



The Voter

Wheaton LWV February 2011

In this month's issue:

President's Letter	1
Bulletin Board.....	3
Program Planning Notes	4
Roskam Meeting Notes	5
Nominating Committee Announcement.....	7
Workgroup Reports	7
Park District Memo	12
Meeting Highlights	16
Our Supporters	18

Important Dates!

2/5	LWVIL Issues Briefing
2/17	Unit Meeting - Education
3/15	Candidate Forum
3/17	Candidate Forum
4/16	"Tar Creek"



President's Letter

Greetings! Is it cold enough for everyone or are you thinking about somewhere warm to visit for a week or so? We have lots going on in league right now, so I'm just going to dig in...

What's going on in the league right now? We invited members from the Wheaton North High School **League of Voters** to the LWVIL Issues Briefing this year. We're sponsoring 4 students, including Marie Fefferman and Arin Butzon.

FEBRUARY 5TH LWVIL ISSUES BRIEFING 8:30 – 3:00 DETAILS AT WWW.LWVIL.ORG

- EFFECTIVE WAYS TO LOBBY SPRINGFIELD IN 2011
- REDISTRICTING: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE AND HOW DOWE GET THERE?
- HEALTHCARE REFORM AND ITS IMPACTON ILLINOIS
- PENSION REFORM: IS IT POSSIBLE? PROBABLE?



Our next unit meeting provides an opportunity to meet **Dr. Brian Harris**, who joins us for the first time since beginning his tenure as Superintendent of CUSD 200. Dr. Harris will share the good news for the district, describe main challenges for students and teachers, and address the difficulties in managing under the current Illinois fiscal crisis and the current budget issues facing CUSD 200. In addition, **Dr. Margo Sorrick** will address the current and possible effects of ESEA, No Child Left Behind (NLCB) and the Common Curriculum Standards on CUSD 200.

FEBRUARY 17TH EDUCATION MEETING AT WHEATON COMMUNITY CENTER, 7:00 PM With an update on current school issues you can formulate questions for school board candidates in March!

Legislative interviews are scheduled in January and February to exchange views and information, setting the stage for future action. The meetings with state legislators include the following

topics: Illinois fiscal crisis, redistricting, abolition of the death penalty, climate change, immigration, and criminal justice.

Questions for the Congressional representatives included:

- What are legislative priorities for the 112th congress?
- Do you support efforts to increase transparency and provide more information to the public through such steps as requiring disclosure and quick reporting of all election-related spending?
- What can you do to help improve civic discourse and reduce the level of rancor and partisan bickering in national politics?
- Do you support repealing or limiting the newly enacted national health care legislation, the Affordable Care Act?
- Do you believe that Congress should delay or curtail enforcement of the Clean Air Act?

Look for their responses included in the meetings notes posted on our website.

DISTRICT/ REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT/ SENATOR	LWV	WHO	APPOINTME NT
Illinois Congressional District #6 / Peter Roskam		GE, Wheaton, Elmhurst, Arlington Heights	Wheeler, Hoke, Wilhelm, Niesman, Fefferman, Dorner, Duoba	1/10
45 TH /Franco Coladipietro	23 RD / Carol Pankau	Wheaton	Roberta/Missey/Shannon/Jan /Joan	FD 1/31 CP 2/14
95 TH / Mike Fortner	48 TH / Thomas Johnson	Wheaton	Diane/Missey/Shannon/Joan	2/4 Joint Meeting

What's coming up?

★MARCH 15TH AND 17TH CANDIDATE FORUMS – Co-Hosting with Chamber of Commerce of Wheaton

- Wheaton Mayor
- Councilman at Large (2 positions)
- Park District commissioners (4)
- CUSD 200 School Board (3)
- COD Board of Trustees (4)

Missey
February 2011

**APRIL 16TH "TAR CREEK"
PRESENTATION**

cosponsored with A Rocha, an international conservation group from Wheaton College. The presentation includes a brief introduction to history of Superfund sites and the sites in DuPage county in particular, a screening of the 73 minute film, Tar Creek, and a panel discussion comparing and contrasting the Tar Creek Superfund site with the sites in DuPage county

There will be a
Housing Workgroup
Meeting
Thursday Feb 10
10:30 AM
Jan Kay's house



Check out recent LWV Letters
to the Editor:

On County Board redistricting
<http://wheatonlwvil.org//files/lwv-fsb-12-2010.pdf>

On the Illinois tax Increase
<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20110123/discuss/701239945/>

Wheaton League of Women Voters (WLWV) Program Planning Meeting for 2011

Our WLWV Program Planning Meeting was held on January 20th. We reviewed State as well as Local positions.

State Program Planning

There was a consensus to retain all current LWVIL (League of Women Voters of Illinois) positions.

