



The Voter

Wheaton LWV September 2010

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Important Dates!

9/16	Fall Feast
9/24	WCCHS Voter Registration
10/20	Candidate Forum
10/21	Candidate Forum



President's Letter

Greetings! While I have certainly enjoyed the cooler weather of Montana, it is good to be home to Wheaton's late summer weather. Fall is my favorite time of year with its elemental changes of weather and color. This fall will offer a full palate of other changes. The general elections are in about 60 days and that means we will be employed in the core work of the League of Women Voters – voter registration, public education in the form of candidate forums, and student engagement through various civics programs in the schools. You will see below that we are very involved and will need your help for a successful round of events. Don't wait...volunteer now. Give me a call before I call you!

I want to congratulate three members who recently attended the LWVIL Moderator Training, Denise Curtis, Shannon Burns, and Maria Owens. What a great way to be involved! Thank you.

What's going on in the league right now?

- ❖ **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** started 8/15 - includes the increases voted on at the annual meeting (Individual \$65 & Family \$97.50) and allows you to make an additional contribution to the league at the same time. You will NOT receive any additional solicitations from the LWV of Wheaton this fall.
- ❖ **THE FALL FEAST** is at **6:30 on September 16th** at the **Gary Methodist Church** with Mai Thai Restaurant providing the meal. Dinner will be followed by an informative session on the work of our standing committees and our planned work for the year. There are many ways for members to get involved in core league work this year!

What's coming up?

With a general election in November the fall focus is on Civic Engagement in the election and core League activities - be ready to volunteer! I am particularly excited to work in the high schools this year. The students and teachers are very enthusiastic and excited about participating. Wheaton and Glen Ellyn LWV partner again this year with the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce for Candidate Forums on 10/20 & 10/21.

- ❖ **Illinois Student Vote** – Supporting Mock Elections in local high schools – dates 10/5, 10/6, & 10/7 at Glenbard North, Community High School of West Chicago (10/5), Wheaton North, Wheaton Warrenville South – Allene Harding will recruit Voter Registrars to help register voters and work at the schools.

- ❖ **Community High School of West Chicago** asked us to support their focus on civic engagement this 2 ways:
 - Register voters at Homecoming Game on 9/24
 - Provide a moderator, timers, and sorters for their Candidate Forum on 10/4

- ❖ **Candidate Forums on 10/20 and 10/21** will cover the following races:
 - County Board Chairman and County Members from Districts 4 & 6
 - General Assembly races for Districts 42/45/48/95
 - Forest Preserve Chairman and Forest Preserve Members for District 4 &

I am happy to report that the Candidate Forum Committee obtained verbal commitments from nearly all the candidates expected to attend the forums on the 20th and 21st and plan to send formal invitations early this month. Thank you to our partners in the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce, Bill Edgar and Steve Johnson and Julie Nolan from the Glen Ellyn League for making those contacts. We are pleased to report that the other leagues in DuPage County are interested in the county board races and offer their help. Thank you, everyone!

Missey
September 2010

Note to self
Pay LWV
Dues

County Corner

DuPage County will follow up the debut of next year's spending plan with a series of public hearings designed to share information and gather community on the fiscal 2011 budget.

Scheduled for three separate locations, the forums will follow the Sept. 14 release of County Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom's budget proposal for the upcoming year.

The hearings are slated for 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 22 in the council chambers at Westmont Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy St.; 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in Room 2200 of Addison Village Hall, 1 Friendship Plaza; and 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in the council chambers at West Chicago Village Hall, 475 Main St.

