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APRIL ELECTION Local Candidates Forums

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

6:30-8 pm	Bridgeton Mayor	Thurs. March 3	Bridgeton Trails Public Library 3455 McKelvey Rd., 63044
7-8 pm	Hazelwood School Board	Thurs. March 3	HSD Learning Center 15955 New Halls Ferry Rd. 63031
7:30-8:30 pm	Kirkwood R-7 School Board	Mon. March 7	R-7 Admin. Center, Conference Room 11289 Manchester Rd., Kirkwood 63122
7-9 pm	Rockwood School Board	Tues. March 8	Crestview Middle School, 16025 Clayton Rd. 63011
7-9 pm	Florissant Mayor	Wed. March 9	JFK Center 315 Howdershell Rd. 63031
7-8:30 pm	County Assessor	Thurs. March 10	UMSL- Millennium Student Center, No.Campus
7-8:30 pm	Ritenour School Board	Mon. March 14	Ritenour Middle School Cafeteria, 2500 Marshall Ave., 63114
7-9 pm	Wildwood City Council	Thurs. March 24	Wildwood City Hall Council Chambers, 183 Plaza Dr. 63040
7-9 pm	Brentwood School Board	Mon. March 28	Brentwood School District Admin. Office 1201 Hanley Industrial Ct. 63144
7-8:30 pm	Webster Groves School Board	Wed. March 30	Hixson Middle School Auditorium 630 S. Elm & Hwy 44, Webster Groves

Several other forums are in the planning stage. For updates to The Spring 2011 Candidate Forum Schedule and further information on forums, go to lwwstl.org and click on **Calendar**, and then **Candidate Forum Schedule** or Call the LWV 314.961-6869.

LWV Begins its Second Year of Voters Guide Collaboration with the Post-Dispatch

After successfully producing four Voters' Guides this past year (April, August, November 2010 and March 2011), we are gearing up to produce an April 2011 edition. Featuring more than 950 candidates and 30 ballot initiatives, the Guide will cover St. Louis, St. Charles, Lincoln, Franklin, Warren and Jefferson counties and the City of St. Louis for the April 5th election.

The League's work on the Guides has received rave reviews from the public and the Post-Dispatch staff. It has brought increased visibility to our organization, resulting in invitations to facilitate high profile candidate and issue forums, guest opinion columns and other collaborative efforts. In addition to producing the content for the Guides, League volunteers distributed 30,000 copies to local libraries, senior centers, public recreation facilities, churches, YMCAs and Starbucks.

We need all hands on deck beginning March 2nd to research ballot issues, enter candidate information, process candidate photographs and edit and proofread. Please call the office, 314 961-6869 and volunteer to help with this important work.

Kathleen Farrell, Voters Guide

FROM the President...

February and March are the anniversary and birthday for the League. It was here in St Louis the end of March 1919 when the suffragists were meeting in their Jubilee Convention on the top floor of the Renaissance hotel at Washington and 8th. It was here that the League was born when [Carrie Chapman Catt](#) said, let there be raised up a league of women voters to finish the fight and be a memorial to the many women who had worked to gain the right to vote, and they realized it was about to happen but they knew the work was not done.

That same week Missouri delegates went to Jefferson City where the legislature was considering a resolution for women's right to vote. It passed and the Missouri delegates reported to the Convention. In celebration they recessed from the Convention to hold a parade.

Many members working to produce a April election voters guide (see p.1). We will be holding more than 10 candidate forums. The public always learns a lot by seeing and talking to candidates in person.

Lastly the League has a Voters Hotline to answer voters' questions about where do I vote, who is on the ballot, what does a yes or no vote mean on a ballot issue and many other questions.

You can see that the League continues the work of the suffragists (began almost 170 years ago) who believed in the right to vote and who began the work to inform and educate the community to participate in our government.

Linda McDaniel, Co-President

LWVSTL Voter Registration

In 2010 LWVIS was present at 39 Naturalization Ceremonies to register 1,331 new American citizens to vote. Most of the ceremonies were held at the Thomas Eagleton Courthouse; special naturalization ceremonies were held at the Old Courthouse, Parkway South High School, Harris-Stowe State University, and the U. S. Grant Historical Site. The new citizens come from all over Missouri. We sent voter registration forms to 37 Missouri Counties. We register approximately fifty per cent of the new citizens.

LWVIS tries to accommodate all requests for voter registration. The LWV sign was visible at Harrah's Casino, St. Louis Public Schools Open House, YWCA/LWV 90th celebration of the 19th amendment, Festival of Nations, Mehlville School District, Kirkwood School District, Nerinx Hall, and Operation Youth Build. The latter was a class in learning the importance of voting and registering the students to vote. We often don't register many individuals at these sites, but we provide lots of information.