We noted that term limits on legislative leaders and recall of elected officials had been controversial at past conventions. The current LWVIL position supports recall of elected judges only and opposes term limits for the general assembly. There was discussion that recall of judges could be used to punish judges when their opinions are unpopular. In addition, the use of money in elections and control of legislative leaders caused our members concern. However, in light of all the challenges facing our State, there was a consensus that this is not the area we would want the LWVIL to focus at this time.



We reviewed an action focus on Natural Resources – Large Scale Livestock Facilities. Our understanding is that the Glenview League stands ready to provide the leadership and man power for this effort. Although, we share many of the environmental concerns, our Wheaton LWV members would not be interested in taking action in this area at this time. In addition, we would not want to see State resources directed in this effort. Again, we feel there are other State priorities that should be our focus. However, if other Leagues would like to take action and can do so without the use of LWVIL resources, we applaud their efforts.

We discussed both the Fiscal Policies Expenditure Study Proposal put forth by our board as well as a Proposal to Study Pension Problems put forth by the LWVIL State Issues Committee. There was a consensus that the fiscal challenges facing our State should be the key focus of our LWVIL. We recognize that pensions are one area of concern. However, our League felt it was one symptom of a larger disease. We ultimately would like a position that will give us broader latitude to comment on fiscal waste and/or irresponsibility. We had 10 volunteers at our meeting of roughly 20 that were interested in working on an Expenditure Study. Missey Wilhelm will research how we can best move forward proposing our study and gathering support throughout the State. In addition, members are checking their calendars to try to be at the LWVIL State Convention in Skokie on June 10, 11, and 12, 2011 to caucus with other League members.

Local Planning

All current positions were retained.

The Fiscal Policies/ School Funding is no longer a separate working group.

Although not currently meeting as a working group, we retained an emphasis on a Viable Downtown, given community discussions that continue regarding the Wheaton Theater and the former Hubble School Property.

The Diversity Committee is no longer meeting. We recognized that we want a continued emphasis on diversity. Rather than a separate working committee, we should search for opportunities to reach out and work with other community groups as part of our ongoing program and community efforts.

NOTES FROM MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN PETER ROSKAM

AND

Illinois 6th District LWVs (Glen Ellyn, Wheaton, Elmhurst, Arlington Heights/etc)

1/10/11

Congressional Aide who took notes:

Kevin Kuhlmann

League members in attendance:

Diana Hoke, LWV Glen Ellyn

Ginger Wheeler, LWV Glen Ellyn

Cathy Duoba, LWV Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, etc

Jan Dorner, LWV Elmhurst, LWVIL State Board

Missey Wilhelm, LWV Wheaton

Di Niesman, LWV Wheaton

Joan Fefferman, LWV Wheaton



What are your major priorities for the 112th Congress?

Congressman Roskam stated the "Drive toward economic recovery" would be his major priority. He said, "Our district is chock full of 1st and 2nd generation companies that have had to stop spending and lay off employees. Companies are sitting on lots of cash that they won't invest because of uncertainty in costs such as health care and energy/utilities."

Another major priority was "Job creation" but he couldn't elaborate on what plans he had for this other than to "cut spending" and "eliminate waste" in such areas as the Department of Defense and infrastructure.

Do you support efforts to increase transparency and provide more information to the public through such steps as requiring disclosure and quick reporting of all election-related spending?

Congressman Roskam stated that he thought the DISCLOSE ACT was unconstitutional. He said it was "A foil of Chris Van Hollen" (of the DCCC). He was less concerned about the rules than he was about them being applied equally. He seemed to think that labor unions were exempt from the DISCLOSE ACT. He was not at all concerned about the Supreme Court's decision on Citizens United v. FEC. He believes that all entities should have the same rules. When pressed, he agreed that election spending should be transparent.

What can you do to help improve civic discourse and reduce the level of rancor and partisan bickering in national politics?

Congressman Roskam said that he tries to lead by example. He also said that rough language in our country is not new. He said he tries to seek common ground with others but he can't/won't do anything about his colleague's level of partisan speech, because each congressional district is unique turf and each representative has their own way of dealing with their constituents. He quoted Speaker Boehner (who was quoting others) that, "We can disagree without being disagreeable."

Do you support repealing or limiting the newly enacted national health care legislation, the Affordable Care Act?

Congressman Roskam believes that because of the 2010 November election results, the American people have mandated that Congress MUST VOTE to repeal and replace the Health Care Act, "or they (i.e., The People) would say, 'What do you think you know better than we do?'"

After a long discussion, he said Medicare should use predictive modeling to prevent fraud and that he told President Obama we shouldn't add 15 million people to Medicaid without first fixing Medicaid, a broken system.

He said the name of the repeal act "Repealing Job-Killing Health Care Law Act" would not be changed because the use of 'job-killing' is common and not inflammatory.

