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PRESIDENT'S POST

President: Sue Whitworth

The **LWV-Elmhurst** will be hosting a Candidate Forum on Sunday, **September 16, 2018**, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at Elmhurst City Hall (209 N. York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126) in the Council Chambers. The following candidates have been invited.

Judicial Candidates: 18th Judicial Circuit

Jeffrey Jacobson (D), Linda Davenport (D), Jeff MacKay (R), and Karen Wilson

(R) (who did not RSVP)

U.S. House of Representatives: Illinois's Fifth Congressional District

Mike Quigley (D) (who will be making a statement) and Tom Hanson (R) (who declined our invitation)

Illinois House of Representatives: 47th District

Jim Caffrey (D) and Deanne Mazzochi (R)

DuPage County Board: District One

Ashley Selmon (D), Zahra Suratwala (D), Sam Tornatore (R), and Dino Gavanis (R)

DuPage County Board: District Two

Elizabeth Chaplin (D), Peter DiCianni (R), and Steve Nero (R)

DuPage County Clerk

Jean Kaczmarek (D) (who will be making a statement) and Paul Hinds (R) (who did not RSVP)

Illinois State Senate: 24th District

Suzanne (Suzy) Glowiak (D) (who will be making a statement) and Chris Nybo (R) (who declined our invitation)

Candidate Forum Schedule

- **1:00 PM–1:30 PM:** Three-minute statements from judicial candidates, Illinois State Senate candidate Suzy Glowiak, and U.S. congressional

candidate Mike Quigley

- **1:45 PM–2:45 PM:** Illinois House of Representatives (47th District)
- **3:00 PM–4:00 PM:** DuPage County Board (Districts One and Two)
- **4:10 PM:** Three-minute statement by DuPage County Clerk

candidate Jean Kaczmarek

Volunteers are needed the day of the forum to sort questions, time speakers, and serve as greeters and pages. This is a terrific opportunity for students in need of community service hours.

Visit www.lwvelmhurst.org after **September 24, 2018**, for a voter guide to our forum or head to <http://www.illinoisvoterguide.org>.

Voter registrars, please keep a tally of anyone you register to vote or work with to change an address. Report numbers to Kathy Quinn (kathleen.quinn@net.elmhurst.edu). This is valuable data we want to collect at local, state, and national levels.

The **LWVIL**'s annual State of the State event is being held at Arlington International Racecourse (2200 W. Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60005) on Saturday, **September 29, 2018**, at 6:00 PM. Go to www.lwvil.org to buy your tickets.

If you want to learn more about running for office, keep **October 6, 2018**, open. Between 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM, various organizations (including the **LWV**) are sponsoring Candidate Boot Camp—Local Government Candidacy for Beginners. This event is free and open to the public. It will be held at the College of DuPage (COD) in the Culinary and Hospitality Center (Room 2001 [above Waterleaf Restaurant], 425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL 60127). Visit www.citizenadvocacycenter.org/events for additional information and/or to

RSVP.

On **October 13, 2018**, there will be a town hall-style event on gun-violence prevention at Congregation Etz Chaim (1710 S. Highland Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148) at 6:00 PM. Various local candidates have already committed to attending Town Hall for Our Lives, which is open to the public. To learn more about the event, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/town-hall-for-our-lives-tickets-49018623021?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

WANTED: Observers to attend and report on board meetings held by the City of Elmhurst, the Elmhurst Park District, the Elmhurst Public Library, and College of DuPage. Examples of observer reports are available on our website at <http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/Observerreports.asp>. For questions or to sign up, contact Becky Lipton at observerreports@lwvelmhurst.org.

Sue Whitworth

MOCK ELECTIONS AND SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Vice President: Jan Dorner

Mock Elections

Thanks to the efforts of Wheaton Leaguer Missey Wilhelm, the DuPage County Election Commission (DCEC) has committed to having mock elections ***using authentic equipment*** at 14 DuPage County high schools from **September 18, 2018, to September 20, 2018**. The cost of ballots (which are 33¢ each!), the resignation of the executive director of the DCEC, changes within the DCEC's administration, and time constraints all added to an exceptionally stressful summer for Missey and the DCEC as they worked to implement this significant learning program in our local high schools.

