

The Voter

Nov 11

2024



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On this Veteran's day, we quote the Marines... it's time to "fall back & regroup"

While the Election certainly did not go the way we'd anticipated, there were several local wins in our Congressional races as well as the State.

Voters across the country let their feelings known in several states where women's healthcare was a resounding referendum. Today we rest, tomorrow we rise and fight again.

Stay Up-to-Date This area features CKC events for the coming two weeks.
For detailed info, use the graphic to check our website calendar.



NOVEMBER



- 11 **Christmas Ornament decorating - 6:30 - 8:30 pm**
423 Elm Street, Batavia
- 13 **Christmas Ornament decorating - 10 am - noon**
428 N. Sycamore, North Aurora
- 15 **Christmas Tree Decorating - 3 pm - until we're done**
downtown Batavia

- 21 **Third Thursday Cocktails, 6:30 pm**
Windmille Grille, Batavia
- 30 **St. Charles Holiday Electric Lights Parade**
downtown St. Charles, 5:30 pm



DECEMBER

- 1 **Batavia Celebration of Lights, 5 pm**
Peg Bond Center



If you missed it in our last Voter, CKC will have our very own Holiday Float in the St. Charles 2024 Electric Christmas Parade. Our theme is simple: a winter scene as a "Fresh Start".

The parade will start at 5:30 pm on Saturday, November 30th.

We will be looking for 6-8 participants to ride the float. *Please use the graphic to sign up.* Space is limited so it will be a first come, first serve basis.

2024 is a big year for CKC and community participation. This year, not only will we be a proud sponsor of the December 1st Batavia Celebration of Lights Festival, we will decorate a community tree. Check the calendar  for upcoming dates to make ornaments and for when we'll be decorating the tree.

Don't know what the Celebration of Lights is? Bring your family to enjoy the festive bright lights and sounds of the holiday season! Sing along to holiday tunes, welcome Santa and pay him a visit, watch the Christmas tree lighting, stroll Christmas Tree Lane, see reindeer, take a hay ride, enjoy favorite holiday tales read aloud and make a holiday craft.

We will need volunteers to staff our information table to remind the community about who we are, what we do, and that we *are* a trusted source of information. To volunteer - sign up here



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From our Environment Committee:



Winnetka hosted a Forum with several experts and panelist to discuss energy. The Winnetka Board of Trustees President, Rob Bahan, said the Village will not rush this decision, and will take as much time as is needed to figure out their best option regarding options to IMEA and renewable energy.

It is a lengthy Forum, but you can view it at 

10:00 - 27:00 Professor Mark Pruitt, (Northwestern, and former Director of the IPA) discusses how the energy markets work, including a bit about IMEA's role in it.

27:00 - 1:09:00 Panel discussion moderated by Roger Hochschild, former CEO of DiscoverCard. This is the heart of the event.

Panelists are:

Brian Keys, Winnetka Public Works Director

Bill Koehl (CKC), NEST co-chair

Jon Carson, renewable energy developer

Bob Zabers, energy consultant

1:10:00 - 1:12:00 Video message from JC Kibby, Climate Advisor to Gov. Pritzker, identifying a new program that could help Municipal Electricity Utilities make good decisions about transitioning to renewable energy. Grants are about \$200,000,

1:12:00 - 1:39:00 Questions for the panelists from the audience.

50 Year Lifetime LWV member - Janet S Craft

- Bo Smith

On October 24, 2024, VNA Health Care Past President/CEO Janet Craft was recognized by VNA with a reception at its Aurora headquarters honoring her milestone birthday and contributions to VNA and the community. From 1984 to 1999 she led an expansion of access to quality healthcare in the region that had a major impact on the community.

To Janet's surprise, a new award was created in her honor, the *Janet S. Craft Award of Quality*. It will be awarded annually to VNA staff members who exemplify a steadfast commitment to furthering the quality of care, care experience and health outcomes of VNA patients and clients.

Scores of friends and associates honored Janet at the event, including Congressman Bill Foster and other dignitaries.

From its founding in Aurora in 1908, VNA Health Care has expanded to 12 health center locations offering high-quality, affordable primary, preventive and pregnancy care in the western suburbs.



VNA Health Care Past President/CEO Janet Craft, Board member Miriam Smith and current President/CEO Linnea Windel share a laugh as the new Award of Quality is named in Janet's honor

Candidate Questionnaire ad hoc Committee



Are you driven by environment issues? Is sustainability a focus you'd like more candidates to explore? Are you concerned about where we obtain our energy? Then this ad hoc committee may be for you.

Susan Russo will head a group of like-minded members to develop a candidate questionnaire for the Spring election cycle. If you'd like to participate, please sign-up here:



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Voter Services (the committee that never stops)

Voter Services will meet December 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Calvary Church, 222 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia for Voter Registration and meeting.

Focus will be on the upcoming Spring election cycle, establishing town committees to coordinate candidate forums, voter registration drives, etc.

If you're a fan of Democracy, you can't sit the sidelines. RSVP now:

RSVP

Membership Committee

Our Membership Committee will meet December 11, 2024, 6 pm, at the Calvary Church, 222 S. Batavia Avenue, Batavia.

National has changed how we receive our membership dues and we need many hands to make light work.

Please RSVP your attendance.

RSVP

For all that you do, Thank You.



voter registration at
Batavia Apts.



voter registration at
Waubensee Community
College

voter registration at St.
Charles East, HS



voter education at
Geneva Train Station for
Lalapalooza

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