To sum up Congressman Roskam's views:

- supports a vote to repeal the Health Care Act and
- thinks Health Care should include
 - Fund for high risk patients (pre-existing conditions)
 - Cost Control Containment
 - Tort Reform
 - Move to Predictive Model for payments
 - Buying Insurance across state lines should be allowed

Do you believe that Congress should delay or curtail enforcement of the Clean Air Act?

Congressman Roskam didn't appear to know about this. We explained that EPA wants to name carbon dioxide a pollutant.

He started talking about HR 10 as a bill the LWV could/should support. It has not been introduced yet, but it is a rule about whenever agencies (like EPA) need to spend \$100 million, that expenditure MUST be debated by House, and the expenditure should be examined by CBO.

This led to a discussion about science vs. ideology, and he never answered the question on the Clean Air Act.

WORKGROUPS AND OTHERS MONTHLY SYNOPSIS

Announcement from Nominating Committee - February 2011

Each year at our Annual Meeting we elect new board members to serve for a period of two years. The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to invite members to serve our League Unit in accordance with our By-Laws.

This year we will be electing four members of the Board and three officers, (the President, a Vice President, and the Secretary). The officer nominees are asked to serve with a particular portfolio. However, the board member nominees are a board member first, and may have a particular portfolio as needed to carry out the Wheaton League's work.

According to Article V, Section 1, "No officer shall be elected to more than two consecutive terms in the same office". I encourage the members to read the By-Laws of our League Unit on pages 10-14 of the Wheaton League Handbook. Also, on page 4 of the Handbook is the list of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors, along with the last year of their terms.

Please look this over and consider members of our Wheaton League you would like to see fill the various positions. The Nominating Committee will be pleased to receive your recommendations.

Online the handbook is at <http://www.wheatonlwv.org/files/2010-11-handbook-web.pdf>

Jan Kay, Chair
Nominating Committee 2010-2011

MONTHLY SYNOPSIS

Education Joan Fefferman

We have two Outstanding Speakers from District 200 for our February 17, 2011 unit meeting at the Community Center. Social time is 7 PM; the program is 7:30 PM. District 200's new Superintendent Dr. Brian Harris and Dr. Margo Sorricks, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, will come to share ideas, problems and the good news about the District. There will be an opportunity for questions following the talks.

Dr. Sorricks, who is in charge of curriculum, will address the Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), commonly known as the No Child Left Behind Act, and the Race to the Top, including the Common Curriculum Standards,

as well as possible effects on our District of these acts. The standards are widely accepted among the States.

Dr. Sorrick earned a B.A. degree at Benedictine University in Elementary Education, an M.S. from Northern Illinois University in Educational Administration, and an Ed.D. from Loyola University in 2003. She is an experienced educator. She taught grades 1 through 8, was an elementary school principal and was a curriculum director at the district level. In her current position, she is responsible for the evaluation, development, and implementation of all aspects of the Curricular Program.

We will connect the words of Dr. Sorrick to our new Study on Education that is coming from LWV US in the spring and fall of this year

Dr. Harris will share his plans for the District and will address the difficulties in managing District 200 during the Illinois fiscal crisis and the restraints imposed by the lack of funding from the state. He will also speak on the issues and challenges facing the District, such as curriculum standards, and on his goals. To view his contract and goals go to <http://WWW.CUSD200.ORG>; then mouse over the Administration link and choose Superintendent's Office from the drop down menu.

Dr. Harris became the Superintendent for CUSD 200 on July 1, 2010. Preceding this appointment, he was Area Superintendent of 6-12 Education in St. Charles, Illinois, where he supervised three middle school and two high school principals, the daily operations of 6-12 education, and the human resources department. Prior to that, he was an assistant superintendent for learning and teaching, and also as a middle school principal in St. Charles. He was a junior high school principal in Mt. Prospect, and a middle school associate principal and curriculum coordinator in Barrington. He taught middle school, coached and was an assistant principal in Yorkville and began his career as a social studies teacher in Waterman IL, for CUSD 425. His B.S. degree in teaching is from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana; his Masters and Doctoral degrees in educational leadership are from NIU.

We are very excited to have these speakers at our meeting. Please join us in welcoming them.

SOME U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTS AND POLICIES RELEVANT TO CUSD200 AND THE LWVUS EDUCATION STUDY

We are pleased that Drs. Harris and Sorrick can help us examine some of the issues related to the LWV US Education Study that will take place from Spring through Fall 2011. The study is on the role of the Federal Government in pre-K through grade 12 public education. It is to be limited to issues of equity, funding and standards/assessment. At meetings in the fall, we will try to reach a consensus on our positions on the study issues.

The following overview is taken from the LWVUS web site:

The committee will begin with an overview of the history of the federal role in Education and where it is today. They will then focus on the components of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which speak to the equity issues. Finally, the committee will address the Common Core Standards and the subsequent assessment issues.