Willing to take the time to get to the sites, which often is longer than it takes to register, were Joan Botwinick, Stefany Brot, Evelyn Buretta, Lori Calcaterra, Esther Clark, Jim Clark, Marj Courtney, Pam DeVoe, Susan Fluegel, Joe Kleeman, Cindy Mitchell, Carol Portman, Mary Beth Reynolds, Judith Smart, Carol Teig, Billie Teneau, and K Wentzien.
Carol Portman, voter registration chair

**An Afternoon with a Good Play & Good Company
is Good for the League****LWVIS - Theatre Party - Fun Fund Raiser**

Things didn't look promising for the annual Theater Party on the morning of February 5th. Four to six inches of snow had fallen overnight on the metropolitan area. But by 10:30 the sun was out, the caterer was on his way to set up and the show was on! Friends of the League braved the snowy roads and turned out to enjoy the afternoon. The Mustard Seed Theatre's production of Shadowlands, the story of C.S. Lewis and American poet Joy Gresham's extraordinary relationship, drew rave reviews. Michael Brightman's food was terrific.

Special thanks to Patti Walley who secured the play and helped us manage the event, Julie Behrens who went above and beyond the call of duty, and Sydell Shayer, who with her usual grace, persuaded folks to open their wallets.

We could have been successful without our sponsors: Anonymous, Mary Brown, Mary Ellen Brucker, Lori Calcaterra, Becky Clausen, Marj Courtney, Helen Davis, Sue Dellbringge, Kay Dusenbery, Naomi and Bob Edmonds, Janet Fales, Kathleen Farrell and Julian Long, Doris Flowers, Susan Fluegel, Agnes and Dave Garino, Eve and Jeffrey Golden, Pat Gray, Andrea Jackson, Suzanne Kirkpatrick, Yvonne Logan, Renee Michelson, Cindy and Tom Mitchell, Jeanne Morrell-Franklin and Bob Franklin, Julia Muller and Earl Shreckengast, Thomas Newcomb Jr., Marty Ott, Mary Beth Reynolds, Pat Rich, Sydell and Larry Shayer, Judith and Clifford Smart, Marion Stuvland, Peggy and Bill Vickroy, Paul and K Wentzien, and Pat and Vicky Witte. Special thanks to our corporate sponsor Gabe Grossberg and Delmar Gardens.

In addition to our sponsors, we also thank those who supported us by purchasing tickets. We netted over \$7,000 to support the League and the League Information Service.
-Kathleen Farrell, Development Chair

**Save the Date
Sat. April 30 -**

LWVSTL Annual Mtg.
Contact the League:
314.961-6869 or
lwvstl.org for more
information.

**Tributes & Memorials
to the LWV
Information
Service**

**In Memory of
Selma Schlafman**
from Stuart & Toby
Epstein, Nancy
Georgen, Marta &
[Mike Goldberg](#), Carol
Portman, and [David
Robbins](#).

**In Honor of Larry &
Sydell Shayer's
birthdays**
from Agnes Garino and
[Irv & Vivian Siegel](#).

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Agnes Garino, Editor

April 2011 St. Louis County Elections

Tues. April 5 is election day for many jurisdictions in St. Louis County. The number in parentheses () shows the number of candidates a voter may vote for. "W- wards. Ald. Aldermen/ women. Unopposed *. All 2- year terms unless indicated, # of candidates. Prop. - proposition. All require simple majority unless indicated. **GOB - general obligation bonds.**

Ballwin: Mayor*, Ald - W 1, 2, 3*, 4

Bel-Nor: Trustee (3) #4

Bel-Ridge: Trustee (5), #9

Bella Villa: Ald., W 1*, 2*, 3*

Bellefontaine Neighbors: Mayor #5, 4 yr. term

Bellerive Acres: Trustee (2) #2

Prop. A - business license fee graduated.

