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APRIL ELECTION Local Candidates Forums

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

7 pm St. Louis 8 th Ward Alderman	Tues. Feb. 17	Mullanphy School Gym 4221 Shaw 63110
5 pm St. Louis 20 th Ward Alderman	Sun. Feb. 22	Dunn Learning Ctr. 3113 Gasconade 63118
6:30 pm St. Louis 7 th Ward Alderman	Tues. Feb. 24	Downtown St. Louis Public Library Auditorium 1301 Olive 63103
7 pm Kirkwood R-7 School Board	Mon. March 2	Kirkwood H.S. Keating Ctr. 801 W. Essex, 63122
7 pm Ritenour School Board	Wed. March 11	Ritenour Adm. Ctr. Board Room., 63114
7-8pm Rockwood School Board	Thurs. March 12	Crestview Middle School 16025 Clayton Rd. 63011
7 pm Brentwood Mayor	Wed. March 18	Brentwood School District Conference Ctr. 1201 Hanley Industrial Ct. 63144
7 pm Ladue School Board	Mon. March 24	Ladue Middle School Cafeteria 9701 Conway Rd., 63124
7-9 pm Parkway School Board	Thurs. March 26	Parkway Middle School Commons Area 471 N. Woods Mill Rd., 63017

Ferguson City Council

March

Several other forums are in the planning stage. For updates to The Spring 2015 Candidate Forum Schedule and further information on forums, go to lwwstl.org and click on **Calendar**, and then **Candidate Forum Schedule** or Call the LWW 314-961-6869.

Roblee Foundation Funds Your Voice is Your Vote program

The League of Women Voters of St. Louis has received a \$9,950 grant from the Roblee Foundation to fund our proposal to increase participation in local and state politics in two key populations who have had low participation rates: new citizens and young adults.

The objectives for the *Your Voice is Your Vote* program are:

- To increase knowledge about state and local government.
- To increase participation in the political process such as attending public meetings, and communicating with public officials.
- To increase rates of voting in local elections.
- To develop voting habits in young adults and new citizens.

We will hold workshops in partnership with the International Institute and summits with student government organizations. Work on these programs will begin in late March.

Upon request of the Roblee Foundation, in January the League submitted a second grant proposal to fund a Youth Local Government Observer Corp program in four North St. Louis County high schools. The objectives of this program would be to engage high school students in their city and county councils and school boards. Students would not only learn about those local governments, but would observe their meetings, and learn to advocate for issues that affect them. We will find out if our proposal is funded later this spring.

Opportunities to Make a Difference!

St. Louis League members joined fellow League members from around the state on Legislative Day in January visiting **every single** state legislator's office, sharing our legislative priorities and letting them know that we will be spending time in Jefferson City to advocate for our positions.

We are heartened that some ethics legislation is being introduced that would make legislators wait two years after they are out of office to become lobbyists and more requirements to disclose the source of campaign donations. We are urging legislators to go even further to move Missouri out of last place for campaign ethics regulations.

We testified against the Photo Voter I.D. proposed constitutional amendment because it restricts voters' rights. We believe that the legislature should address the real problem about voting--low voter turnout.

Requests for our services are coming in almost every day. We are holding more voter registration events than ever before, we already have 10 candidate forums scheduled this spring with more in the works, and we are negotiating a very important city council candidate forum for the City of Ferguson. Kudos to Pat Jones for organizing very successful candidate forums and Catherine Stenger, Barbara Harris and the mighty group of volunteer registrars.

Ballots for the March primaries in St. Louis City and the local elections in April are posted. You know what that means! The Voters Guide work begins. This is the big one with over 1,000 candidates and around 75 ballot issues. It's going to be quite a year.

Linda McDaniel Kathleen Farrell
Co-Presidents

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS

Trivia Night

Sat. March 7

Doors Open at 6, Trivia at 7 pm

General Trivia with some Politically Themed Questions

First Congregational Church

10 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves Corner of Lockwood and Elm

Tickets: \$25 per person. Tables of 10

Soda, Water and Snacks Provided or Bring your own food and drink

Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle, Games

Round Sponsorships - \$150

Cash Prize for Highest Scoring Table

Register, Pay, Directions, Flyers @www.LWVSTL.org

Information and Reservations:

314-807-8346 patjones@lwvstl.org

The League of Women Voters Successful Annual Theatre Party

Eighty-six League members and friends enjoyed the Mustard Seed Theatre's production of "All is Calm" and a delicious buffet on a Sunday in November.

Thank you for supporting the information and education work of the League of Women Voters Information Service, which provides year round voting, election and educational services to its members and the community. League members are the volunteers who do the work of the Information Service.