A Common Core Curriculum Standard is part of President Obama's plan to reinvest in and renew the nation's schools by synchronizing curriculum throughout the 50 states. This is a framework according to President Obama to guide the nation's deliberations and shared work – with parents, students, educators, business and community leaders, elected officials, and other partners – and to strengthen America's public education.

Race to the Top, funded by the ED Recovery Act that is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, prompted 48 states to adopt common standards for K through 12. Adoption of the Common Curriculum Standards was accelerated by the August 10, 2010 deadline for the second round applications for Race to the Top. States that did not adopt these standards would not receive points towards their application to receive funds through this program. Delaware and Tennessee won round one on March 29th. They receive \$100 million and \$500 million respectively. Round 2 winners Rhode Island and Ohio will receive \$75 million and \$400 million respectively, as announced August 24th. Critics of the program contend choice, competition and accountability are not working as education reform levers. Reports by the Economic Policy Institute state that the selection of Delaware and Tennessee was subjective and arbitrary, more a matter of bias or chance than a result of their superior compliance with reform policies.

Race to the Top augments the No Child Left Behind Act of President Bush in 2001. NCLB was a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 that funds primary and secondary education while explicitly forbidding the establishment of a national curriculum. As mandated by the Act, the funds are to be used for professional development, instructional materials, resources to support educational programs and parental involvement promotion. The government has reauthorized the Act every five years since its enactment. ESEA includes funding such as Title 1, for financial assistance for the education of students from low-income families and IDEA for the disabled student. In 2010 President Obama developed "A Blueprint for Reform" which consists of plans and revisions of the NCLB addressing the educational challenges of that act.

NCLB was called the act to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice so that no child is left behind. NCLB has been cited as improving test scores, improving local standards, increasing accountability, increasing attention to minority populations, increasing the quality of education, and giving parents more school choice while increasing funding in some areas of education and addressing the widespread perception that public education results fall short of expectations.

Critics of NCLB claim that the act has unrealistic goals of having all children test on grade level in reading and math by 2014. Incentives for improvement may also cause states to lower their standards, making their statewide testing easier in order to increase scores. Each state can produce its own standardized tests. Also if a school fails to meet the standards set by NCLB there are punitive measures which prevent the school from improving. NCLB does not provide any programs for gifted and talented and therefore some school districts have canceled those programs in order to concentrate on the mandated minimum skills. NCLB has had a detrimental effect on Arts and Elective courses since they are not included in the tested subjects.

President Obama's administration has come up with a blueprint for reform which asks states to adopt college and career ready standards, which includes common curriculum, and which rewards schools for producing dramatic gains in student achievement. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan adds to that by reinforcing the three roles that parents can play: as partners in learning with their students, as advocates and advisors who push for better schools, and as decision makers who can choose the best educational options for their children. When parents demand change and better options for their children, he said, they become an effective accountability backstop for the educational system.

Note that our 2 high schools, WNHS and WWSHS have failed to reach AYP (adequate yearly progress) for 2 years in a row. These standards were not met because not all demographic groups attained the 77.5% of students meeting or exceeding expectations on reading and math tests. This may mean that parents have access to free tutoring and if this continues next year parents may be able to send students to any other school in the district if that school accepts that student. This has led to problems within the schools.

The CUSD200 Board highlights are always available on www.cusd200.org. On that page, mouse over the Board of Education link and choose **Board meetings** from the drop down menu. You will then be able to see and choose from: meeting schedule, notices, protocols, minutes or highlights.

Here are links to articles of interest:

This short paper gives recommendations on homework, and asks for community input.

http://www.cusd200.org/23531092715369987/lib/23531092715369987/Homework_Recommendations_011211.pdf

This document discusses the recommendation to expand all day kindergarten to 13 elementary schools for the 2011-12 school year. It will be voted on, on 2/9/2011.

http://www.cusd200.org/23531092715369987/lib/23531092715369987/All_Day_Kindergarten_Report_011211.pdf

Environment & Healthcare

Diane Niesman

Electronics recycling (including household batteries) for February will be on Saturday, 2/12/11, from 9:00 AM-Noon at the Public Works Facility on Liberty Drive.

Be sure to pencil in the TAR CREEK Program for Saturday, April 16, 2011, from 2:00-5:00 PM. This program will be the only one in April. We will not be having a unit meeting on Thursday, April 21st.

Watch for a report in the March VOTER about "Health Care Reform and Its Impact on Illinois." I am attending the LWV IL Issues Briefing on February 5th, and will attend the afternoon workshop on this topic.

Speaking of health care reform, the House of Representatives was scheduled to debate the repeal of the ACA (Affordable Care Act), which will be one year old on 3/23/11. The debate was scheduled to begin the week of January 17th, so it may have moved on to

the Senate, as you read this VOTER. On January 14, 2011, the LWV US called for members to take action and call their representative in Congress and tell them we OPPOSED repeal. If debate has moved to the Senate, please take the time to call Senators Durbin and Kirk and tell them you oppose repeal of the ACA.