Coming this Fall: Easy-to-Use Online VOTERS' GUIDE

LWVUS has incorporated new software into the "On Your Ballot" section of VOTE411.org. This online tool allows LWVIL to publish an online Voters' Guide for all the state constitutional offices, US Senate, US Congressmen, all state representatives and the state senate districts that are up for election in an easy-to-use electronic format. Our plan is to have this voters' guide live by the time early voting starts (Oct. 12)

Mark your calendars! Here's the proposed WLWV's program schedule for 2010-2011

September 16	Fall Feast - Committee News
October 28	What's Up With the Water Commission?
November 18	State of the Community
December 16	Holiday Brunch
January 20	Program Potluck
February 17	Lake Michigan ILO Update
March 17	Privatization: The Good & The Bad
April 21	Immigration Update
May 19	Annual Meeting



**LWV OF WHEATON
INVITES YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO
A FALL FEAST**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 2010 6:30 PM
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW**

**GARY METHODIST CHURCH
224 NORTH MAIN STREET
WHEATON, IL 60187-5328**

“Thai” in to the League at the Fall Feast, our first members’ meeting of the 2010-2011 year. Wheaton’s own Mai Thai Restaurant will provide several delicious chicken dishes, with fragrant white rice and cut fruit.

Our program for the evening will be close to home. We’ll have an informative session on the work of our standing committees, and our planned work for the year. There is plenty of parking around the church, and there is an elevator for ease of access.

BRING A FRIEND OR TWO, AND INTRODUCE THEM TO LEAGUE.

**LET JOAN KNOW YOUR FRIENDS’ NAMES
SO WE CAN INTRODUCE THEM AT THE DINNER
VOLUNTEER FOR SETUP OR CLEANUP**



WORKGROUPS AND OTHERS

MONTHLY SYNOPSIS

Diversity Frank Goetz

The Diversity team has been actively pursuing a plan for a People's Coffeehouse at COD. After a meeting with several people on August 16, that plan no longer seems feasible. It appears that the K-commons area is booked for all of the interesting periods. The planning team will meet on Tuesday, 8/24, at 11:30 AM at RJN Foundation, 213 S. Wheaton Ave. to decide what, if anything, is next. Everyone interested in the concept of a coffeehouse is invited to brainstorm with us.

Education Joan Fefferman

Joan Fefferman representing the League, is hoping to attend the Superintendent's August 28th welcome in-service meeting for all teachers. After hearing from the Superintendent at that meeting, an Education committee meeting will be planned. We invite all who are interested to attend, though our meeting time and place are not yet set. Contact Joan Fefferman if you'd like to participate.

Environment & Healthcare Diane Niesman

Environment:

Electronic Recycling (including household batteries) will be Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 9 AM-Noon at the Public Works Facility at 821 W. Liberty, Wheaton.

The Wheaton Police Department still accepts expired and unused medications for safe disposal, so consider dropping pharmaceuticals off on the same trip. Police Dept. is on Liberty just west of the Public Works Facility.

If you're interested in conserving water and reducing your water and sewage bill, stop by City Hall to learn why a rain barrel might be right for you. As part of its [Water Conservation and Protection Program](#), the City's Water Division created a new display showing how a rain barrel works and explaining the benefits of using one. It is located just inside the rear (north) entrance to City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St.

The Lake Michigan League of Women Voters will hold its Annual Meeting Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9, 2010, in Manitowoc, WI.. For details go to <http://www.lmlwv.org/>

Health:

The DuPage County Health Department reported mosquitoes in Wheaton tested positive for West Nile Virus. The hot weather following recent flooding is making the mosquito population even worse.

There are a number of things that you can do to protect yourself from West Nile Virus:

- During prime mosquito hours, wear light-colored, long-sleeved clothing, pants and socks, and apply mosquito repellent with Deet.

- Discard outdoor containers that can hold water. Empty water from wading pools or bird baths weekly.
- Keep grass cut short so mosquitoes will not hide there.
- To report standing water or excessive mosquito conditions, call the Wheaton Mosquito Abatement District answering service at 630-668-6844.

This newly combined committee needs more members. Please let Diane know if you are interested in joining us. We share information mainly via emails and only hold meetings when we are planning a program.

