



The Voter

Wheaton LWV April 2011

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Important Dates!

4/16	"Tar Creek"
4/29	State of the State (LWVIL)
5/19	Annual Meeting



President's Letter

BE SURE TO GO VOTE ON APRIL 5TH, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!

According to feedback from members and candidates, the March candidate forums were just great! The Wheaton mayoral, city council and park district races drew an audience of 165 and 100 for the CUSD 200 candidate forum. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to make the evening so successful! We could not do it without you. Thank you especially to Steve Johnson and Kerry O'Brien; our partners from the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, to Minuteman Press for the printed material and to I Have A Bean for coffee both evenings. I also want to thank our moderators, Gloria French and Robin LaBedz who were stellar.

We also recognize Roberta Jacobson for moderating the Winfield Junior Woman's' Club forum on 3/22 and Lori Miller for moderating the Carol Stream candidate forum which the LWV of Wheaton co-sponsored with the Carol Stream Woman's Club. Another big thank you to the CSWC and the Fire Protection District for hosting, helping out and supplying treats for their forum. I think it is wonderful to partner with other organizations in our service area to provide these forums. Thank you!

What's going on in the league right now?

SATURDAY - APRIL 16TH "TAR CREEK" EARTH WEEK EVENT

For Earth Week 2011, the League of Women Voters of Wheaton and A Rocha of Wheaton College, a student chapter of an international conservation organization, will present the film TAR CREEK. The program, free and open to the public, will take place

in Barrows Auditorium in the Billy Graham Center at 500 College Avenue in Wheaton. It will be on **Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 2:00-4:30 PM.**

TAR CREEK is the story of the worst environmental disaster you've never heard of: the Tar Creek Superfund site. Once one of the largest lead and zinc mines on the planet, Tar Creek is now home to more than 40 square miles of environmental devastation in northeastern Oklahoma: acid mine water in the creeks, stratospheric lead poisoning in the children, and sinkholes that melt backyards and ball fields. Now, almost 30 years after being designated for federal cleanup by the Superfund program, Tar Creek residents are still fighting for decontamination, environmental justice, and ultimately, the buyout and relocation of their homes to safer ground. As TAR CREEK reveals, America's Superfund sites aren't just environmental wastelands; they're community tragedies, too. Until the community fights back.

Twenty years ago, five Superfund sites were designated for cleanup in DuPage County, four of them associated with the dumping of thorium mill tailings by Kerr-McGee in West Chicago. The combination of dedicated and involved citizens (Thorium Action Group or TAG), pressure from local, county, state and Federal officials, and the work of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District and the Environmental Protection Agency turned these Superfund sites into a success story.

Following the film, Jim Smith from TAG, Tim Fischer from the EPA, and Mike Fortner, former Mayor of West Chicago and current State Representative from the 95th District of Illinois, will answer audience questions about the thorium cleanup.

What's coming up?

LWVIL STATE OF THE STATE LUNCHEON on April 29th
LWV of Wheaton 56th ANNUAL MEETING on MAY 19TH

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April 2011



Hodgkinson Named to Hall of Fame

Jane Hodgkinson, WDSRA Executive Director, thought that former WDSRA Association Board member Steve Scholten was the award winner and that Cory Atwell, also a former Association Board member, would be presenting the award. Little did she know that they were conspiring to surprise her.

The announcement was made at the Annual Dinner and Auction.



*The League of Women Voters of Wheaton Invites Members and Guests to
its*

Annual Meeting and Dinner

Thursday, May 19, 2010

In the Carol Stream Holiday Inn, Stratford Room B

150 South Gary Avenue, Carol Stream Illinois

Join us for an interesting & stimulating evening. Enjoy a speaker, dinner, and an evening with your LWV colleagues! Our dynamic speaker, Jeanette Neagu, will tell us about the Great Lakes, the work of the Lake Michigan LWV, and how we can make a difference. Jeannette spoke at the LWVUS June 2010 convention and was simply terrific.

Be sure to arrive in time to hear Jeanette Neagu.

6:30 *Social Time with Cash Bar*

7:00 *Speaker Jeanette Neagu*

7:30 *Buffet Dinner*

Minestrone Soup (this will be served at table)

Salad with assorted toppings and dressings

Entrees

- *Lasagna Classico*
- *Roast Pork with Tuscan Broth*
- *Rosemary and Lemon Roasted Chicken*

Side dishes

- *Sicilian green Beans*
- *Red Bliss Potatoes*
- *Assorted Dinner Rolls with Butter*

Dessert & beverage

- *Coffee and tea*
- *Assorted Tea Cookies and Petit Sweets*

8:30 *Annual Meeting & Election*

RESERVE YOUR PLACE BY FRIDAY, MAY 6

Send your check made out to LWV of Wheaton, for \$25.00 per dinner to:

Joan Fefferman

Directions to Holiday Inn

Go north on Gary Ave., from Geneva Rd. Turn left into Holiday Inn's drive soon after light at St. Charles Rd. Go straight ahead; find parking on your left, opposite Door 6.

Handicapped parking is on the right, close to door.