Viable Downtown Wheaton

Are you concerned about downtown Wheaton? Would you like to be more involved? Contact Missey Wilhelm.

League of Voters at Wheaton North Jan Kay, LWV liaison

The League of Voters of Wheaton North High School has again begun the meetings for the new semester. There has been discussion to identify the priorities for the League for the coming meetings.

One of those priorities and interests is understanding the progress in revitalizing the central Wheaton business district. Students have expressed concern about the lack of activity and business prospects which will give the families and young residents a chance to support effective businesses in the central business district. Students also support a movie theater in the downtown.

The president of the Downtown Wheaton Association (DWA) has addressed the League, giving a chance also for comments and questions from the students.

There also has been discussion at the meetings regarding retention of class rankings- do they support them or should those rankings be dropped.

The two main leaders are Arin Butzon and Marie Fefferman. They show very fine leadership each meeting.



Park District Response to LWV Positions (LWV Member Manual for 2010)

To: League of Woman Voters
From: Ray Morrill, President Wheaton Park District
Re: 2010-2011 LWV Local Program Park District Responses
Date: 11/18/2010

LWV Position:

The League of Women Voters believes the current programs are meeting most of the needs of the community. However, improved programming for junior high age and teenage young people should receive the District's attention.

Wheaton Park District response:

Recreation Department Teen Programs: *Approximately 220 pre-teens and teens (ages 12-16) have participated in our programs since January 2010. Programs for teens are promoted via, RecWorld (a Wheaton school newsletter), program brochures, specialty flyers, banners and display boards are our primary avenues used to advertise teen programs. In addition, teen birthday party attendees are given flyers in goodie bags, and teen program attendees are invited through emails and flyers to attend future programs of like topics.*

The Wheaton Park District offers a large variety of recreational services for teens. Some of the pre-teen and teen programs offered through the recreation department since January 2010 include;

- Visual arts-ceramics, drawing, painting,
- Music-piano, guitar, violin, show choir
- Drama-improv, plays, instructional programs and workshops
- Varied Interest-computer programs, horsemanship, cooking, crafts, balloon sculpting, babysitting, science, dance
- Special Events-post proms, battle of bands, recitals, play performances, job fair, and pool night
- Summer Day Camps
- Trips-museums, shopping, sports games, paintball, skiing, water park, Medieval Times

Lincoln Marsh Teen Programs: *In 2010 we have offered 200 programs for 2,857 participants in the 13-19 age range. These were all Lincoln Marsh Adventure Programs that service teens from the Chicago Metropolitan Area. (Teams, Ropes or Geocaching). These programs are marketed to local schools, groups via direct mailings of our Adventure program brochures, post cards and via our website.*

Cosley Zoo Teen Programs: In 2010 we had 5 programs that served 121 participants. Attached is a detailed list of the programs offered since January 2010.

LWV Position:

The League of Women Voters believes the Park District Board has the responsibility to provide what the community wants; however, the resources must be managed responsibly. The League has some concerns about the appropriateness of subsidizing out-of-community participants in senior citizen activities.

Wheaton Park District response:

The Leisure Center offers free Drop in Programs for Senior Citizens – This year there has been a total of 19 drop in programs which were attended by 377 Residents and 253 Non-residents.

There are a total of 43 pre registered (paid) programs that serviced 571 Residents and 369 Non- residents. Non residents pay an additional \$15.00 fee annually that allows them to register for Wheaton Park District programs at the resident rate. Many of our senior citizens are pleased that their Non-Resident friends can take programs with them. Without our Non-Resident participation, 60% of our programs would have been canceled due to insufficient enrollment.

LWV Position:

The League of Woman Voters believes criteria should be developed by the Park Board to meet the on-going needs of citizens who cannot otherwise participate in the programs. We support increasing the awareness of scholarship programs through the community resources who can make referrals as well as through the media.

Wheaton Park District response:

To make our aquatic facilities and recreation programs available to all Wheaton Park District residents regardless of economic situation, we provide a reduced fee program and a fee assistance program for qualified residents.

Pool passes are now available at 100%. Leisureships are now available at Parks Plus Fitness Center memberships. Eligible options include a three-month pass, one-month pass or one week pass. Arrowhead Golf Club green fees and pro shop purchases are excluded from Leisureship assistance. A confidential application form is available at the Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard Rd., at the Administration Office, 102 E. Wesley Street, or can be downloaded at www.wheatonparkdistrict.com. For specific information, please call the park district at 630-690-4880.

A referral for additional leishureship assistance is now available to qualified resident children under the age of 18 through Milton Township Youth Committee's Family Youth Scholarship Fund. This program can assist in funding a child's related goods and services beyond what the Wheaton Park District already has provided. Contact the Milton Township Youth Committee at 630-690-9036 for further details.

