response to this work, the EPA Inspector General released a report echoing the call for stricter regulation of EtO in May.

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**AMNESTY
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Summer on the Farm: Our 2021 Summer Membership Event

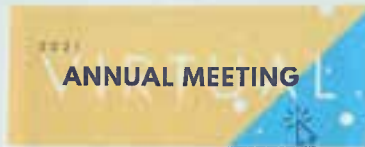
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Farm (Hay Barn)**

Come enjoy the summer beauty of Elawa Farm with your LWW-LF/LB Area friends! Our 2021 Annual Membership Party is a free, live event open to fully vaccinated members. Light appetizers, wine, and nonalcoholic beverages will be served. This is a purely social event without an agenda, a chance to reconnect with old friends and meet newer League members in a lovely environment.

RSVP for the party to Social Events Chair by

sending an email to ljaspiano@att.net by June 21st. Please confirm your vaccination status in the body of your email. For safety reasons and the health of all members, this party is limited to fully vaccinated members.

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Fun Fact of the Week

As of June 1 we are now enjoying Meteorological Summer! Although the actual seasons depend on

the astronomical phenomena of the solstices and equinoxes, the meteorological seasons consist of splitting the seasons into four periods made up of three months each based on their common weather patterns.

A **solstice** is an event that occurs when the Sun appears to reach its most northerly or southerly excursion relative to the celestial equator on the celestial sphere. Two solstices occur annually, around June 21 and December 21, and mark the official beginnings of summer and winter respectively. An **equinox** is the instant of time when the plane of Earth's equator passes through the geometric center of the Sun's disk. In other words, it is the moment at which the center of the visible Sun is directly above the equator. This occurs twice each year, around March 20 and September 22, and mark the official beginnings of spring and autumn respectively.

The meteorological seasons are based on the calendar months which share similar average temperatures and weather in general. So summer is June, July, and August; autumn is September, October, and November; and winter (December, January, February); and spring is March, April, and May.



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The Zoom app is available for free using the

button below.

Please download the Zoom app this week and test it by participating in any Zoom meeting (doesn't need to be a LWV meeting). Contact the LWV Tech Committee at websitelwvflb@gmail.com if you are unable to download the app. We regret that we will be unable to assist with individual tech/connectivity issues during the Annual Meeting and look forward to "seeing" you on June 16th.

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Register for the Annual Meeting



**LWV of Illinois Presents: Observer
Training**

Thursday, June 17, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

The League of Women Voters of Illinois is offering an Observer Training for members of local Leagues in Illinois. The League's trained Observer Corps are a respected part of the community; they work to keep local governments accountable and community members informed. Register for this virtual training session by clicking the button below.

Register for Observer Training

UPCOMING EVENTS



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The meeting registration link will be posted in the Voter in June.

[LWV Lake County Annual Meeting Packet](#)



Summer on the Farm: Our 2021 Summer Membership Event

**Tuesday, June 29, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM at Elawa
Farm (Hay Barn)**

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RSVP for the party to Social Events Chair by sending an email to lisaspano@att.net by June 21st. Please confirm your vaccination status in the body of your email. For safety reasons and the health of all members, this party is limited to fully vaccinated members.

The Social Events team is looking for a few volunteers to help with party set up at 4:30 PM on the day of the party. Please email or call Lisa at [847-826-4274](tel:847-826-4274) if you are available to help.

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Fun Fact of the Week

On June 14, 1777, John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag, stating, "...that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation." This anniversary is celebrated each year in the U.S. as Flag Day.

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Congratulations to Our New LWV-LF/LB Board Members

We welcome new LWV-LF/LB Area Board Members Bev Adamczyk as Vice President of Voter Services and Wiebke Droege as Director of Technology. Both Bev and Wiebke have been active in League activities; they were elected by our members at our Annual Meeting this week. We elected Ann Grant, Diane Lloyd, and Lynne Richardson to the Nominating Committee and honored Peg Determan, who will be stepping down as Director of

Fundraising. Mary Mathews will have a new Board role as LWV-Lake County Representative. All other directors will retain their current positions. In other news, congratulations to President Laurie Rose, who was elected as Vice President-Governance for LWVIL, our state organization, at the biennial LWVIL Convention. Laurie will sit on the Executive Committee at LWVIL.



Annual Meeting Summary

In addition to the election of new board members, we passed a conservative budget (which includes funding for in-person activities), approved five local positions (Nominating Systems and Procedures, Solid Waste, Comprehensive Plan, Conservation and Shared Services Agreements), and three action foci (environmental stewardship, healthcare/mental health and criminal justice).