The DCEC's interim executive director, Suzanne Fahnestock, continued the previous administration's commitment to use (and deliver and pick up) election equipment. Yet, as was also the case in the past, the DCEC was unable to absorb the cost of the ballots. Governmental Business Systems (GBS)—the ballot printer recently approved by the DCEC—wanted to give back to the community and so reduced its original quoted price by 75 percent. Schools are now able to cover costs, and mock elections are proceeding!

The ballots will list **all** candidates running for statewide offices: governor/lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, treasurer, and comptroller. (Remember when you first voted and were shocked to find you had to do more than choose between Republican and Democrat once or twice?) Students participating in mock elections will also vote for a candidate in the race for Illinois's congressional district (based on their school's address).

The **LWV-Elmhurst** will be assisting at Addison Trail High School (213 N. Lombard Road, Addison, IL 60101) and York High School (355 Saint Charles Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126).

- Addison Trail Mock Elections will be Tuesday, **September 18, 2018**, during students' lunch times (10:55 AM to 2:10 PM). We should be there by 10:30 AM to make sure everything is set up properly.
- York will have their elections all day on Thursday, **September 20, 2018**. We should be there by approximately 7:00 AM to get a parking spot and sign in. We will be there until school lets out shortly after 3:00 PM.

Volunteers at either school would be greatly appreciated. Let me know which time and location you would prefer! Contact me at jdorner1@comcast.net or 630/832-8089. Our goal is to help students become comfortable with the

election process so that they will become lifelong voters.

September Program

Two weeks ago, the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 School Board approved adding a capital referendum to the ballot on **November 6, 2018**.

Our program on Thursday, **September 27, 2018**, will provide further information about the district's Master Facility Plan (MFP). We will have either a member of the administration or school board present to discuss what the \$168.5 million referendum will finance, if it is passed in November. We will be in the Kossman of the Elmhurst Public Library (125 S. Prospect Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126) from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

*Since the **LWV-Elmhurst** has not studied this referendum, we do not have a position of support or opposition.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration Chair: Kathleen Quinn

With the recent increase in political involvement, we have scheduled several voter-registration drives this fall. If you are available to sign up to help at one or more of these drives, I would really appreciate it!

Reach out to let me know which slots fit your schedule, based on the dates and times listed below. My email address is kathleen.quinn@net.elmhurst.edu. If I don't get back to you right away, send me a text message at 872/222-3550. Or, if you know of anyone else who is a registrar and would be willing to assist, please pass along their contact information to me.

Thank you so much, everyone, for all your hard work. This will be a lot of fun!

- **Monday, September 10, 2018:** 12:00 PM–3:00 PM (the Elmhurst Public Library)
- **Tuesday, September 18, 2018:** 7:00 PM–9:00 PM (the Elmhurst Public Library)
- **Saturday, September 22, 2018:** 10:00 AM–4:00 PM (Brewpoint Coffee [617 N. York Road, Elmhurst, IL, 60126], near Goldfish Swim School)
- **Sunday, September 23, 2018:** 10:00 AM–4:00 PM (Brewpoint Coffee, same location)
- **Tuesday, September 25, 2018:** 7:00 PM–9:00 PM (the Bensenville Community Public Library [200 S. Church Road, Bensenville, IL 60106])
- **Wednesday September 26, 2018:** 7:00 PM–8:00 PM (the Elmhurst Public Library)
- **Saturday, September 29, 2018:** 12:00 PM–3:00 PM (the Elmhurst Public Library)

Is there another library you'd like to us to hold a voter-registration event at?
Please let me know!

WELCOME AND A NOTE ABOUT DUES

Membership Chair: Carol Landou

Welcome!

Welcome to all our new members! Please be sure to keep up with us on our [website](#) and via [Facebook](#) to learn about upcoming events and breaking news at state and national levels. Also check your email for eBlasts and other important information, including your copy of *The Voter* (**which is published the second Monday of each month**).