The Leishureship totals are as follows: 83 families have applied, surpassing 2009 total of 77 families. 50 new families have applied for assistance this year.

Direct Referrals for 2010 – 2011

Milton Township – 5

World Relief - 3

Churches – 6

District 200 – 5

Marion Park – 1

Loretto Convent – 1 (participant was a victim of domestic abuse)

2010 - \$7,163.50 has been applied for recreation programs

2010 pool passes - \$3,830 awarded, \$2,268.50 purchased. 49 families applied with less than 50% of (22 in total) families purchasing them.

2011- \$136 towards winter league sports has been awarded

Jack Blake Memorial Fund - \$45 has been awarded for fall soccer.

CDH Donation – Received \$9,000 to benefit the Leishureship Program.

Milton Township contribution - \$6,462

Awareness and Fundraising Campaign

1st annual Used Sports Equipment Sale was held March 20, 2010. \$1,087 in sales went directly to benefit the Leishureship Program.

2nd annual Used Sports Equipment Sale will be held March 19, 2011 – drop boxes located at both the Community Center and Arrowhead Locations.

The Leishureship Family Income Guideline sheet is currently being updated with 2011 eligibility information. The updated Leishureship Application will be available on-line and at the Community Center and Museum locations beginning on January 1.

LWV Position:

The League of Woman Voters supports the use of a Master Plan to bring cohesiveness to the work of the Park District. We support continued input by the public into the planning. We support an annual review of the Master Plan by the Board of the Park District.

Wheaton Park District response:

Below is the Executive Summary for the five year strategic and master plan that was approved by the Park Board in December 2009. The Park District staff gives quarterly

updates to the Park Board. The entire plan is available at the library for review and can be made available on disc.

Strategic Planning

In July 2008, the Wheaton Park District administrative staff began the journey of building a highly effective leadership team. The initial goal was to renew and further develop the strategic direction of and for the future of the Park District. The team has completed this process and is now focused on the implementation of its plan. Their work is the foundation of this document. It is the foundation for the future of the Park District and the Residents it serves. Further expansion of the Leadership Team will occur as this plan moves forward. With the help of the Corporate Learning Institute, an organizational alignment approach was used as the primary model for the development of the Leadership Team and strategies that will ultimately expand to include all aspects of the District and all staff. A visual representation of the organizational alignment model is attached to this summary. As you read this document, it will become apparent that the Leadership Team has moved rapidly from a conceptual approach to a tangible product around which the agency can function in an excellent fashion.

The Team developed a tag-line or motto as a rallying point that they felt captured the spirit of the mission vision and core values they developed for the Team and the Agency: "One Team, One Goal".

Team Vision: The Leadership Team pulling together as a catalyst for the park district to become the best in the country. Agency Mission: To enhance the quality of community life through a diversity of healthy leisure pursuits and heightened appreciation for our natural world.

Agency Vision Statement: We, the Wheaton Park District team, commit to service excellence, financial stability and an enriched quality of life for our stakeholders. We accomplish this through continuous improvement of people and systems while living our values.

Agency Core Values:

Integrity (articulated through Character Counts)

Fun

Adaptability and Growth

Commitment

Kindness

Service

Moving further along the continuum of alignment toward the tangible, the Team developed four key Avenues of Accountability that they felt would set appropriate boundaries and direction for all future strategic planning and action.

1. Sustainability Makes \$ense
2. Investing in People
3. Doing Things Better and Smarter

4. Ensuring Excellence and Satisfaction

Agency strategic directions and objectives were developed to further guide the now expanded Leadership Team in the creation of all Agency Project Charters. These directions and objectives are summarized below:

Strategic Direction – Aim the Wheaton Park District toward financial self sustainability.
Strategic Objective – From fiscal year end 2009 to fiscal year end 2014, reliance on property taxes for Corporate and Recreation Fund operations will be reduced by 10%.

Strategic Direction – Aim the Wheaton Park District toward becoming an environment where stakeholders are highly engaged and very satisfied.
Strategic Objective – From year end 2009 to year end 2014, internal and external awareness and satisfaction ratings will be improved with each measurement.

Strategic Direction – Aim the Wheaton Park District toward becoming a happy, healthy, and professionally developed and value driven
Team. Strategic Objective – By year end 2014, the Wheaton Park District will be a leader in providing internal services among Illinois Park Districts.

Strategic Direction –Aiming the Wheaton Park District toward becoming a highly effective and efficient place of public business.
Strategic Objective –By year end 2012, a District wide Business and Operations Plan will be completed.

The leadership team developed seven initial charters that will further define the direction and actions of the District over the next five years. These charters describe the improvement initiatives that we feel will be met and provide a plan of action to accomplish the initiatives.

For additional information about these charters and the complete memorandum, see http://wheatonlwv.org/files/Park_dist_response_to_LWV_positions.pdf .