Enter through Door 6; the Stratford Room B will be on your right.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee places the following candidates in nomination for two-year terms on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Wheaton:

Officers

TBA	President
Liz Quigg (2013)	Vice President
Di Niesman (2013)	Secretary

The following Director positions are for two years:

Allene Harding
Jane Hodgkinson
Shannon Burns
Barb Deli

The following are nominees for the 2012 Nominating Committee:

Charlotte Murphy, Chair
Nancy Bielawski
Carol Honeywell

Respectfully Submitted,
2011 Nominating Committee
Jan Kay, Chair
Barb Pape
Charlotte Murphy
Joan Fefferman
Denise Niesman

By-Laws Committee Report

The By-Laws committee has proposed the following revisions, to be voted upon at the Annual Dinner:

Current:

ARTICLE III
Membership

Section 1. Types of Membership.

- (a) Voting members shall be citizens at least 18 years of age.
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This revision will make our by-laws conform to a change made by the LWVIL at the State Convention last June.

Respectfully submitted,
By-laws Committee

Martha Barmantje
Denise Niesman
Ellen Noth

WORKGROUPS AND OTHERS
MONTHLY SYNOPSIS

Education Joan Fefferman

For those of you who have been following the public education list serv in preparation for the LWVUS study on the role of the Federal government in education, you may have seen various articles on PISA results and the role teacher status/pay plays in education. This is an interesting article with a link to a report that was reported in the NY Times.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/16/education/16teachers.html?_r=1&WT.mc_id=ED-PS-E-OB-PS-TXT-TH-ROS-1010-NA&WT.mc_ev=click

CUSD200 Board of education meeting highlights are available at
<http://www.cusd200.org/23531092715369987/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=56483>

Environment & Healthcare

Diane Niesman

ENVIRONMENT:

Recycle: Electronics Recycling (including household batteries) Saturday April 9, 9 AM to Noon at the Public Works Facility on Liberty Drive.

April 22nd is the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day.

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TAR CREEK is a documentary about an environmental disaster in Pitcher, Oklahoma. Following the film, there will be a panel discussion contrasting the Tar Creek failure with the successfully cleaned up Superfund sites in DuPage County.

For further information about Tar Creek, visit www.tarcreekmovie.com. For details about DuPage Superfund sites go to www.epa.gov/region5superfund/.

Article from the Environmental Improvement Commission of Wheaton Mark Your Calendar for Recycling Event, Plant Sale and More



A number of annual events hosted by the Environmental Improvement Commission will be here before long. Mark your calendar for these popular upcoming events, or make plans to volunteer.

The **Recycling Extravaganza** will take place **April 16** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the commuter parking lot located at Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue. Here you can drop off scrap metal, electronics, books, batteries, propane tanks, working bicycles, medical equipment, eye glasses, cell phones and more for recycling or reuse. To volunteer, call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.

Wheaton will celebrate 25 years as a Tree City USA during its annual **Arbor Day Celebration** on **April 29**. More information will be posted on the City's website and on CWC10 closer to the date of the event.



The **Native Illinois Plant sale** will be **April 30** from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Wheaton Public Works Building on Liberty Drive. Find native Illinois trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers for sale; buy a rain barrel; or take home some free wood chips (you provide the container). To volunteer, call 630-690-1237 or 630-653-8877.

Lend a hand during the annual **Prairie Path Cleanup** **April 30** from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring work gloves and meet at Stevens Park, which is at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and the Prairie Path. Volunteers need not register in advance, but groups wanting to clean a specific area should call 630-260-2870 or email cleanupthepath@yahoo.com ahead of time. More information about these events will be available soon on the City's website, www.wheaton.il.us.

Viable Downtown Wheaton

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

Wheaton City Council Highlights

Meeting: March 7, 2011 Liquor Licenses Approved

The City Council approved three applications for liquor licenses, including La Cuisine Catering Company, Wyndemere and special events sponsored by the DuPage County Fair Association.

Council Welcomes New City Clerk

Council members welcomed Sharon Barrett-Hagen to her new position as City Clerk. She previously served as Executive Assistant in the City's Administration/Human Resources departments.

Meeting: March 21, 2011 Wheaton Wins National Award for Make A Difference Day



On behalf of the Community Relations Commission, Laurie Swanson Oberhelman accepted a proclamation from Mayor Michael Gresk congratulating the commission, the Chamber of Commerce and all of the community for their efforts on Make A Difference Day, Oct. 23, 2010. These contributions earned Wheaton one of only three Make A Difference Day City Awards in the nation from USA Weekend Magazine, in large part due to the success of the Stuff-a-Truck food drive for the People's Resource Center. The award comes with a \$10,000 donation to a nonprofit of the community's choice, and the Community Relations Commission presented the donation to the People's Resource Center. The nonprofit organization helps low-income DuPage County residents to meet their basic needs through its food pantry, clothing donations, job assistance, computer training and more.

Agreement Establishes City's Portion of Butterfield Road Project

The City Council unanimously approved an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation outlining the City's responsibilities associated with the state's Butterfield Road widening project. This project will increase the width of Butterfield Road from two lanes to four lanes and add other improvements between Naperville Road and Route 59. The City is required to appropriate funds for its portion of the project, which includes relocation of a water main. This is estimated to cost approximately \$365,148.

City Adopts Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget

The City Council unanimously approved the fiscal year 2011-2012 budget for the City. The City Council and City staff discussed the budget during a series of budget workshop sessions that were open to the public. The budget presented includes

expenditures of \$80,799,614 and revenues from all funds of \$81,216,127. The General Fund has revenues of \$38,197,610 and expenditures of \$36,017,942.

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.

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