



# The Voter

Wheaton LWV February 2014

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### Important Dates

When	Where	What
2/13 6:30	Park District	Candidates Forum
2/20 6:30	Gary Methodist	Program Planning Pizza Party
3/20 7:00	Park District	ACA's 4 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
4/17 7:00	Park District	Local Solutions to Climate Change

Check the internet at <http://www.wheatonlwvil.org/calendar.html> and watch for announcements in the Voter to keep up to date with LWV activities.



## President's Letter

From the February, 2013 VOTER:

"What a weird winter we are having! 355 days between 1 inch snow falls...a record. Latest date on record for 1 inch snowfall, January 25th. Tomorrow (1/29) temperatures will be in 60s, a couple of days later, it will be back in the teens. Did anybody "switch" their closets this year?"

Tom Skilling reports for January/February 2014:

"The new snow system makes its way toward the Chicago area with the month about to close as the city's 3rd-snowiest January on the books. The month has logged 33.5" in Chicago—a tally which has been surpassed only twice before in January—in 1918, when 42.5" of snow fell and in 1979 which logged 40.4".

That is enough about the weather for me. I dream about warm weather vacations!

2/1 - The LWVIL Issues Briefing was held in Chicago and 4 of our members braved the weather to attend. We will hear more about their experience in the March VOTER.

2/13 - **Candidate Forum** with LWV Glen Ellyn and the Wheaton chamber of Commerce.

2/20 - **Unit Meeting: Program Planning Meeting & Pizza Party.** League members join for dinner and discussion of local and national positions.

Believe me, I know how hard it is to get out in this cold, cold weather and snow, but league members work hard to present important and interesting programs and forums. This is a great time for you to meet your candidates or to provide input into league programs. I look forward to seeing you there.

Missey Wilhelm  
President

February 13<sup>th</sup> Candidate Forum

The Wheaton and Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters & the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce host a candidate forum on Thursday, February 13th at the Wheaton Park district Community Center, 1777 S. Blanchard Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

Eligible candidates for State Representative Districts 42 and 48 have been invited to participate along with County Board Candidates for Districts 4 and 6. The forum is open to the public and encouraged to attend. Voter Registrars will be available



Members planning to attend the Program Planning meeting on February 20- Let Di Niesman know what you like on your PIZZA!

# NEWS AND NOTES

## CANDIDATE FORUM

The Wheaton and Glen Ellyn Leagues of Women Voters and the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum on Thursday, February 13th at the Wheaton Park District Community Center. An informal Meet and Greet Reception will be held from 6:30 to 7:00. Following opening statements by the candidates for State Representative Districts 42 and 48, the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing from 7:00 to 8:00. Following opening statements by the Candidates from County Board Districts 4 and 6, the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions, in writing from 8:10 to 9:30.

We hope to see good member turnout. We could use help from members in the following: greeting and collecting questions, timing and cookies. Let Barb Laimins know if you can help out.

## VOTER SERVICE

The **Candidate Forum** committee decided to focus on the following important races, inviting the following candidates to participate:

- Il State Representatives Districts
  - District 48 - Peter Breen/Sandra Pihos
  - District 42 - Jeanne Ives/Adam Johnson
- DuPage County Board
  - District 4 – Moon Khan/Jeremy Custer/Grant Eckhoff/Paula McGowan/Ronald Almiron
  - District 6 – Lauren Nowak/Kevin Wiley/Erica Sutton/Valerie Bruggeman



The committee is in the process of finalizing the list of participants and collecting responses to some questions sent in advance of the forum. Candidates will respond in writing to three questions, one of which will be selected at random by the committee to be asked by the moderator at the forum and all the questions will be posted on our websites prior to the election after the forum. These are the questions:

### State Representative:

1. Why are you running for State Representative, whether for the first time or for re-election?
  - a. Is there a particular issue that motivates you?
  - b. What will be your main priority in office?
2. Do you support or oppose a graduated rate income tax (GRIT) as a means to helping to improve the State fiscal condition? Please explain.
3. What actions by the legislature do you think are necessary to make Illinois attractive to businesses and corporations? How would those actions affect other taxpayers?