Wheaton City Council Highlights

Meeting: Jan. 3, 2011

Ordinance Dictates Location, Size and Placement of Real Estate Signs

The City Council unanimously passed an ordinance establishing regulations for the number and placement of real estate signs on the property of single-family homes. The ordinance pertains to properties without sidewalks and prohibits signs from being placed in the public right-of-way.

Wheaton Voters to See Referendum Question on Ballot

The Council voted 5-2 to place an advisory referendum question on the April 5, 2011, municipal election ballot to gauge the public's sentiment regarding the Wheaton Grand Theater's possible restoration. The question would ask voters if the City should use public funds not to exceed \$150,000 per year to restore and operate the Wheaton Grand Theater. The City would not be required to take any action based on the result of the referendum question; it would simply measure public interest.

Meeting: Jan. 18, 2011

City Considers Ordinance Regarding City Clerk Requirements

In preparation for Executive Assistant/City Clerk Emily Consolazio's upcoming retirement, the City Council received an ordinance that would allow the City Clerk's position to be filled by a non-Wheaton resident. The change would allow for City staff to move an existing employee who is very familiar with the Executive Assistant/City Clerk duties into the position. The Council will formally consider the ordinance at its Feb. 7, 2011 meeting.

Council Discusses Change to Graffiti Portion of City Code

The City Council received a proposed ordinance that would shorten the amount of time for property owner to remove graffiti from a structure from 30 days to 10 days and increase the minimum fine for violating the ordinance from \$50 to \$200. The Council will formally consider the ordinance at its Feb. 7, 2011 meeting.

ALSO:

- Please see <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/councilhighlights/2010/> for additional highlights or <https://dm1.wheaton.il.us/meetingview/> for minutes of the meetings or videos.
- Please see http://www.cusd200.org/board_of_education/highlights.htm for District 200 school board meeting highlights.
- Please see <http://www.cod.edu/adminstr/boardmin.htm> for the minutes of the COD Board of Trustee meetings.
- Please see <http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/about/bmeetings.html> for minutes of Wheaton Park District meetings

We Thank Our Local Supporters

Every fall the Wheaton LWV asks businesses and professional people in the community to help support our work. The names on these pages are those who responded to our 2010-2011 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

FRANK KOHOUT	ALPHAGRAPHICS OF WHEATON	128 N MAIN ST, WHEATON 60187	630-653-2442	FKOHOUT@ALPHAGRAPHICS.COM
RICH ARMBRUST	ARMBRUST PLUMBING & HEATING	111 E ILLINOIS ST, WHEATON, IL 60187	630-668-6273	
TIM BENSHOOF	BENSHOOF & COMPANY LANDSCAPING & SNOW PLOW	100 W ROOSEVELT RD A2-202, WHEATON 60189	630-462-6780	BENSHOOF-COMPANY@SBCGLOBAL.NET
HENRY BERTALMIO	BEST-WAY RUG & FURNITURE CLEANERS	319 W FRONT ST, WHEATON 60187	630-668-7940	BESTWAYRUG.COM
KELLIE C BORTER	BORTER HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING CO, INC	0N441 PLEASANT HILL RD, WHEATON 60187	630-668-5885, 630-668-6198 FAX	BORTERHVACKCB@AOL.COM
HOLLY L WISNER	CENTRAL DUPAGE ORTHODONTICS LTD	300 S WEST ST, WHEATON 60187	630-665-3317	CENTRALDUPAGEORTHO.COM
CHRISTOPHER BARTON, EXECUTIVE VP	COMMUNITY BANK-WHEATON/GLEN ELLYN	100 N WHEATON AVE, WHEATON 60187	630-933-0900	WWW.CBWGE.COM
JOHN T BOMHER, MEMBER	CUSD 200 BOARD OF EDUCATION			JBOMHER@CUSD200.ORG
GWEN HENRY	DUGAN & LOPATKA, CPAS PC	104 E ROOSEVELT RD, WHEATON 60187	630-665-4440	
DAN CRONIN	DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN	421 N COUNTY FARM RD, WHEATON 60187	630-407-6000	CHAIRMAN@DUPAGECO.ORG
J R MCBRIDE	DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD, DISTRICT 4	421 N COUNTY FARM RD, WHEATON 60187	630-407-6000	JMCBRIDE@DUPAGECO.ORG
DAVE DIERSEN	GOP USA	915 COVE CT, WHEATON 60189	630-653-0462	GOPILLINOIS.COM
JAMES P HOFNER, CPA	HOFNER & HOFNER LLC	855 W PRAIRIE AVE, WHEATON 60187	630-462-9700	HOFNERHOFNER.COM
LAWRENCE A STEIN	HUCK, BUOMA, PC	1755 S NAPERVILLE RD STE 200 WHEATON 60189		
FRANCO COLADIPIETRO	ILLINOIS REPRESENTATIVE 45TH DISTRICT	PO BOX 23, BLOOMINGDALE 60108	630-272-4545	FRANCO@COLADIPIETRO.COM
SANDRA M PIHOS	ILLINOIS REPRESENTATIVE, 42ND DISTRICT	799 ROOSEVELT ROAD BLDG2-111B GLEN ELLYN 60137	630-858-8855	SANDRAPIHOS@GMAIL.COM
CAROL & PAUL MORGAN	THE INKWELL	119 E ROOSEVELT RD, LOMBARD 60148	(630) 268-0050	INKWELL1@FLASH.NET
BOB F HAEGER	LANGAN HAEGER VINCENT & BORN INSURANCE	290 S COUNTY FARM RD, STE T, WHEATON 60187	630-668-6644	LANGANINS.COM
LORI J MILLER CFP	LPL FINANCIAL	900 N ARLINGTON HEIGHTS RD, SUITE 380 ITASCA 60143	630-250-0049 x15	YOURWEALTHDIVA.COM

