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The First Amendment and Campaign Financing

Join us for a discussion of the issues behind the Supreme Court's landmark decision, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*:

Thursday, November 21, 7 pm, at the Elmhurst Public Library



Our speaker will be **Maryam Judar**, Executive Director of the Citizen Advocacy Center in Elmhurst and a community lawyer. After graduating from UCLA law school, she clerked for the U. S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

Ms. Judar will cover the basics of First Amendment jurisprudence, which protects political speech – essentially, **campaign** speech. And, in order to clarify how the US Supreme Court came to equate money and speech in *Citizens United*, and how campaign finance reform is still possible, she will explore the tensions, dichotomies, and opposing values at play.

Invite Friends!

Attention LWV members: Bring a guest to our November 21st meeting and receive a gift card for Elijah's Coffee and Tea, valued at \$5. Encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for this great program. (Limit one card per member.)

Cool Cities: Sustainability in Elmhurst

Celebrate Sustainability in Elmhurst on **Tuesday, November 5, 7 pm, at the Wilder Mansion**. To join the celebration and learn more about Cool Cities, please RSVP to Sue Williams at membership@lwvelmhurst.org.

The Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition (ECCC) is sponsoring this event to display and publicize the collective efforts of ECCC members to create a more sustainable community. Attendees will also hear the ECCC's plans for the coming year, the status of a new Sustainability Agreement, and the various ways everyone – from community institutions to individual residents – can work to improve Elmhurst's overall sustainability.



Cool Cities is currently working with several aldermen to encourage Elmhurst to sign the **2015 Sustainability Agreement**, which asks cities to ...

- urge the federal and state government to enact policies and programs to reduce US dependence on fossil fuel and accelerate development of clean technologies
- urge US Congress to pass greenhouse gas reduction legislation that includes clear timetables and emissions limits
- achieve a reduction in pollution by 2 percent or better per year from 2009 baseline levels

To learn more about what Cool Cities is and the Elmhurst League's long-term commitment to Cool Cities goals, click [HERE](#).

President's Post: Sue Whitworth

On Thursday, October 17th, our program on **Stormwater Retention** brought out many residents who have had flooding issues in their homes. In April, I became a member of that growing club when my entire living space was flooded. Our speaker, **Elmhurst City Manager Jim Grabowski**, shared several pending options designed to reduce flooding in some of the most vulnerable areas of Elmhurst. (*See photos below.*)



Many of these options depend on cooperation between the City of Elmhurst, School District 205, and the Elmhurst Park District. This cooperation seems to be proceeding at a rather slow pace. Perhaps we need to make our voices heard on this issue.

If you missed this event, information is available on the city's website www.elmhurst.org. Use the search term, *Storm Mitigation Project*. In related news, congratulations go to the LWV of Illinois and the Lake Michigan League, recipients of a competitive grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to create a public education campaign entitled ***Stormwater: From the Ground Up.***

Please join us for the November 21st presentation on **The First Amendment and Campaign Financing** -- and bring a friend!

Providing non-partisan information to our community is one of the things that draw concerned people to the League of Women Voters. A candidate forum was the activity that brought me to the League. We will soon begin planning a candidate forum for the **Primary Election of March 18, 2014**, covering federal, state and county races. Which races would you like to see covered? What questions would you like to ask the candidates? Please let me know by emailing me at president@lwvelmhurst.org.



Photos from October program on Elmhurst Flooding.

Speaker: Jim Grabowski, City Manager.

Save the Date: Our **Holiday Party** will be Sunday, December 8, 1-4 pm at Sally Hoffman's home.

Voter Registrars: It doesn't take a registration drive to register a new voter. Certified Registrars can register voters at almost any time. It's important to reach out to new neighbors and to friends who have recently moved. Register them to vote and/ or update their records with their new address.

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