We also agreed to transition to a 501(c)(3) organization. Following the completion of the 501(c)(3) transition, we will obtain local control of Education Fund dollars and all dues and donations to LWV-LF/LB will be tax-deductible to the full extent permitted by law.

ACTION & ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



It's Time for Action on Ethics in Government!

Call Governor Pritzker and ask him to use his amendatory veto power to recommend the General Assembly strengthen Ethics omnibus bill SB0539 with the following additions:

- Grant the Legislative Inspector General full independence to issue subpoenas and publish found reports
- Enact mandatory recusal for conflicts of interest —with an enforcement mechanism
- Institute a one-year revolving door ban with no loopholes

Call the governor at [\(217\)782-6830](tel:217782-6830) or use the hearing impaired line at [\(888\)340-1009](tel:888340-1009).

Governor Pritzker, Senate President Don Harmon and new House Speaker Chris Welch all pledged their commitment to ethics reform. While SB0539 takes a step forward, it does not include these critical features: a fully independent Legislative Inspector General, enforcement powers, and revolving door restrictions.

The "revolving door" refers to a legislator leaving office and immediately taking a paid lobbying position. According to the National Council of State Legislatures, as of 2020 there were 29 states that had instituted a one-year mandatory cooling off period; nine states requiring two years; and at year-end 2022, Florida will move to a six-year cooling off period.

The League of Women Voters of the United States promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive. The LWVUS defines accountability as follows: a legislature responsive to citizens and able to hold its own leaders, committees, and members responsible for their actions and decisions.



It's Time for Action Outdoors!

With summer weather here to stay, many homeowners and HOA neighborhoods are making plans to reseal the surface of their driveways. It is important to know the health risks associated with coal tar based sealants and to ask about safer alternatives before you begin. Coal tar products contain polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

which are toxic to people and wildlife. Children are especially vulnerable as they ingest on average more PAH dust than adults.

Please consider:

- Use an asphalt based sealant
- If you hire a contractor, ask specifically for an asphalt based sealant
- Seal your driveway less often
- Educate family, friends and neighbors of the risks of coal tar based sealants

Did you know?

IL SB692/ the Coal Tar Sealant Disclosure Act has passed both the Senate and the House in Springfield. A big Thank You to League members who participated in the LWVIL TFA on this bill!!

This Act requires specified persons and entities, public schools and public school districts, and State agencies to disclose the use of a coal tar-based sealant or high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon sealant product. Provides requirements for disclosures made under the Act. Requires persons or entities to provide information regarding alternative sealant upon request and public schools or public school districts and the State to seek an asphalt-based sealant when distributing any request for proposals.

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Illinois JUSTICE Project

The Collaborative 2021 –From Policy to Practice

Wednesday, June 30, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM CDT

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Tech Talk

Tech hosts received messages following our Annual Meeting indicating that a few members had issues when attempting to participate in the meeting. Prior communications in this publication clearly stated that individual assistance with tech would not be available during the meeting. After a review, it appears that the following may have been contributing factors :

1) attempting to join by phone outside of the Zoom app 2) late registration glitches 3) inadequate WiFi connection 4) home network setup. Despite these glitches, we maintained a quorum throughout the meeting.

We will continue to use Zoom for some LWW-LF/LB events. To avoid future problems, review the capability and connections within your home network (you may be impacted by the WiFi usage of family or neighbors), register for meetings well in

advance of the event (not the day of the event), and download and use the Zoom app for all LWV-LF/LB Zoom meetings.

We value your participation and urge you to review these issues prior to your next LWV-LF/LB Area Zoom experience.



Fun Fact of the Week

The summer solstice will occur at 10:31 Central Daylight Time this evening. You may recall from our Fun Fact two weeks ago that the summer solstice is the day when the sun travels its longest path through the sky and reaches its highest point. Due to the tilt of the Earth on its axis, the North Pole is shifted almost directly toward the sun, hence the long hours of daylight. In the Northern Hemisphere, the summer solstice occurs between June 20 and 22, usually on June 21. In the Southern Hemisphere, the summer solstice occurs on December 21 or 22.

At Stonehenge on the summer solstice, the sun rises behind the Heel Stone in the north-east part of the horizon and its first rays shine into the heart of Stonehenge.