Beverly Hills: Ald.—W 1*, 2*

Black Jack: Mayor #2 - 4 yr. term; Treasurer*, Councilperson—W 1*, 2*, 3, 4* - 2 yr. term

Breckenridge Hills: Council Member—W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*

Brentwood: Mayor*; Municipal Judge #2; Ald. W 1*, 2, 3*, 4* - all 4 yr. terms

Bridgeton: Mayor #3 4 yr. term; Municipal Judge*; Council Member W 1, 2*, 3, 4

Calverton Park: Trustee (3), #5

Champ: Trustee (5)*

Charlack: Ald.—W 1*, 2

Chesterfield: Mayor #4(2 yr. unexp. term) Councilmember W 1*, 2, 3*, 4

Clarkson Valley: Mayor* - 4 yr. term; Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*

Clayton: Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3 - 3 yr. term

Cool Valley: Ald. W 1*, 2 - 4 yr. term

Country Club Hills: Mayor #2 - 4 yr. term; Ald. -W 1*, 2*

Country Life Acres: Trustee (3) #4

Crestwood: Mayor #2- 3 yr. terms

Creve Coeur: Council Member—W 1, 2*, 3, 3* (1 yr. unexpired term); 4

Crystal Lake Park: Ald. -W 1*, 2*

Dellwood: Mayor #2; Collector #2; Ald. W 1, 2*, 3*, 4*

Des Peres: Municipal Judge*, Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*,

Edmundson: Mayor #3; Ald. W 1*, 2*

Ellisville: Prop. A - 1/2% sales tax capital improvements

Eureka: Mayor #2- 4 yr. term; City Collector* - 4 yr. term; Ald. W 1, 2*, 3*

Fenton: Mayor #2; Collector - no candidate filed; -Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*;

Prop. 1 -Bd of Ald. to appt. Collector

Ferguson: Mayor - 3 yr. term;

Prop. S - 4/7 vote required, \$11 mi. GOB public safety improvements.

Flordell Hills: Mayor*; Ald. - W 1, 2*

Florissant - Mayor #6 & Municipal Judge

#2-4 yr. terms; Ald. W 2*, 4, 6, 8* - 3 yr. terms

Frontenac - Mayor*, Ald. W 1*, 2, 3*

Glen Echo Park - (3) #4

Glendale - Mayor, Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*

Grantwood Village -(3) #4

Greendale - Mayor #2 -4 yr. term;

Marshall - no candidate filed; Ald. W. 1, 2*,

Green Park: Mayor #2; Ald. W 1*, 2, 3*

Hanley Hills: Trustee (5), #4

Hazelwood: Councilmember W 2*, 4*, 6*, 8* - 3 yr. terms

Hillsdale: Trustee (2), #2

Huntleigh: Ald. W 1*, 2*

Jennings: Mayor - 4 yr. term;

Council W 1, 2, 3, 4

Kinloch: - Mayor* - 4 yr. term

Ladue: Mayor #2 - 4 yr. term; Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3*

Lakeshire: Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3*;

Mackenzie: Trustee (3), #3

Manchester: Ald. - W 1, 2*, 3

Maplewood: Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3*

Marlborough: Trustee (3), #3

Maryland Heights: Councilman—W 1*, 2*, 3, 4*

Moline Acres: Mayor* - 4 yr. term;

Ald. - W 1*, 2

Normandy: Council Member—W

1*, 2, 3*, 4*

Northwoods: Mayor #2; City

Collector*; Ald. W 1, 2*, 3*, 4

Norwood Court: Trustees (3) #3

Oakland: Mayor*, Ald. - W 1*, 2*

Olivette: Councilmember (2) #2 -3 yr. term

Overland: Councilman W 1*, 2, 3*, 4

Pacific: Ald. - W 1- 2 yr. term.

Pasadena Hills: Mayor #2, Ald. W 1, 2, (1 yr. unexpired term) 2 -

Pasadena Park: Trustee (3), #3

Pine Lawn: Ald. - W 1, 2, 3, 4*

Riverview: Trustee (3) #5

Rock Hill: Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3

Prop. S: \$3.5 mi. GOB for streets & stormwater control -4/7 required

Shrewsbury: Ald. W 1*, 2, 3*

St. Ann: Mayor - 4 yr. term; Ald. W

1, 2, 3*, 4, 5

St. George: Mayor* - 3 yr. unexpired term, Ald. - W 1*, 2- no candidate filed,

2* - 1 yr. unexp. term, 3

St. John: Council - W 1, 2* - 3 yr. terms;

Sunset Hills: Ald. W 1, 2*, 3*, 4*

Sycamore Hills: Trustee (3), #2

Town and Country: Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*

Twin Oaks: Trustee (2), #3

Uplands Park: Trustee (2) #3

Valley Park: Ald. -W 1, 2*, 3, 4;

Prop. A - Annexation proposal - yes/no;

St. Louis County, Boundary Comm. -

Spec. Annexation area - yes/no

Velda City: Ald. W 1*, 2*

Velda Village Hills: Trustee (3) #5

Vinita Park: Ald. W 1, 2, 3; **Prop. C**

Collector to be appt.