## DuPage County Board

1. Why are you running for County Board, whether for the first time or for re-election?
  - a. Is there a particular issue that motivates you?
  - b. What will be your main priority in office?
  
2. DuPage County has multiple local governmental entities that overlap and duplicate services. Are there any specific agencies, departments or offices that should be eliminated or combined to save tax dollars and increase efficiency? Explain your reasoning.
  
3. What role should the county play in helping DuPage manufacturers find and keep skilled workers?

## **A FAIRER MAP PROCESS HELPS ILLINOIS- YES FOR INDEPENDENT MAPS**

Jane Hodgkinson

Recently Illinois was ranked as **the third** most corrupt state in the country by studies done by the University of Illinois in Chicago and the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs. This finding probably won't surprise you. There are a number of reasons for this "honor" but I'd like to focus our attention on an issue that has been discussed by the League for a long time. That issue is how our Illinois legislative districts (boundaries) are drawn for Senators and Representatives known as **redistricting**. The term redistricting may not immediately create the blood chilling sensation as selling a senate seat, or rewarding a person with a pension for non-work, but it has created power bases that cannot be defeated, gerrymandered candidates to move from their homes into new areas, divided cities, and secured veto-proof majorities in each house. The League sought to bring about a more structured, equitable, and less partisan method of drawing boundaries in 2010, but was unable to secure passage. Go to [www.lwvil.org](http://www.lwvil.org) to learn more.

In a 2009 report commissioned by Gov. Quinn, the Illinois Reform Commission declared that the state's system for drawing boundaries "places Illinois voters in direct conflict with the legislators who are supposed to represent them." While party leaders called the mapmaking the most "transparent, accountable, open districting process in the history of this state" veto-proof majorities in both houses were maintained.

A coalition of reform groups, including the League, is backing **a petition drive** to put an independent redistricting commission into the role of drawing the maps using the following criteria and modeled on Iowa's independent commission:

1. Contiguous, substantially equal, boundaries in population and compliance with federal laws
2. Not drawn to dilute to diminish the ability of a racial or language minority community to elect the candidate of its choice
3. Respect the geographic integrity of cities, towns, and other units of government sharing social and economic interests
4. Not drawn to purposefully discriminate against or favor any political party or group and not considering the residence of any person.

**YES FOR INDEPENDENT MAPS** must collect 300,000 signatures by April to put an amendment on the November ballot, so both time and support is critical. League members can help by requesting petitions and urging your family, friends, neighbors, church and business associates to sign these petitions. When I contacted them and requested petitions they arrived in a few short days.

Go to <http://independentmaps.org/> to learn more about the details of the coalition behind this effort, to request petitions, to get more information about the amendment. You can very easily help in an effort to make our boundaries in our state elections make more sense. 300,000 thousand signatures is a lot so every little bit helps.

### **STATE OF OUR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP** by Di Niesman, Program Chair

I hope the 20 members of Wheaton League who attended the 1/6/14 unit meeting, featuring Wheaton City Councilman Phil Suess, Carol Stream's Village Manager Joe Breinig, Warrenville's Mayor David Brummel, and West Chicago's Mayor Ruben Pineda, enjoyed the evening as much as the panelists apparently did. It was clear that all four communities share common bonds and challenges. It was nice to learn that the local government officials in our service area meet often and work cooperatively. I would appreciate any feedback on the evening. Did you like the format? Should we do it again? Please let me know at [dniesmans@aol.com](mailto:dniesmans@aol.com). Several of the questions put to the panelists were designed to help us in reviewing our Local Programs (positions) at the Program Planning meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Even though I took copious notes on January 16<sup>th</sup>, I hope many of you who attended can also participate in our Program Planning meeting as well. Your input will be invaluable.



