

# The Voter

Feb 3

2025



## Candidate Forums Have Begun

**Empowering  
Voters  
Defending  
Democracy**

Our Voter Services team, as usual, has been very busy and the scheduled Candidate Forums have begun. If you haven't already signed up to work the Forums, please do so. As we always say "many hands make for light work".

Other good news...we have had many community members contact us anxiously waiting for links to the videos of the Forums. Our outreach is working!

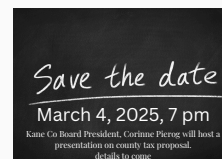
## Stay Up-to-Date

This area features upcoming KKC events. *For detailed info and links to Volunteer, use the graphic to check our website calendar.*

**FEBRUARY**

- 3 **Candidate Forum, 5:30 - 8:30 pm**  
St. Charles Public Library
- 4 **Candidate Forum, 6:00 - 9 pm**  
Batavia City Hall
- 5 **CKC Open Board Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
Geneva Public Library
- 5 **Voter Registration** St. Charles, East HS
- 6 **Voter Registration** Oswego East HS
- 9 **Candidate Forum, noon - 4:30 pm**  
Geneva Public Library

- 11 **Voter Registration** Central HS in Burlington
- 12 **Voter Registration** Waubonsee Community College
- 13 **Third Thursday Member Winter Social 6:30 p.m.**  
Aurelio's, Geneva
- 24 **Candidate Forum, 5:30 - 10:00 pm**  
Waubonsee Community College
- 27 **Candidate Forum, 5:30 - 9:00 pm**  
Central HS in Burlington



Join the League of Women Voters of Illinois for our annual Issues Briefing this Saturday, February 8.

We'll hear from experts on a range of topics, from affordable housing to domestic violence prevention. Be informed and prepared so you can advocate for change in your community.

This is a hybrid event—join us in person for idea-sharing, networking, and camaraderie (this year we'll gather at Northern Illinois University in Naperville!), or, if you can't make it, tune in from the comfort of home.

*Register via the graphic above*

**Candidate Forums** are an integral part of services we provide to the community. We always need your help. Please sign up now. [candidate forums](#)

**Voter Registration** at our local high schools and colleges provide us with a unique opportunity to engage with our community's youth. If you're an active Registrar, please join us. [voter registrations](#)



LWVIL is holding Zoom training on Saturday, 2/22/25, at 10:00 am.

Registration is required. The video and materials of the training will only be shared with those who *attend* the session.



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St. Charles Candidate Forum, January 29, 2025. Mayor and Alderman races.



Batavia Candidate Forum, January 30, 2025. Library and School Board races.



Aurelio's Pizza at 4th and State in Geneva  
Thursday, February 13 6:30-8:30.

Food will be provided but beverage is  
purchased by the individual

## Press Releases

Have you seen our Press Releases?

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
January 20, 2025

Contact: Patti Luckman, Voter Service Chair of LWV CKC  
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League of Women Voters of Central Kane County to Host Candidate Forums for Batavia, Geneva, and St. Charles Candidates for Mayor and City Council

BATAVIA, IL – The League of Women Voters of Central Kane County has announced a series of upcoming Mayor and City Council candidate forums in St. Charles, Geneva, and Batavia. The forums are open to all candidates for the April 1, 2025 Illinois Consolidated Election ballot who are in contested races in their respective communities. All three forums will be live, in-person, and open to the public. They will also be live-streamed and available for later viewing on the websites of the League of Women Voters of Central Kane County ([lwcckil.com](http://lwcckil.com)) and the Illinois Voter Service ([illinoisvoters.org](http://illinoisvoters.org)).

All candidates will be allowed time at the beginning and at the end of their respective segments for opening and closing statements. During each segment, candidates will respond to audience questions submitted during registration and throughout the event. Audience members' questions will be reviewed by trained LWV members for appropriateness prior to asking.

