



# Shop Talk

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## Eat, Drink, and Be Prudent:

### Food Security, Food Sovereignty, and Food Labeling



This provocative topic will be explored at our next League meeting - Thursday, April 11, 7 pm, at the Elmhurst Public Library. Featured speaker is **Sheri Latash**, LWVIL Issue Specialist for Sustainable Food and Water, and member of the Glenview League. Sheri works for the Illinois Farm Bureau and was recently appointed to serve on the LWVUS Committee to update our Agriculture position.

**Food Security and Food Sovereignty:** Sheri will explain the multiple meanings of these terms, their relationship with food labeling programs, and the strengths and weaknesses of current programs. On a personal level... *Do you rely on food labels in your purchasing decisions? What is the true value of those labels?* Join us and get some answers. We will again have a social half-hour - coffee and conversation - beginning at 6:30, right before the program.

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## President's Message from Susan Rose - March 23, 2013

As we end March and look toward April, several federal, state and local issues are important.

- First, the LWVUS has sent the following letter to members of the US House urging them to pass common sense solutions to the **Gun Violence** plaguing our nation. To see this letter, click [HERE](#).
- Second, the LWVIL is also asking members to write to their Senators and Representatives and ask them to support SB1171 and HB1143, respectively. Both bills create a system for **universal background checks** for all gun purchases. In addition the State League is supporting **GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ADVOCACY DAY** in Springfield on **Thursday, April 11th**. The full-day event includes a rally at the Capitol at noon followed by visits with legislators. The Illinois Council to Prevent Gun Violence is organizing the event. Buses will be departing from various locations. League members



are encouraged to sign up [HERE](#).

- Third, many LWV Elmhurst members were interested in the January program on Cuba. The LWV of South Florida has had their license renewed and will again be taking delegations of **LWV members to Cuba** this year. This is a tremendous opportunity and I urge any member who can make this trip to do so. Further information can be found [HERE](#).
- Finally, **Early Voting** for municipal elections has already begun. Candidates are running in Township, Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District races. **You can vote early at Elmhurst City Hall** until April 6 or vote on election day, April 9, but be informed. To find out more about candidates for City elections visit our website at <http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/>.

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## Candidate Forum Update from Sue Whitworth, Voter Service Chair



REMINDER: **The Elmhurst Candidate Forum video and the Voters' Guide are still available on our [website](#).** Please take the time to get to know our candidates a little better before you vote.

LWV Elmhurst was also asked to organize a candidate forum for the Village of Westmont. Why Elmhurst? Westmont does not have a League, and we've helped them in the past ensure a nonpartisan event. **Sue Whitworth** worked with Larry McIntyre of Westmont to invite candidates for Mayor, Village Trustees, Library Board Trustees and two School District Board positions. Unlike Elmhurst, Village Trustees (comparable to our Aldermen) do not run by Ward, and the Library Board is elected, not appointed as in Elmhurst. **Laura Kratz** served as moderator, while timing and question-sorting were handled by **Sue Williams** and **Jeanne Davik**. Videos of this forum are available on our website.

Jeanne Davik and Sue Whitworth attended another Candidate Forum, hosted by the Glen Ellyn League, that featured candidates for College of DuPage Board of Trustees. Six candidates are running for two seats. The incumbents, [David Carlin](#) and [Joseph Wozniak](#), did not attend because a COD Board meeting was called at the last minute, leaving [Edward Agustin](#), [Frank Flores](#), [Katharine Hamilton](#), and [Mike Lanners](#) to answer written questions from the audience.

**Editor's Note:** *The names of the candidates in the previous paragraph are set up as links to Candidate Profiles published in the Daily Herald newspaper. Be sure to scroll down within each article to the sections entitled **Bio**, **Candidate's Key Issues**, and **Questions & Answers**. This race is especially contentious and deserving of our attention.*

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## Elmhurst Wins Illinois Cool Cities Award

On March 18 Illinois Cool Cities recognized the City of Elmhurst for climate protection achievements. Pictured are Lonnie Morris, Cool Cities Coordinator for the State of Illinois, and Lisa Gerhold, Co-Chair of Elmhurst Cool Cities, who presented the award to Acting Mayor Scott Levin.



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### Calendar:

**April 9 (Tuesday) 6 am - 7 pm - Consolidated General Election**

**May 7 (Tuesday) 6 pm - Annual Meeting** - Home of Colette Kubiesa.

- Note: Elections for the LWV Elmhurst Board of Directors will take place at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee - Jan Vanek, Colette Kubiesa, and Sue Whitworth - are seeking your recommendations of members for leadership positions. Check your *2012-2013 Directory & Yearbook* to learn which terms expire in 2013.

**June 7 - 9 (Friday - Sunday) 2013 State League Convention** -- Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. Read more: [www.lwvil.org/convention2013.asp](http://www.lwvil.org/convention2013.asp)

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