Carol Stream's Village Manager Joe Breinig, Warrenville's Mayor David Brummel, West Chicago's Mayor Ruben Pineda and Wheaton City Councilman Phil Suess

## PROGRAM PLANNING by Di Niesman, Program Chair

So far, I have received fewer than a dozen RSVPs for the 2/20/14 Program Planning meeting at the Gary Methodist Church at Seminary and Main Street. We'll be having pizza, and the eating/meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Please let me know ([dniesmans@aol.com](mailto:dniesmans@aol.com)) if you can come to the meeting and also what you like on your pizza. Veggie is in the lead, but if we have enough members attending, I'm sure a cheese pizza and meat pizza will also be on the menu.

I have also heard from seven members who cannot attend. To ALL members who cannot attend, I urge you to read this article and send along your opinions ([dniesmans@aol.com](mailto:dniesmans@aol.com)). In this age of electronic media, there is no reason that physical presence should be required to express your views as members. This is the first of two 'members only' meetings, and what we decide in February will be presented to membership in May at the Annual Meeting. Here is the agenda for the Program Planning Meeting:



- 1) **We will discuss the national (LWVUS) positions.** Our responses need to be sent by March 1st. For a refresher you can go to [http://www.wheatonlwvil.org/files/national\\_programs.pdf](http://www.wheatonlwvil.org/files/national_programs.pdf). We are allowed to make two recommendations to the LWVUS for possible agenda items at the national convention in June, 2014. We can recommend reviewing an existing League position, suggest a new study or program item, recommend a concurrence, or make no recommendation. We have received several communications from other Leagues asking for support in recommendations they will be making. I have detailed descriptions available for Program Planning meeting, but here are the requests in brief:
  - A) The **LWV of Michigan Board** is concerned about the delays in the **Agriculture position update** (approved at 2012 convention), which have resulted in a very tight schedule over the winter for local Leagues to absorb the material and then hold consensus meetings. So the Michigan Board's first recommendation is that if a consensus is not reached on all or any section of the study because of nonparticipation, that the restudy be reauthorized by the convention. This is an important study and it should be done thoroughly and thoughtfully, in the League way. (Note: I wrote about this study in the January VOTER, and I received no interest from our members in participating in this study.)
  - B) The **League of Women Voters of Massachusetts** will recommend, as its input to the national program planning process, that **LWVUS review and update its existing position on Campaign Finance** given how decisions made by the Supreme Court over the last 40 years have impacted campaign financing at all levels of electoral politics.
  - C) Three Leagues in the greater Cleveland OH area (**LWV Cleveland Area, LWV Cuyahoga Area, and LWV Shaker Heights**) propose a new national study called "Alternatives to Partisan Primaries" or APP.

- D) The **League of Women Voter of New Jersey** believes the LWVUS should have a position on Human Trafficking, and requests that local Leagues request a concurrence with the New Jersey position.
- 2) I've been a member of Wheaton League for eight years, and in that time we have not changed so much as a punctuation mark in any of our Local Programs (positions). I noted at the May 2013 Annual Meeting that I hoped not to present the exact same positions again at the 2014 Annual Meeting. **This month, we will determine whether to retain, remove, revise (simple change) or review/update/restudy our existing Local Programs.** For each position, we should ask these 2 important questions:
- a. **Can the position, as written, apply to all five communities in the LWV of Wheaton service area (Wheaton, Warrenville, West Chicago, Winfield and West Chicago)?**
  - b. **If necessary, is the position one upon which we could take action (advocate in support of, or opposition to, a local issue)?**

Members may also suggest studying an issue for which we have no position. Reproduced below are *our Local Programs* (positions) with my comments. My opinion is only one of approximately 70. Again, I welcome comments from members who will be unable to attend the meeting on 2/20/14.