Housing Jan Kay

On August 18th the Wheaton League participated in the DuPage Housing Action Coalition meeting with community stakeholders regarding the intersection of affordable housing and transportation. This is an often overlooked correlation for those of us who live in the suburbs especially, even given the sparse supply of public transportation opportunities. While living close to the center of a town often offers an easy city/suburb commute, there is very little public convenience offered for other situations in our communities. This of course leads to the need to have an auto and the accompanying expenses. Lacking transportation is a large impediment in seeking job opportunities, thus limiting the ability to pay for one's housing costs.

The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) presented an excellent research report showing the significant costs of transportation per family as well as the lack of understanding and knowledge regarding the impact of transportation deficits in the Chicagoland area.

We encourage members to read their reports on “Transportation Cost Data ...” and on the “Need To Consider Transportation Costs when Choosing “Best Places to Live,” which are available at CNT’s website, www.cnt.org. Please contact Jan Kay for information if you can’t access the website..

Viable Downtown Wheaton

No chair at present

League of Voters at Wheaton North

On hiatus till the fall semester.

OBSERVER CORPS

Wheaton City Council by Jan Kay

I can't emphasize enough the importance of either attending in person or watching the cable 10 recordings of both the City Council sessions and the City Council Planning Sessions. Not only is it good to hear the many varied issue discussions among the Council, but it is also valuable to hear the concerns of the public through the venue of the Public Comment period prior to the stated agenda.

As one observes it is good to listen to the members of the Council as they bring out the various angles of the issue at hand, showing the differences in support or opposition for the agenda items. One can very much appreciate the importance of being able to freely express concerns and support which often helps the public understand the ideology of

the Council member. We can more fully perceive whether the particular member truly is representing our positions.

This year there have been important presentations given throughout the year.

One of these was the presentation and ensuing discussion of the consultant on the use of the former Hubble school property. One can find the report online to see the recommendations and reasoning of the consultant. The consultant has made two council appearances this year in the Planning Sessions, giving the members opportunity to ask questions and make comments among themselves. Of course public comment only takes place during the regular Council meetings.

The other very important presentation was made during the budget setting time for the Council. I have to admit that prior to this assignment for the League, I had never attended the City's budget presentation where one is able to hear and better understand the many aspects of the City's budget as presented by staff, and the reasons for the allocations in each department under the City budget. [One may also download all the information from the City's website.]

The League has many good positions which might well be impacted through any number of Council actions, so it is good for us to be present and make our presence known as well as be prepared to take action on our positions when we hear of the issues of the day in our Community.

We can be proud of the decorum and integrity of our City Council and staff.

Each of us is represented by one member from our quadrant as well as 2 members and the mayor elected by the whole. Be sure to get to know the person representing you as well as the at-large members. They would be glad to hear from you anytime, I'm sure.

Wheaton City Council Highlights

Meeting: Aug. 16, 2010

Sept. 15 is Wheaton Literacy Day

In honor of Literacy DuPage, a nonprofit organization that works to provide customized English language tutoring to help adults achieve independence, Mayor Gresk proclaimed Sept. 15, 2010, Wheaton Literacy Day. Mayor Gresk presented a proclamation to Tana Tatnall of Literacy DuPage. On Sept. 15, more than 30 Wheaton businesses will support Literacy DuPage through donations.

Council to Vote on Rezoning of Property for Medical Office Building

The City Council received a report from the Planning & Zoning Board recommending approval of an application to rezone property at 1621 and 1703 E. Roosevelt Road to allow for the construction of a 6,000-square-foot medical office building. The application also requested two landscaping setback variations. The Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the Council's formal consideration, including an amendment that would require the applicant to pay money to the Sidewalk Fund instead of constructing a sidewalk. There currently is no sidewalk adjacent to the property under review.

Community Relations Commission Welcomes New Members

The Council approved the appointment of Tyler Birt and Ginny Christensen to the Community Relations Commission for terms expiring March 1, 2013, and July 2, 2012 respectively, to fill current vacancies on the commission.

- 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 2009 Finance Drive. When you patronize them, thank them in person for supporting the Wheaton League of Women Voters.

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