

LEAGUE UPDATE

League of Women Voters of Park Ridge

May 2018

Spring Program

Memorial Day Parade

The Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade is on Monday May 28 at 10 am. Our assembly point number is **61, which will be located on the south side of Talcott , just west of Prospect Ave.** We will be walking the parade route. All those interested in attending should arrive at the meeting point no later than **9:45 am.** Suffragist attire is highly encouraged!!

LWV PR June Meeting

Our general meeting will take place on Saturday, June 9 at 3pm, location to be determined. The agenda will be sent to members prior to the meeting.

Lake Michigan and Upper Mississippi Region ILO Annual Meeting

The two ILOs are joining together to offer a day long immersion in all things water-related. They will start with the respective Leagues' annual business meetings and lunch; gain ideas & inspiration from Leagues across the country involved in local water protection at an afternoon workshop; learn about new tools to inform our water advocacy; and enjoy a reception and banquet with a Keynote Speaker on the current regulatory environment. All League members, family, friends, and members of the public are invited to attend.

This event will take place at the historic Standard Club in Chicago , Wednesday June 27 from 11:30am—9pm. The early bird rate is \$85. <https://www.lwvlmr.org/workshop-dinner--annual-meetings.html>

LWV US Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 28 through Sunday, July 1 at the Hilton Chicago. Early bird registration is \$450. Registration information: <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/register-2018-convention>

Schedule information: <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/2018-convention-schedule-glance>

Annual Meeting information: <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/council-and-convention/convention-2018>

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What We've Been Up To

On April 23, LWV PR members Sarah Nugent and Karen Reid represented the League at our Axehead Lake clean up. A large group 30-40 people, taking part in the PRMA Day of Service, arrived to help pick garbage and debris. Prior to the event, at a glance, the forest preserve looked clean, but upon closer examination, all hands on deck were needed to get the all the garbage that was hiding in the grass. A big thank you to PRMA!



We had a board meeting on April 29, hosted by Judy Fregetto. We are forming committees to work on various tasks within the league. Currently, we have Voter Services (Karen Reid), Observer Corps (Judy Fregetto), Fundraising (Karen Hein), and Event Planning (Rebecca Little). If any of these area are of interest to you, feel free to contact me or the member whose name is listed next to the committee. Contact in formation is listed on the left hand side of this page.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our members meetings will take place on the second Saturday of even numbered months at 3pm. And beginning in August, they will take place the Park Ridge Community Church. A special thanks to league member Liz Swanson and PRCC!

June 9—location TBD	August 11
October 13	December 8
February 9	April 13

Local Program 2018-2019:

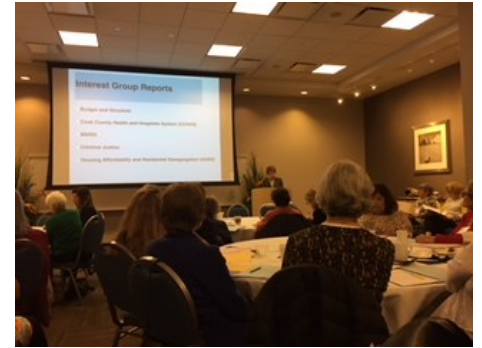
City Taxing Bodies/ TIF Seminar	Civil Discourse Seminar
Sunshine Laws Seminar	Hot Topic Meetings
Candidate Forums	Collaborative Programming with AAUW and GGPR
Axehead Lake	Memorial Day Parade
Fundraising	Voter Registration Events

Voter Service

Registration through a Deputy Registrar is open until October 9, 2018. National Voter Registration day is September 25, 2018. You must be 18 years old by November 6, 2018 to vote.

LWV Chicago will be having **Deputy Registrar Training** on June 7. For more information please visit lwvchicago.org

LWV IL is hosting a **Moderator Training Workshop** on Saturday June 9, 2018 from 9:30 am—1:00pm at the Mt. Prospect Public Library. Deadline to register is June 1. To register send your name, your League name, email address and phone to voterservice@lwvil.org.



LWV Cook County Board Member from Park Ridge , Diane Edmundson

LWV Cook County Annual Meeting

Mary Upson and Judy Fregetto attended the LWV of Cook County Annual Meeting as delegates representing LWV PR and member Diane Edmundson was in attendance and presented as a Board Member of LWV CC. All 13 member leagues were represented and Park Ridge received a special shout out!

The business portion of the meeting went very smoothly. Budget, program, minor bylaw changes and the slate of Board nominees were all voted unanimously. The Cook County league has been very frugal with its budget allowing them to not raise PMP. In fact, it was asked of the board to consider lowering the PMP in the future.

The program for 2018-19 will include:

Voter Service: improve election process, educating citizens

Observer Corps: Cook County Board, Health and Hospital Systems, Forest Preserve District, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Budget and Structure Interest Group: government organization, transparency, assessing budget processes, follow on LWVCC positions and studies.

Criminal Justice Interest Group: Screening, assessment, Bond Court, Diversion programs, mental health issues within the system, equal justice within the system.

Health and Hospitals System Interest Group: monitoring the independent board and committees, quality of services at county hospitals, monitor the growth, budget, and sustainability of CCHHS

Housing Affordability and Residential Desegregation (HARD) Interest Group: availability of affordable family housing throughout Cook County, increasing supply while reducing segregation created by previous government decisions.