### **Local Government**

#### *Local Government Bodies:*

*Support of Council-Manager government with no fewer than six councilpersons and one Mayor. Four councilpersons should be elected from districts and two councilpersons and one mayor should be elected at large. In drawing district boundaries, the League of Women Voters of Wheaton agrees with present State Statute which stipulates: "The city council shall divide the city, whenever necessary thereafter, into districts which shall be of as compact and contiguous territory as practicable of approximately equal population."*

**Comments:** All five communities have professional city/village managers/administrators. Winfield has a village president, six trustees and a village clerk, all elected at large. West Chicago has seven wards with two aldermen each. Only the mayor is elected at large. WC mayor is elected every four years and aldermen every two. Warrenville has two aldermen from each of four wards. Carol Stream's mayor, clerk and six trustees are all elected at large. I would suggest an update of this position to make it less specific to Wheaton and more broadly worded to capture the essence of the position's intent: we believe in a representative form of local government, and regardless of the number of council members, the majority of them should be elected from districts or wards. This way, if citizens of Carol Stream or Winfield wanted to switch to districts or wards, the Wheaton League could advocate in support of such a change in their local government.

#### *Home Rule:*

*Support Home Rule for the City of Wheaton and DuPage County.*

**Comment:** Of the five communities we serve only Winfield is non-home rule. I would suggest a simple revision to this position changing "the City of Wheaton" to "the communities we serve."

### *Zoning and Annexation:*

*Support for professional planning to balance the city's residential and commercial development with substantial open space; the maintenance of a viable central business district and, where compatible, expansion of the city's tax base.*

**Comment:** Warrenville and Carol Stream are land-locked and don't really have annexation rules. They concentrate on redevelopment of property within city or village limits for economic growth. West Chicago purchases abandoned property and creates green space (West Chicago has more green space than any other community in DuPage County). Their philosophy is open land is preferable to boarded up store fronts when trying to attract new business. I suggest that this position should be retained, and a simple revision changing "the city's residential..." to "our communities' residential..." and changing "expansion of the city's tax base." to "expansion of our communities' tax base."

### *Cable TV:*

*The League of Women Voters of Wheaton supports:*

- *The City of Wheaton maintaining its public educational and governmental channels as part of the Cable TV franchise agreement.*
- *Broad-based citizen participation in the Community Media Commission.*
- *Participation in Cable TV by public institutions serving Wheaton.*
- *Provisions for non-commercial cable TV programming produced by public institutions.*
- *The continuation of public access television programming produced and/or sponsored by individuals.*
- *All of the positions above even as communication technology evolve.*

**Comment:** I would recommend removal of this position. It is not current, and would require a restudy, if there was interest among members, taking into account the communication systems of all five municipalities in our service area.

### **Social Policies**

#### *Housing:*

- *Support of Open Housing Ordinance for Wheaton.*
- *Support of additional housing units and housing assistance for low and moderate income families, senior citizens, and the disabled.*

**Comment:** At the 1/20/14 State of Our Communities meeting, we learned that Carol Stream and West Chicago feel very comfortable that they have adequate affordable housing, probably due to the diversity of their communities. Warrenville's mayor was concerned that, because the city began as a middle class community, there isn't a variety of housing allowing families to grow economically and remain in Warrenville. He also thought there isn't a lot of senior housing available in Warrenville. Wheaton's city councilman is satisfied that Wheaton has a wide variety of housing, allowing families to grow economically and remain in Wheaton. I suggest retaining this position and making this

simple revision: Change “Support of Open Housing Ordinance for Wheaton.” to “Support of Open Housing Ordinance for our communities.”

*Recreation:*

*Park District Programs and Facilities:*

- *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.*
- *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.*
- *The League of Women 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 community resources who can make referrals as well as through the media.*
- *The League of Women 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.*

**Comment:** This position obviously applies to the Wheaton Park District, although Wheaton is not specified. Whether it needs to be removed and re-studied, taking into account the Park Districts from all five communities (if there is sufficient member interest to do so), or whether we can make simple revisions to the existing position, pluralizing ‘community’ in the first sentence and all other singular words (Board, District, Plan) in the written position, is a decision for us to make. Hopefully, members at Program Planning meeting can reach consensus on this position.