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**We Look Forward to Seeing You
at Our Annual Meeting!**

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[Register for the Annual Meeting](#)

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LWV-LF/LB Area to Appear in Modified Lake Bluff 4th of July Parade

Our League will once again be represented at Lake Bluff 4th of July parade this year, which has been modified for lingering pandemic safety concerns. You may recall that last year two smaller parades were formed, which drove through the neighborhoods of Lake Bluff to accommodate the pandemic restrictions of the time. Our League was represented in both those mini parades. This year the parade has been reinstated, however the route will be longer so spectators can distance themselves from each other, and the number of entrants was reduced by more than half with a

"floats only" rule.

ACTION & ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



Update on Reapportionment Process

We appreciate your interest in Lake County's reapportionment process.

In May, Lake County held four listening sessions to gather feedback from Lake County residents on reapportionment. One of the major discussion points was the significant delays in obtaining the 2020 decennial census data from the US Census Bureau due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are happy to report that on June 17, 2021, Governor Pritzker signed into law SB 825, which changes the date for counties to complete reapportionment to December 31, 2021. Previously, the Lake County Board needed to complete reapportionment by July 14, 2021.

The extended deadline will allow for the newest census data to be used in the reapportionment process once it is published.

The Lake County Reapportionment Committee will continue to meet throughout the year. These meetings are open to the public. For more information about this committee and

reapportionment, visit [Lake County's website](#)

Once again, thank you for your interest in this critically important topic.

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Help Represent Our League at the Lake Bluff Farmers Market

Come and volunteer to help spread the word about our League with the added bonus of being amongst the fresh flowers, fruits, and veggies teeming from the colorful and cheerful vendor booths at the Lake Bluff Farmers Market!

We have received permission from the Village of Lake Bluff to be at their Farmers Markets on Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The dates that we will participate are July 16 & 30th; August 6th & 20th; and September 10th & 24th.

Please consider volunteering for one or more these days. Emily Watts will be there with you and have literature to distribute. It will be a fun way to be visible in the community and to recruit new members! Please call Emily at (224) 277-3353 to sign up, or if you have any questions.

ACTION & ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



Act Now to Make a Difference for Our Local Environment!

It's time to convince **Pace**, the suburban transit agency, to transition its fleet to electric buses. After nearly three years of environmental advocacy led by the Sierra Club, Pace might consider reevaluation of its capital plans.

Pace has included over 200 new fossil fuel-powered buses, including 78 diesel buses, in its five-year capital budget through 2025. In 2022 alone, Pace plans to purchase 15 diesel buses and the five-year plan does not include any electric buses. If purchased, these fossil fuel-powered buses will be on Illinois roads for 12 years (a requirement for federal funding),

Air pollution from diesel buses has serious health consequences such as lung diseases like asthma. Bus routes are designed to run in higher populated

areas. Replacing fossil fueled-powered buses with electric buses will improve air quality in our communities.

You can take action by contacting the Pace Board Member and Representative for Lake County Linda Soto, at BoD@PaceBus.com Ask Pace to purchase electric buses instead of budgeted diesel buses! The Pace Board meets on July 21 so act now to make a difference!

The LWV-LF/LB Area supports efforts to foster clean air through the reduction of pollution from mobile and stationary sources.

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Fun Fact of the Week

In July, a period of time called the "dog days of summer" begins. Historically they were observed within Ancient Roman and Greek astrology and were connected with bad luck, mad dog attacks, unexpected thunderstorms, heat, and drought.

They gained their name as "dog days" as they were connected with the star Sirius, which is part of the Canis Major (Greater Dog) star system visible during the summer in the Northern hemisphere. Nowadays, "the dog days" refers to when the hottest days of summer begin.

Coincidentally, it was in July that the rabies vaccine was first successfully given to a patient. The French microbiologist Louis Pasteur administered the vaccine to a nine-year-old called Joseph Meister in July of 1885. The child had been bitten by a rabid dog, and Louis Pasteur, unsure whether the vaccine would be successful, decided it was worth testing. Fortunately for the boy, it worked!

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RECYCLE SMART!

Two summer interns of the City of Lake Forest Public Works Department have teamed up with Bart the Cart to reduce contamination in recycling bins. They will spot check residential curbside recycling bins, aka a contamination audit, and leave a note if the contents are a problem. The overall goal of the campaign is to reduce the City's curbside recycling contamination rate from 25% to 10%. Contamination includes food- covered containers, broken glass, light bulbs and household garbage. See more at bartthecart.com.

Four important guidelines of the City recycling program are

1) Recyclables should be well-rinsed and empty.