There are many opportunities to get involved at the county level of LWV. As a member League, we are entitled to a League representative at the Board meetings. In addition, if any of the above are an area of interest, as a member of LWV CC you may join an interest group, become an observer, or join a standing committee. For more information, visit <https://www.lwvcookcounty.org/>



Illinois Legislation Update

Gun Safety Bills

SB1657 Gun Dealer Licensing was vetoed by Governor Rauner and attempts to override the veto failed. SB337 (as an amendment to the Child Care act of 1969) has been introduced to once again address gun dealer licensing. On May 14, Gov. Rauner made a Governor Amendatory Veto on HB1468. Suggestions made included a 72 waiting period for all guns, language regarding a firearm restraining order and guidelines for reinstating the death penalty in certain situations. The current status for the other bills is as follows:

HB 1467 Bans Bump stock—House—placed on Calendar Order of Concurrence Senate Amendments March 14.

HB 1465 Raises age of purchase for assault rifles to 21—House-placed on Calendar Order of Concurrence Senate Amendments March 14.

HB 1468 Increases waiting period to 72 hours for assault rifles—Governor Amendatory Veto on May 14

HB 2354 / HB 0772 Lethal Violence Order of Protection—Somehow this was added as an amendment to a bill about recycling. LWV IL states this bill has passed the Senate 40-14. Currently in the House. House sponsors added on April 18

HB 1664 Makes changes to the FOID Act to increase communication with law enforcement. Still in the House, Re-referred to the Rules Committee on April 27

HB 4725 In conjunction with SB 1657 requires video surveillance of gun shops. Still in House. Re-referred to the Rules Committee on April 27.

HB 3390 Revokes FOID Card for one year if guns lost or stolen in 3 separate incidents over 2 years. Being bounced around committees. Re-referred to Rules Committee on April 14.

Redistricting

The deadline for the **Fair Maps Amendment, House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment HJRCA 43**, passed last week, despite bipartisan support and plenty of cosponsors, the bill was never called for a vote. Here is an editorial from the Tribune: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/editorials/ct-edit-remap-amendment-illinois-dead-20180507-story.html>

What We Can Do

With regard to gun safety, our Senators and Representatives have voted in favor for all the bills that have passed their respective houses. We should thank them and encourage them keep on supporting gun safety as these bills are vetoed and amended.

With regard to maps, both gubernatorial candidates pledged to veto a gerrymandered map. Change Illinois is going to focus on holding the election winners accountable and continuing to educate the public on the issue - LWV can certainly support them in this endeavor. And of course - VOTE!

ERA Update

On May 16, SJRCA0004 passed out of committee in the House. The vote was along party lines. It is bizarre that equal rights is partisan issue. Chief sponsor Lou Lang will not call for the vote until he is absolutely sure there are enough votes. We need every single vote because, sadly, there are elected officials in 2018 who don't believe in equal rights for women and prefer the hodge podge of laws that grant women some rights and protections. But these can be easily rescinded because they are merely laws, not amendments to the Constitution.

A special thanks to Nan Parson for her moving testimony at an ERA hearing in Chicago on May 7 as well as her efforts with Action Ridge with phone banking, lobbying and meeting with Rep. McAuliffe to encourage the ratification of the ERA. Let's hope Illinois finally ends up on the right side history this time!

Local Events With Your Local Reps*

Laura Murphy

May 24, Thursday—9:30 am Park Ridge Public Library Constituent Services
Members of State Senator Laura Murphy's district office staff will be available to address your state government questions and concerns.

June 9, Saturday— 10 am-1 pm Sen Murphy and Rep Moylan Shredding Day,
Juno Lightning Group 1300 S. Wolf Rd., Des Plaines

June 12, Tuesday—9:30 am Des Plaines Public Library Constituent Services

June 13, Monday— 6:30 pm Des Plaines Town Hall

Michael McAuliffe

June 5, Tuesday— 6-9 pm Women and Girls' Self Defense Class, Salvation
Army Gymnasium, Norridge

June 7, 12, & 15—Time varies. Free Senior Driving Seminar

Call 773-444-0711 or visit www.michaelmcauliffe.org to register for these events

June 16, Saturday 9am—Noon Kid's Health and Safety Expo, Maine Park in
Park Ridge

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* LWV PR is working to get updated calendars from all of our State level elected leaders..

Calendar

May

28 Memorial Day Parade, Park Ridge, 9:45 am—meet at Talcott and Prospect

June

9 LWV IL Moderator Training, Mt. Prospect Public Library, 9:30 am –1pm

10 LWV PR Membership Meeting 3pm—Location TBD

27 LWV LM and UMR ILO Annual Meeting, 11:30 am Standard Club Chicago

28—July 1 **LWV US Annual Convention**, Hilton Chicago

29 LWV IL Convention Fundraiser with Second City, 7:30 pm Hilton Chicago

July

16 LWV Cook County Food for Thought, 11:30am—1pm DePaul Club Chicago

Thinking About Becoming a Member?

Our Park Ridge League is growing fast! Be part of this enthusiastic group as we answer the call to civic involvement and action. The LWV is a **non partisan group** that endorses positions on issues, not candidates. Dues are \$70 per year. While this may seem like a lot (and it is) our dues go to support the legal work of the LWV US and LWV IL as well as address water issues in the Great Lakes Region and support the League at the county level. The LWV US often files lawsuits and presents briefs at the federal level to fight voter suppression laws. LWV IL has a lengthy platform in which it studies positions and lobbies with other groups at the state level to build momentum for ideas such as the Fair Maps Amendment.

For membership information please contact Karen Hein at info@lwvpr.org

Returning members, dues for the 2018-19 fiscal year are due between July 1 and September 1. **New members who paid dues in 2018 are not required to renew until next year.**



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