*Transportation:*

*The League supports and encourages bicycling for transportation and recreation wherever and whenever possible. Whenever city streets are upgraded, Wheaton planners should evaluate ways to make cycling safer and implement bike lanes where feasible. Planners at the municipal and county level should coordinate bicycle path routes in order to enable cyclists to travel to different areas, for both transportation and recreation.*

*The League supports a bus system for Wheaton and encourages the coordination of the Wheaton system with systems throughout the region, rather than owned and operated by Wheaton. Ridership might be increased by publishing routes, times and destinations at bus stops or in the local newspaper, newsletter, etc. Pullover lanes might be added on heavily traveled roads, so as not to hinder traffic flow.*

**Comment:** Was this position written before PACE system was created? I wouldn’t recommend removing the position, but it should be updated, making it more broad-based, not just about Wheaton (for example substitute “community planners” for “Wheaton planners”)

*Health Care:*

*Support for improved access to health care in our community and for improved coordination of preventive health service.*

**Comment:** Retain this position with simple revision of the word “community” to “communities.”

*Education:*

*The League of Women Voters of Wheaton reaffirms its support of quality education in Wheaton-Warrenville District 200. Quality education should be sufficiently diverse to meet the needs of all students. Public education should provide a foundation for lifelong learning, which includes critical thinking and communication skills, as well as fundamental knowledge to function independently in society.*

*Some of the ways to achieve these goals include:*

- *reasonable and appropriate class size*
- *teachers and administrators who meet high professional standards*
- *teachers and administrators maintained in positions for which they are trained*
- *quality and equity throughout the system of physical plant, program and materials*
- *mutual trust and communication between the community and school system*

*Adequate resources are necessary to accomplish these goals, and they should include sufficient constitutionally-mandated state funding and exploration of alternative sources of funding. We support a balanced budget, but not at the expense of quality education.*

*It is in the interest of the entire community to invest in and support public education. Moreover, the League firmly believes it is also the obligation of the citizens of a participatory democracy to support public education to foster an informed electorate.*

**Comment:** This is my absolute favorite local program. The amount of study which went into its establishment is obvious. It is good enough for, not just District 200, but any district in our service area, the county, the state, and the country. Therefore, I recommend retaining this position with these simple revisions: change “in Wheaton-Warrenville District 200” to “in all school districts in our service area” and, in the last paragraph, changing “It is in the interest of the entire community” to “It is in the interest of all of our communities”



So, there you have my thoughts on our Local Programs. I hope we can reach consensus on our positions, and if you aren't sure what that means, please refer to pages 29 and 30 of your member handbooks. I hope you can bring your ideas and appetites to this important meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

If time permits, I'd also like to get ideas for our unit meetings in 2014/2015 (September, October, November, January, March and April). Thanks.