The three forums are as follows:

The St. Charles Mayor and City Council Candidate Forum will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the St. Charles Public Library located at 1.5 N Avenue in St. Charles. The following candidates were extended invitations to participate:

**Mayor:** Clint Kuhl, Lori A. Vink

**City Council:** Ronald Sklaris, Robert Kruger, Ryan S. Bongard, Angela Churchill, Vicki Spelman, Paul D. Lessner, Carolyn Weibel, Steven Walker, Lauren Duda

The Batavia Mayor and City Council Candidate Forum will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at Batavia City Hall, located at 100 N. Island Avenue in Batavia. The following candidates were extended invitations to participate:

**Mayor:** Thomas M. Connelly, Jeffery D. Schiele

**City Council:** Doug Edersberg, Dustin Payer, James Fahrtenbach, Garren Detken Sparks, Matthew Anderson, Kate Conley

The Geneva Mayor and City Council Candidate Forum will be held at 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Geneva Public Library located at 227.5 W 7<sup>th</sup> St. in Geneva. The following candidates were extended invitations to participate:

**Mayor:** Kevin Burns, Karan Pavik

**City Council:** Lee W. Taylor, Larry Forsyth, Kevin J. Zagler, Amy Meyer, Eric M. DiGiovanni, Patsy Berthelme, Jeff Pymquist, Kim Edwards

Patti Luckman is the Voter Service Chair of the League of Women Voters of Central Kane County. She shared, "The decisions we make and the officers we choose through local elections can have a profound effect on the health of our schools, businesses, and community. These forums are a great opportunity for voters to see and ask questions of their candidates. We encourage every candidate invited to these forums to participate fully. The League of Women Voters provides forums such as these as a service to the public. We are a non-partisan organization, and we never support or endorse candidates or political parties."

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League of Women Voters of Central Kane County to Host Candidate Forums for Library and School Board Races in Batavia and St. Charles

BATAVIA, IL – The League of Women Voters of Central Kane County announced two upcoming candidate forums, featuring the candidates who are in contested races for Library Board and School Board in the cities of Batavia and St. Charles, IL. Candidates will appear on the April 1, 2025 Illinois Consolidated Election ballot.

The forums will be live, in-person, and open to the public. They will also be live-streamed and available for later viewing on the websites of the League of Women Voters of Central Kane County ([lwcckil.com](http://lwcckil.com)) and the Illinois Voter Service ([illinoisvoters.org](http://illinoisvoters.org)).

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The Batavia Library Board and School Board Candidate Forum will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at Batavia City Hall, located at 100 N. Island Avenue in Batavia. The following candidates were invited to participate:

**Batavia Library Board:** Christy Ford, Christopher Lowe, Marianne Feasos, Kathryn L. Hubbard, Jennifer Sutton

**Batavia School Board District 121:** Lacey "Keri" Condon-Curtis, Kristin Gehring, Katherine "Yaky" Rasmick, Craig S. Mordue, Aaron Khong, Rose McHul

The St. Charles Library Board and School Board Candidate Forum will be held at 6:00pm on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the St. Charles Public Library, located at 1.5 N Avenue in St. Charles. The following candidates were invited to participate:

**St. Charles Library Board:** Jane S. Shelton, Robert T. Gagliardi, Barbara Dienerbrock, Joseph Gay

**St. Charles School Board District 303:** Heidi J. Fairgrove, Aaron White, Irma Hancock, Elise Palacios, Kimberly Fitch, Thomas Lenz, Antonette Beron-Medina, Katherine Stated Bell

Patti Luckman, Voter Service Chair of the League of Women Voters of Central Kane County, said, "We want to recognize and thank members of the community who step forward to run as candidates for positions on the Library and School Board. These forums will give the community an opportunity to learn more about the candidates' views and priorities. The League of Women Voters provides forums such as these as a service to the public. The more we know about our local candidates, the more confident we can be that they will represent our needs during their terms of office. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization, and we never support or endorse candidates or political parties."

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## MARCH FOURTH

LET'S END MASS SHOOTINGS. PARTICIPATION REQUIRED.

Every day, we lose more lives to gun violence - lives that could have been saved with common-sense legislation. March Fourth is fighting for a **federal assault weapons ban**, and we need your voice to make an impact.

Right now, we're mobilizing support in key states, and your signature on this petition can help push lawmakers to act. **Will you take just 30 seconds to sign and stand with us?** We will take this petition into meetings on the Hill - your signature helps prove that the majority of Americans want Congress to pass laws that will end mass shootings.

In conjunction with the LWV's stance on Gun Violence Prevention, here's an opportunity to take action and "add your voice to the movement for change in America".

Sign the Petition Now to demand that Congress pass laws that will put an end to mass shootings.

March Fourth will personally deliver this petition in 2025.

Last Saturday (1/25/25) members of our League gathered at Andre's Restaurant in Batavia for the annual Program Planning Meeting. This year's focus was on State positions and our League's priority.

Program planning is a unique opportunity for members to gain insight into how we, as a league, define our priorities and focus our efforts. Watch for an email coming to your inbox with a recap.



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