MARY LOU MCLENNAN	MARY LOU MCLENNAN PC	209 S NAPERVILLE RD WHEATON 60189	630-682-0440	MLMCLENNAN@AOL.COM
JIM MATHIESON	MATHIESON, MOYSKI, CELER & CO, LLP	211 S WHEATON AVE STE 300 WHEATON 60189	630-653-1616	JMATHIESON@MMCCPAS.COM
JOHN B KINCAID	MIRABELLA, KINCAID, FREDERICK & MIRABELLA, P.C.	1737 S NAPERVILLE RD, STE 100, WHEATON 60189	630-665-7300	MIRABELLAKINCAID.COM
DR CONRAD W STOLL & DR CYNTHIA LOGAN	OPTOMETRISTS	214 W FRONT ST, WHEATON 60187	630-668-4144	STOLLPATROL@AOL.COM
ROY PEREGRINE	PEREGRINE, STIME, NEWMAN, RITZMAN & BRUCKNER, LTD	221 E ILLINOIS ST, WHEATON 60189	630-665-1900	PSNRB.COM
KENNETH F POLACH, MAI, SRA	POLACH APPRAISAL GROUP, INC	1761 S NAPERVILLE, WHEATON 60189	630-682-4650, 630-682-4814 FAX	KEN@POLACHAPPRAISAL.COM
DARLENE RUSCITTI	REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS			REGSUPT4KIDS@SBCGLOBAL.NET
SUSAN C ROLEWICK,	ROLEWICK & GUTZKE PC	1776 S NAPERVILLE RD, #104A, WHEATON 60189	630-653-1577	RGLAWFIRM.COM
ARTHUR E PAPE, ESQ	THE PAPE LAW FIRM	100 W ROOSEVELT RD, BLDG A-3, STE 102, WHEATON 60187	630-933-9300	APAPE@PAPELAW.COM
BRIAN CARTER	SGC EXTERIORS SEAMLESS GUTTER CORP	601 E ST CHARLES RD, LOMBARD 60148	630-495-9800	SGCEXTERIORS.COM
JAMES E BRAMSON	SPRAYING SYSTEMS CO.	P O BOX 7900, WHEATON 60187	630-665-5000	
MAUREEN SULLIVAN TAYLOR	SULLIVAN, TAYLOR & GUMINA, PC	1749 S NAPERVILLE RD, SUITE 106 WHEATON 60189	630-665-7676	MAUREEN@STGLAW.COM
DAVID BLAND	THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA	1926 N MAIN ST, WHEATON 60187		DHBCONSULT9@YAHOO.COM
DOUGLAS P CARLSON, DVM	VILLAGE ANIMAL CLINIC	25W510 GENEVA RD, CAROL STREAM 60188	630-690-9191	VILLAGEANIMAL.COM
BETH O'MALLEY	WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL ADVISORS	2809 BUTTERFILED RD SUITE 170 OAK BROOK 60523	630-954-4611	WADDELL.COM
EDWARD J WALSH JR	WALSH, KNIPPEN, KNIGHT & POLLOCK	2150 MANCHESTER RD, WHEATON 60187	630-462-1980, 630-462-1984 FAX	ED@WKKPLAW.COM , WWW.WKKPLAW.COM
JANE HODGKINSON	WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (WDSRA)	116 N SCHMALE RD, CAROL STREAM 60188		JANEH@WDSRA.COM
JOHN PRENDIVILLE	WHEATON CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE			JRPRENDIVILLE@WHEATON.IL.US
SUMEET BERI	WHEATON COSMETIC DENTISTRY	1275 E BUTTERFIELD RD #202 WHEATON 60189	630-653-5152	WHEATONCOSMETICDENTIST.COM
THOMAS J WILLIAMS	WILLIAMS-KAMPP FUNERAL HOME INC	430 E ROOSEVELT RD, WHEATON 60187	630-668-0016	TJW@WILLIAMS-KAMPP.COM