## Major League of Women Voters Successes

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January 11, 2014

### Highlights of League Successes in Illinois

- Published *Illinois Voters Handbook* from 1923 to 1976 when the state began publishing the same information in the *Blue Book*.
- Ensured the right for women to serve on juries, 1939.
- Accomplished statewide permanent registration of voters, 1941.
- State constitutional study commission and passage of call for Constitutional Convention.
- Instrumental in voter approval of new state constitution in 1970.
- Passage of a 1980 constitutional amendment for single member district state legislature.
- Lawsuits in both federal and state courts force Illinois to implement NVRA ('Motor Voter') requiring voter registration in drivers' license facilities and other state agencies, 1993-1996.
- Strong focus from 1999 to the present on campaign finance and ethics reform has resulted in passage of ethics reform, mandatory electronic disclosure, a gift ban for political campaigns for state office, and legislation to prohibit contributions from business owners to any elected officials who award them state contracts of more than \$50,000.
- Since 2001, an ongoing partnership with the State Board of Elections to ensure accurate and reliable voting machines and election administration statewide.
- Continue to monitor implementation of HAVA, Help America Vote Act.
- Modernized the Juvenile Court Act including mandatory reporting of child abuse; passage of legislation creating the Department of Children and Family Services, 1960s.
- Spousal Health Insurance Rights Act of 1985.
- Several statewide campaigns to promote public understanding of state fiscal policies, school finance issues and the need for school funding reform led to changes in the school funding formula. Campaigns on a graduated income tax led to increases in the income tax with an increase in the personal exemption. Successfully opposed school vouchers and tax credits.
- Worked to rewrite the Juvenile Court Act of 1987. Spearheaded legislation authorizing Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to advocate in court on behalf of the child.
- Persuaded the Governor to veto a 1999 bill that would have banned payment for medically necessary abortions for women receiving Medicaid.
- Led the successful 2006 campaign to adopt a national LWV position against the death penalty; helped lead the campaign which abolished the death penalty in Illinois.
- LWVIL Solid Waste Legislation Committee amended a bill to require household hazardous waste collection by the IEPA and to require the IEPA to educate the public on HHW; it became law in 1992.
- In 1997, received the "Making Waves Award" from the Sun Foundation recognizing the efforts of local Leagues on behalf of the environment, especially in promoting conservation and protection of clean water throughout the state.
- 1999-2009: Worked to successfully amend the Structural Pest Control Act to require the adoption of an Integrated Pest Management program in schools and changed the Illinois Pesticide Act to require parent and staff notification prior to pesticide application.

## Highlights of League Successes at the National Level

- Sheppard-Towner Maternal and Infancy Protection Act, 1921 became part of the Social Security Act of 1935.
- In the late 1940s, launched an unprecedented nationwide campaign to help build public understanding of the Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods agreements to establish the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Trained more than 5,000 speakers and distributed more than a million brochures during a six-month period.
- In the 1950s, fought McCarthyism with community education on civil liberties and constitutional protections.
- 1963 Equal Pay Act which League began lobbying for in 1945.
- In the 1980s, the Clean Air Act came under strong attack, and the League helped lead the effort to protect and strengthen it.
- In 1989, successfully opposed legislation that would have preempted stricter state laws on the regulation of pesticides.
- Support for Family and Medical Leave and Violence Against Women Acts, Earned Income Tax Credits, and welfare reform with provisions for education and training from 1988-1997.
- A 1993 amicus brief successfully argued that sex discrimination in jury selection is unconstitutional; and other work to achieve the goals of the Equal Rights Amendment.
- Support for Brady Bill and assault weapons ban, 1992-1996.
- In 2010, successfully lobbied for the new START Treaty between the United States and Russia; the treaty was ratified and signed in 2011.
- 2010 award from Oxfam America for the League's grassroots work on climate change.
- Continue to strongly urge the President to lead the world in the right direction in the face of the greatest environmental challenge of our generation: climate change.
- Since 1992, strong efforts to help the emerging democracies of the former Soviet Union, Latin America and Africa explore the potential of citizen participation and grassroots organization.
- Instrumental in developing the approach for passage of the McCain-Feingold-Shays-Meehan bill (2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act), which closed the most significant loopholes: unlimited corporate, union and individual contributions; and undisclosed contributions to campaign advertising advocating particular candidates.
- In 2006, launched VOTE411.org, a "one-stop-shop" for election related information, providing nonpartisan information to the public with both general and state-specific information including a nationwide polling place locator, absentee ballot information, ballot measure information, etc. Over 3 million people have used the site to date.
- After 2000, worked to ensure key election administration reforms were part of HAVA, the Help America Vote Act of 2002; ongoing work to ensure equitable implementation.
- Continuing work to ensure voter protection and combat voter suppression has resulted in successful legal and legislative efforts in at least eleven states since 2011.
- In 2012 the LWVUS made its voice heard to several regulatory authorities of the federal government in relation to "fracking." State Leagues worked to reduce the environmental impact of mining processes that contaminate and pollute.
- Continue to oppose efforts to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge- ANWR.
- Currently working for passage of a bill to overturn Citizens United which ruled that corporate spending in elections is equal to individual citizens' First Amendment rights.