Thank you to Major Sponsor Delmar Gardens Enterprises Sponsors: Liz & Rick Aurbach, Anne Bader, Lois Bliss, Mary Brown, Mary Ellen Brucker, Becky Clausen, Sue Dellbringge, Kathleen Farrell & Julian Long, Susan Fluegel, Agnes Garino, Eve & Jeff Golden, Deborah & Jack Howard, Yvonne Logan, Nancy & Bill Miller, Cynthia Mitchell, Jeanne Morrel-Franklin, Mary Beth Reynolds, Joyce Schuetz, Sydell & Lawrence Shayer, Judith Smart, Catherine Stenger, Marion Stuvland, K & Paul Wentzien.

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More than \$7,100 was raised for the support of the Information Service. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

April 2015 St. Louis County Elections

Tues. April 7th 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 #2, 2#2 - 1 yr. Unexp. Term, 3*, 4*

Bel-Nor: Trustee (3) #3

Prop. 4 - change status from village to 4th class city, Mayor & Ald.

Prop. A - if Prop. 4 passes shall Mayor & Ald. appt. chief of police & collector

Bel-Ridge: Trustee (5), #8

Bella Villa: Ald., W 1*, 2 no candidate filed, 3*

Bellefontaine Neighbors: Mayor* 4 yr. term

Bellerive Acres: Trustee (2) #2

Prop. 1 - change status from village to 4th class city, Mayor & Ald.

Prop. 2 - if **Prop. 1** passes shall Mayor & Ald. appt. administrative personnel

Beverly Hills: Ald.—W 1*, 2*

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

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

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

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

Prop. A - incr. Hotel/motel tax @ room

Calverton Park: Mayor #2, Ald. 1 #2 & 2 #3- Ald. 2 yr. term candidate with most votes & 1 yr. term candidate with next most votes.

Prop. 1 - replace elected city marshal & collector with appt. chief of police & collector; **Prop. 2** - up to 6% tax on gross receipts of utilities, incl. cellular & telephone, etc.;

Prop. 3 - max. \$2,000 per tower/antennae

Champ: Trustee (5)*

Charlack: Mayor #2, Ald.- W 1 #2, 2 #2

Chesterfield: Council W 1 #3, 2*, 3*, 4*

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

Clayton: Ald. W 1 #2, 2 #2, 3 #3 - 3 yr. terms

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

Country Club Hills: Mayor #3, Ald. - W 1*, 2* - 4 yr. terms; **Prop. S** - ¼% sales tax for police & other city services

Country Life Acres: Trustee (3) #3

Crestwood: Ald. - W 1*, 2 #2, 3*, 4#2 -- 3 yr. terms

Creve Coeur: Mayor* - 3 yr. term, Council - W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*

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

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

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

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

Ellisville: Mayor #2 - 3 yr. term; Council D - 1 #2, 2#2, 3* - 4 yr. terms

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

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

Ferguson: Ald. W 1 #4, 2 #2, 3 #2 - 3 yr. terms

Flordell Hills: Mayor*; Ald. - W 1*, 2 no candidate filed

Florissant - Mayor #2 & Municipal Judge * - 4 yr. terms; Ald. W 1*, 3*, 5*, 7*, 9 #3 - 3 yr. term

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

Glen Echo Park - Trustee (3) #1

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

Grantwood Village - Trustee(3) #3

Greendale - Mayor* - 4 yr. term; Ald at large #2

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

Hanley Hills: Trustee (5) #6

Hazelwood: Mayor* - 3 yr. term;

Prop. P - ¼% sales tax for police, parks, etc.

Hillsdale: Trustee (2), #2

Huntleigh: Ald. W 1*, 2*

Jennings: Mayor #5 - 4 yr. term; Council W 1 #3, 2 #4, 3 #2, 4#3

Kinloch: - Mayor #2 - 4 yr. term; A - W 1*- unexp. term ending 4-16

Kirkwood: **Prop. 1** - ¼% sales tax for fire

Ladue: Mayor*; Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 2* unexpired term ending 4-16, 3*

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

Mackenzie: Trustee (3) #3

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

Maplewood: Council - W 1*, 2*, 3* - 4yr terms

Marlborough: Trustee (3) #3

Maryland Heights: Council - W 1 #2, 2*, 3 #3, 4*

Moline Acres: Mayor #2 - 4 yr. term; Ald. - W 1*, 2*

Normandy: Council - W 1 #2, 2#2, 3*, 4#2

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

Norwood Court: Trustees (3) #5

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

Olivette: Council (1) #2 - 3 yr. term

Overland: Council W 1*, 2 #2, 3 #3, 4 #3

Pacific: Ald.- W 1*

Pasadena Hills: Mayor #2, Ald. W 1*, 2 #2,

Pasadena Park: Trustee (3) #3

Prop. A - up to 5% gross receipts tax on telecom services

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

Riverview: Trustee (3) #5

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

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

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

St. John: Council - W 1 #2, 2* - 3 yr. terms; **Prop. S** - ¼% sales tax rate for safety & security