Vinita Terrace: Trustee (3) #4

Warson Woods: Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*

Wellston: Council W 1*, 3*, 5*

Westwood: Trustee (3), #3

Wilbur Park: Trustee (3) #3

Wildwood: Council Member—W

1*, 2*, 3, 4*, 6*, 7*, 8

Winchester: Ald.—W 1*, 2

Woodson Terrace: Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4* -4 yr. terms

St. Louis COUNTY ASSESSOR

Because of recent voter approval the position of county assessor will be filled by election for a 4-year term. The County Assessor position is currently appointed.

Candidates:

Jake Zimmerman - D

L.K. (Chip) Wood - R

The Saint Louis County Assessor is required by Missouri State Statute 137.115 to establish the fair market value of all real property as of January 1 of every odd year (like 2011 and 2013). The assessed value is applied to the tax rates established by the taxing districts to determine the amount of tax levied against a property.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Through Monday, April 4, the County Election Board Absentee Department is open Monday -Friday (7 am – 5 pm). Saturdays, March 26 and April 2 is open 9 am – 1 pm to vote absentee for the April 5 election.



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April School District Elections

SLCC – Subdistrict 2- includes part of the City of St. Louis
Trustee (1) #4 - 6 yr. term

St. Louis City Board of Education

4 yr. term

David L. Jackson, Jr.

Katherine Wessling

County School Districts

Directors - all 3 yr. terms unless indicated. All general obligation bonds (GOB): 4/7 majority required. Districts where there are an equal # of candidates and positions are not required to hold an election for school board.

Affton: Dir. (3) #4

Brentwood: Dir. (3) - #5; Dir. (1) - #3 (1 yr. unexp. term)

Ferguson R-2: Dir. (3) #9

Hancock Place: Dir. (3) #4

Prop. P: \$15 mi. bond issue for construction, equipping, repairs for facilities - est. debt service levy \$1.01@\$100AV

Hazelwood: Dir. (3) #4

Jennings: Dir. (3) #4; **PROP. J** - \$11.5 mi. GOB for facility improvements increase from \$.51 to \$.98 @\$100 AV.

Kirkwood: Dir. (3) #4

Lindbergh: Dir. (3) #6

Mehlville R-9: Dir. (3) #9

Meramec Valley R-111: Dir. (3) #4

Normandy: Dir. (3) #5

Parkway: Dir. (3) #4

Ritenour: Dir. (3) #5

Rockwood R-VI: Dir. (3) #6

Valley Park: Dir. (3) #5

Webster Groves: Dir. (3) #4

FIRE & EMS DISTRICTS

Directors - 6 year terms

Prop. - simple majority

Black Jack: Dir. (1) #2

Community: Dir. (1) #2

Florissant Valley: Dir. (1) #2

Lemay: Dir. (1) #2

Mehlville: Dir. (1) #4; **Prop. S:** consolidates funds, levy the same;

Metro West: Dir. (1) #2

Monarch: Dir. (1) #2

Northeast Ambulance/Fire: Dir. (1) #4; (1) #3 -4 yr. unexp. term; (1) #4 -2 yr. unexp. term.

Pacific: Dir. (1) #4

Riverview: Dir. (1) #3

Valley Park: Dir. (1) #2

VOTE 6 am - 7 pm
Voter Information LWVIS:
961-6869

March 8 - City Primary

Voters will select party nominees for president of the board of alderman and for Aldermen in even-numbered wards.

Voters vote only one party ballot:

Democratic(D), Green(G), Republican(R).

Voters will elect these officials on April 5.

Unopposed candidates: (only one candidate from one party on ballot.) Ward - 2, 8, 14, 18, 26, 28 - all Democrats.

President of Board of Aldermen: (1-D, 1-G).

Wards: 4(1-D,1-G), 6(2 D), 10(1-D, 1-R), 12(1-D, 1-R), 16 (3-D), 20(3-D,1-G),22(D-1, G-1), 24(D-4).

Voters Guide: 2-18-11 STLPost-Dispatch, www.stltoday.com (voters guide) or www.lwvstl.org.

APRIL 5- CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION

In addition to the winners of the primary, an independent will be a candidate for 24th Ward Ald. and school district elections.

Earnings Tax issue: Voters will be asked whether they want to retain or eliminate the city earnings tax. This vote is required because of the approval in Nov. 2010 of Constitutional Amend. 1.

Absentee Voting

The City Absentee Dept. will be open Mon.-Fri. 8 am-5 pm & on Sat., March 26 and Sat., April 2 from 9 am-1 pm to vote absentee for the April 5 election.