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## *Meetings and Highlights*

**Meeting: Jan. 6, 2014**

### **Council Discusses Proposed Wheaton College Development**

The City Council received a report from the Planning & Zoning Board regarding a proposed planned unit development. Wheaton College is seeking a special use permit to construct and use up to five residences for student occupancy at the southeast corner of Harrison Street and Irving Avenue. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval of the development, and City staff recommended several conditions for approval. The City Council voted 6-1 to refer the request to the City attorney, who will prepare an ordinance approving the development for the Council's formal consideration at a future meeting.

### **Courthouse Square Townhome Plan Change Approved**

The City received a request in the Courthouse Square Development Agreement that would allow the plan to reduce the number of townhomes constructed from 50 to 43. The developer sought this change to allow flexibility for the width of units. The Council voted unanimously in favor of referring the request to the City Attorney for ordinance preparation, after which the Council can formally consider the request.

For additional meeting information, please see:

- <http://www.csparks.org/about-us/board-of-commissioners/> for Carol Stream Park District Board agendas and minutes
- [http://www.carolstream.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=404&Itemid=80](http://www.carolstream.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=404&Itemid=80) for Carol Stream Village Board agendas and minutes
- <http://www.warrenville.il.us/agendacenter> for Warrenville agendas and minutes
- <http://warrenvilleparks.org/board/minutes.asp> for Warrenville Park district minutes
- [http://www.westchicago.org/government/MeetingsMinutesAndAgendas/MA\\_CityCouncil\\_2013.html](http://www.westchicago.org/government/MeetingsMinutesAndAgendas/MA_CityCouncil_2013.html) for West Chicago City Council Meeting minutes
- <http://www.we-goparks.org/board-minutes.asp> for West Chicago Park District meeting agendas and minutes
- [http://www.wego33.org/cms/page\\_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1276352580306](http://www.wego33.org/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1276352580306) for District 33 information
- [http://www.d94.org/boe/previous\\_agenda.htm](http://www.d94.org/boe/previous_agenda.htm) for District 94 minutes and schedules
- <http://www.wheaton.il.us/Government/councilhighlights/2013/default.aspx?id=7532> for Wheaton City Council highlights or <http://www.wheaton.il.us/government/detail.aspx?id=330> for minutes of Wheaton City Council meetings or videos.
- <http://www.cusd200.org/235310123124748440/site/default.asp> for podcasts of District 200 school board meetings.
- <http://www.wheatonparkdistrict.com/pgs/about/bmeetings.html> for agendas, minutes and videos of Wheaton Park District meetings
- <http://www.villageofwinfield.com/index.aspx?nid=128> for Winfield Village Board agendas and minutes
- [http://www.cod.edu/about/board\\_of\\_trustees/minutes.aspx](http://www.cod.edu/about/board_of_trustees/minutes.aspx) for the minutes of the COD Board of Trustee 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 2013-2014 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

TIM BENSHOOF	<b>BENSHOOF &amp; CO.</b>	PO BOX 355, WHEATON 60187	630-462-6780	<a href="mailto:BENSHOOF-COMPANY@SBCGLOBAL.NET">BENSHOOF-COMPANY@SBCGLOBAL.NET</a>
HENRY BERTALMIO	<b>BEST-WAY RUG &amp; FURNITURE CLEANERS</b>	319 W FRONT ST, WHEATON 60187	630-668-7940	<a href="http://BESTWAYRUG.COM">BESTWAYRUG.COM</a>
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