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

Sycamore Hills: Trustee (3) #3

Prop. V - eliminate elections when # of candidates for a particular position = # of positions in the office

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

Twin Oaks: Trustee (3), #4

U.City: **Prop. S** - \$20 mi. GOB streets, sidewalks, etc; **Prop. P** - \$5 mi. GOB for parks - **both req.4/7**

Uplands Park: Trustee (2) #5

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

Velda City: Ald. W 1*, 2*

Velda Village Hills: Trustee(3) #5

Vinita Park: Ald. W 1 #2, 2*, 3#3

Vinita Terrace: Trustee (3) #5

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

Wellston: Council W 1 #3, 3 #2, 5 #3

Westwood: Trustee (3) #2

Wilbur Park: Trustee (3) #3

Prop. 1 - eliminate elections when # of candidates for a particular position = # of positions in the office

Wildwood: Council —W 1*, 2**, 3*, 4*, 6*, 7**, 8* - **2yr term candidate 1 with most votes; 1yr term next most

Winchester: Ald.- W 1 #3, 2#2

Woodson Terrace: Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4* - 4 yr. terms; **Prop.. C** - appt. Collector;

Prop. P - appt. Chief of Police



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**April School Board Elections
St. Louis City Board of Education**

4 yr. Term - Vote for 2
Natalie Vowell
Thomas Oldenburg
David L. Jackson, Jr.
Katherine Wessling
Charli A. Cooksey
Joey C. Hollins

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. (2) #3
Clayton: Dir. (2) - #3
Ferguson R-2: Dir. (2) #5
Prop. I - \$31 mi. Bonds for building, technology, maintenance, etc. Rate unchanged
Hancock Place: Dir. (2) #3
Hazelwood: Dir. (2) #3
Kirkwood: Dir. (2) #4
Ladue: (2) #5
Lindbergh: Dir. (2) #4
Maplewood-RHTS. - Dir. (2) #3

Prop. K - \$6.1mi. Bonds for constructing, renovating, furnishing etc. schools, \$.15 increase from \$1.20 to \$1.35 @ \$100 AV

Mehlville: Dir. (2) #4
Parkway: Dir. (2) #3
Ritenour: Dir. (2) #3
Rockwood R-VI: Dir. (1) #2-1yr. unexp. term; **Prop. 4** - \$68.95 mi. bonds school improvements, technology, energy improvements; rate unchanged

U. City - Dir. (2) #3
Valley Park: Dir. (2) #4
Webster Groves: Dir. (2) #2
Prop. S - \$.7043 increase in operating levy to \$5.9385; **Prop. W** - \$28mi. Bonds for construction, renovating, etc. schools

FIRE & EMS DISTRICTS

**Directors - 6 year terms
Prop.- simple majority**
Maryland Hts.: Dir. (1)*
Metro West: Dir. (1) #2
Monarch: Dir. (1) #2
Pacific: Dir. (1) #2
Riverview: Dir. (1) #4
Roberston: Dir. (1) #4
Spanish Lake: Dir. (1) #2
West County EMS - Prop. F - \$.30@ \$100AV general fund
Meramec Ambulance - Prop. E - up to \$.13 tax levy @ \$100 AV

**St. Louis Co. Council - 6th District
unexpired term of Steve Stenger - ending 12/16**

D - Kevin O'Leary - 63129
R - Tony Pousosa - 63123

March 3rd - City Primary

*Voters will select party nominees for president of the Board of Aldermen and for Aldermen. Voters vote only one party ballot: Democratic (D), Green(G), Republican(R). Voters will elect these officials on April 4. **Unopposed candidates: (only one candidate from one party on ballot.) Ward - 14, 16 both Democrats.***

President of Board of Aldermen: (2-D, 1-R,1-G).
Wards: 2(4-D,1-G) 4(2-D), 6(1-D, 1-R, 1-G),7(3-D) to fill vacancy, 8 (2-D, 1-R), 10(1-D, 1-R), 12(2- D), 13(1-D, 1-R), 15(2-D, 1-R), 18(1-D, 1-R), 20(3-D,1-G), 22 (3-D, 1-G), 24(2-D, 1-R), 26(2-D, 1-G), 28(2-D, 1-G)

Voters Guide for the April election: in STL Post-Dispatch late March; www.stltoday.com (voters guide) or www.lwvstl.org.

APRIL 7 - St. Louis MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Winners of the primary, school board candidates & the following issues will be on the ballot:

Lafayette Square Special Business District from 2015-2019 &
DeBaliviere Place Special Business District from 2015-2024
to levy a real property tax not to exceed \$.85@ \$100AV in each of the districts.