- 2) No plastic bags
- 3) No styrofoam or #6 plastics
- 4) No "tanglers" like hangers or six-pack rings

ACTION & ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



H.R. 1 FOR THE PEOPLE ACT

Time for Action on the For the People Act!

The *For the People Act* is the fair representation bill the American people want and deserve. This legislation will put power back into the hands of American voters by making voting easier and more accessible and by modernizing future elections. The *For the People Act* addresses some of the most pressing issues facing our democracy by:

- Modernizing our voter registration system;
- Restoring voting rights to formerly-incarcerated individuals;
- Curbing partisan gerrymandering; and
- Making campaign contributions more transparent

The House passed the *For the People Act* earlier this year. The bill came up for the first time ever for a vote in the Senate on June 23rd, unfortunately the vote deadlocked at 50-50.

This just means it is more important than ever to make your voice heard as any movement serves to advance the legislation!

Contact Senators Duckworth and Durbin TODAY and tell them to Vote Yes on the For the People Act.

Call (202) 224-3121 or

Senator Duckworth at [duckworth@senate.gov/?p=contact](mailto:duckworth@senate.gov?p=contact)

Senator Durbin at durbin@senate.gov/contact/

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join the EAG

Thursday, July 22 5:30-6:30 PM

Northcroft Park, Lake Forest - 1365 S. Ridge Road
(bring your own chair)

All members are welcome to join our monthly discussion of local, regional, and global environmental issues, and learn what you can do. Updates include

- Proposed \$10 million artificial turf project behind Deerpath School
- Progress in EtO monitoring and the EPA
- Making a difference in Plastic Free July

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Fun Fact of the Week

Look to the Early Morning Sky for the Perseid Meteor Shower !

July 14 marked the beginning of the Perseid meteor shower, widely considered the best meteor shower of the year, according to NASA. Each summer, the Perseids grace the night sky with an incredible number of meteors—the bright streaks of light caused by bits of comet debris burning up in the high atmosphere. In 2021, the Perseids will reach their peak activity between August 11 and August 13. The best time to view the meteor shower will be in the hours between 2 AM and dawn. To read more about the Perseids, check out earthsky.org.

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Mega Good News- Funds Our League Can Use!

Earlier this year, Laurie Rose and Katie Andersen explored Outreach Circle, a communications vehicle supported by LWVUS that utilizes social media for advocacy initiatives. Katie created an Outreach Circle account for our League and we literally won the LWVUS local League lottery for creating an account for \$500 of unrestricted purpose funds!

Our League also recently received an unrestricted \$200 grant from LWVIL. The funds from LWVUS and LWVIL will be used by our League to transition to a 501(c)(3) organization. Laurie Rose and Nancy Novit have completed the rough draft of our IRS

application for the 501(c)(3) application. Following approval by the IRS, your LWV-LF/LB membership fee will be tax deductible going forward!

ACTION & ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



Our League's Program Action & Advocacy Committee Needs Your Help!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



LWV-LF/LB Area to Participate in Lake Forest Day Parade

Wednesday, August 4, 10:00 AM

Lake Forest Day has returned! The annual event is hosted by American Legion McKinlock Post 264 and celebrates our community and patriotism with a parade, a carnival, music, games, fun for the kids and a raffle. Our League will once again be represented in the parade, which starts at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 4th. Watch as Lady Liberty makes her rounds!

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Fun Fact of the Week

July is turning out to be an important month in Cuban history as the world witnesses the current uprising rooted in the societal unrest that stems from the failed government. July 26, 1953, was the beginning of Fidel Castro's revolutionary "26th of July Movement." In 1959, Castro led the rebellion that drove out dictator Fulgencio Batista. Although he once declared that Cuba would never again be ruled by a dictator, Castro's government became a Communist dictatorship. Adopting a Marxist-Leninist model of development, Castro converted Cuba into a one-party, socialist state under Communist Party rule, the first in the Western Hemisphere. Fidel Castro remained in power until 2008.

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Please Join Us in the Lake Forest Day Parade

**Wednesday, August 4, 9:15 AM (10:00 AM
Start)**

It looks like nice weather for the Lake Forest Day Parade on Wednesday! If you and your family can join us, find our spot 'No. 52' on Western Ave (south of Egg Harbor Restaurant) by 9:15 AM. The Parade starts at 10:00 AM and lasts about one hour. Wear white if possible, comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle.

This annual event is hosted by American Legion McKinlock Post 264 and celebrates our community

and patriotism with a parade, a carnival, music, games, fun for the kids and a raffle. Come join the fun!!