Did You Remember Your Dues?

As a reminder, **LWV-Elmhurst** membership dues were required by **June 30**, before the end of our fiscal year. If you missed the deadline, please get your checks in; you can make them payable to the **LWV-Elmhurst**. Our mailing address is: The **LWV-Elmhurst**, PO Box 12 Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Another option is to pay online via PayPal. See our [Membership Page](#) for further details.

- **Basic Membership:** \$70.00 per person
- **Two-Member Household:** \$100.00
- **Student Membership:** \$35.00 per person

Dues are not tax-deductible. For a tax-deductible donation, a separate check made out to the **LWVIL** Education Fund would be appreciated (with a note in the memo line to Elmhurst).

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark Your Calendar

Also check the [Activity Calendar](#) on our website for the latest updates.

- **September 2018** (Voter-Registration Events at the Elmhurst Public Library: **9/10, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM; 9/18, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM; 9/26, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM; 9/29, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM**)/(Voter-Registration Events at Brewpoint Coffee: **9/22, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; 9/23, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**)/Voter-Registration Event at the Bensenville Community Public Library: **9/25, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM**) **Call Kathleen Quinn at 872/222-3550 or email her at kathleen.quinn@net.elmhurst.edu with questions**

and/or to volunteer as a voter registrar.

- **September 16, 2018:** Candidate Forum from **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at City Council Chambers at Elmhurst City Hall
- **September 18, 2018:** Mock Elections at Addison Trail High School from **10:55 AM to 2:10 PM**; volunteers should plan to arrive at **10:30 AM**. **If you can volunteer, contact Jan Dorner at jdorner1@comcast.net or 630/832-8089.**
- **September 20, 2018:** Mock Elections at York High School (all day); the earliest shift of volunteers should plan to be there by approximately **7:00 AM**; the final shift will be present until school lets out **shortly after 3:00 PM**. **If you can volunteer, contact Jan Dorner at jdorner1@comcast.net or 630/832-8089.**
- **September 27, 2018:** General Meeting from **7:00 PM to 8:45 PM** at the Elmhurst Public Library; the meeting will cover the referendum in Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205.
- **September 29, 2018:** Annual State of the State Event from **6:00 PM to 11:00 PM** at Arlington International Racecourse
- **October 6, 2018:** Candidate Boot Camp—Local Government Candidacy for Beginners from **10:00 AM to 12:30 PM** at COD's Culinary and Hospitality Center; this event is free and open to the public.
- **October 13, 2018:** Town Hall for Our Lives at Congregation Etz Chaim from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**; this event is open to the public.
- **October 25, 2018:** General Meeting from **7:00 PM to 9:00 PM** at the Elmhurst Public Library; attendees will receive an overview

of IllinoisVoterGuide.org and hear from a representative of the Citizens' Climate Lobby.

- **November 6, 2018:** Midterm Elections; **don't forget to vote!**
- **December 6, 2018:** Holiday Party; details TBD
- **February 10, 2019:** Candidate Forum from ***1:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at City Council Chambers at Elmhurst City Hall

*As an amendment to the previous (**August 2018**) edition of *The Voter*, the correct time of the Candidate Forum on **February 10, 2019**, is **1:00 PM** to 5:00 PM. It was previously listed as **12:00 PM** to 5:00 PM.

TRIVIA TIME AND OTHER REMINDERS

Question and Answer for the Previous Edition of *The Voter*

On **August 18, 1920**, which state ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution . . . thus making it the law of the land?

Did you guess "Tennessee"? If so, you were right!

Question for This Edition of *The Voter*

On **September, 30, 1918**, which U.S. president addressed Congress on the subject of suffrage? Was he in support of or opposed to giving women the right to vote?

*Be sure to check your inbox on Monday, **October 8, 2018**. That's when you'll receive your next edition of *The Voter* and will learn whether you were correct! In the meantime, please do the following:*

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<http://www.lwvelmhurst.org/>