Questions? Contact Wyn Cain: [847-913-5730](tel:847-913-5730) or Carol Russ: [847-254-4044](tel:847-254-4044). Please send a reply to: wyn.cain@comcast.net.

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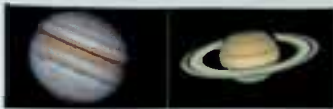


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Fun Fact of the Week

This month you can see the giant planet Jupiter and ringed planet Saturn from early evening until dawn, since they'll be at their most glorious. Both of them will have an **opposition**, when they will appear opposite the sun as seen from Earth, in August. Saturn will be at opposition tonight, and Jupiter will be at opposition the night of August 19.

Opposition marks the middle of the best time of year to see a planet. Look for them in your southeast sky at nightfall/early evening, highest up around midnight, and low in the west near sunrise.

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LWV-LF/LB Area Wins Lake Forest Day Parade Entry Award

Our League made a lasting impression at the recent Lake Forest Day parade with our entry. The theme of the parade was "Keeping Liberty Safe", so we reprised our entry from the Lake Bluff July 4th parade of Lady Liberty riding in a decorated convertible (complete with eyelashes on the headlights) , and added a few Suffragettes marching

in white. There were 110 total parade entries this year, divided into the categories of Church/School, Civic/Fraternal, Commercial, Neighborhood, and Youth. The judges awarded our entry second place in the Civic/Fraternal category, behind the Fox Nation Indian Guides & Princesses.

Please consider joining the fun and helping our League make a great showing in the community by marching in the parades next year--save July 4th and August 3rd of 2022!

ACTION & ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES



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informed and attend municipal meetings when the Deerpath Community Park project is on the agenda.

The master plan can be viewed here <https://lfparksandrec.com/master-plan>

The next Parks & Recreation meeting is Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Services Building.

The City of Lake Forest Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is Wednesday, August 18 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.



Our League's Program Action & Advocacy Committee Needs Your Help!

Do you have some free time to help our League? We are looking for members to assist with reaching out to prospective speakers, tracking pending legislation, observing local meetings, and following issues in our local governments and communities. Your assistance will enable us to educate voters, host community forums and debates, create advocacy initiatives and provide our community with election and issues information.

Please contact Katie Andersen
at programlwvlfb@gmail.com to find out how
you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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**Northcroft Park, Lake Forest - 1365 S. Ridge Road
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Fun Fact of the Week

Saturday will mark the 80th anniversary of the charter which would eventually become the United Nations. On August 14, 1941, after three days of secret meetings aboard warships off the coast of Newfoundland, the Atlantic Charter was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Charter, a foundation stone for the later establishment of the United Nations, set forth eight goals for the nations of the world, including: the renunciation of all aggression, right to self-government, access to raw materials, freedom from want and fear, freedom of the seas, and disarmament of aggressor nations. By September, fifteen anti-Axis nations signed the Charter.

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Observer Corps Training Session (Virtual)

Thursday, August 19, 10:00 -11:00 AM

Can you spare an hour this Thursday? LWV Illinois is offering virtual Observer Training for local League members. The League's trained Observer Corps are a respected part of the community; they work to keep local governments accountable and community members informed.

Register at lwvil.org

<https://www.lwvill.org/events/calendar>

Our local League needs Observers to attend
municipal, school board and township meetings!

A League Observer attends a governmental meeting, notes what happens at the meeting, and reports back to the League and (hopefully) the community. By attending public meetings of local governmental bodies/agencies, observers learn more about what their government is doing. They learn about the issues facing their community and are empowered to take action, if warranted. They also learn how issues are being addressed. Observers keep elected and appointed officials on notice; they let them know that someone is watching what decisions are being made and how they are being made. They help ensure that the issues facing their community are being handled "in the sunshine," in the open.

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at programlwvlflb@gmail.com if you can serve as an
Observer!



Save the Date for Our Fall Kick Off!

Saturday, September 18, 1:00 -3:00 PM

Details will follow shortly, but plan on a wonderful afternoon of stimulating discussion and lighthearted camaraderie. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

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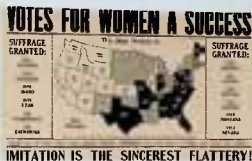
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It's time to raise a glass this week on Wednesday, August 18, since on this date in 1920 the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote. This is the reason we are an organization today, so don't forget to take a moment to pause and reflect on the great work of the women who made it happen.



P.S....

We apologize for the late delivery of The Voter this week. The Communications Committee has been extremely busy! Periodically The Voter will be