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Local Election Spring Candidates Forums

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

6:30 St. Louis Mayor - Primary	Wed. Feb. 27	Forest Park CC, Mildred Bastian Theatre 5600 Oakland Ave
7:30-8:30 pm Kirkwood R-7 School Board	Mon. March 4	North Kirkwood Middle School Library 11287 Manchester Rd., Kirkwood
7-8 pm Rockwood School Board	Tues. March 5	Crestview Middle School, 18025 Clayton Rd.
7 pm Parkway School Board	Mon. March 11	Parkway So. Middle School Pavilion, 760 Woods Mill Rd.
7 pm Ladue School Board	Wed. March 13	Ladue Middle School Cafeteria, 9701 Conway Rd., Ladue
7-9 pm Wildwood City Council	Thurs. March 14	Wildwood City Hall Council Chambers, 16860 Main St., Wildwood

As always, the forums are not possible without our volunteers. Volunteers are needed to moderate, time, collect cards, or be in charge of the League information table at the forums, please contact the League office.

Several other forums are in the planning stage. For updates to The Spring 2013 Candidate Forums 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.

March 5 - St. Louis Primary

to select party nominees for Mayor, Comptroller, Aldermen in odd-numbered wards. Voters vote only **one** party ballot: Democratic(D), Green(G), Republican(R). Voters will elect these officials on April 2.

Mayor - (D) Francis G. Slay, Jimmie Matthews, Lewis Reed

(G) James Eldon McNeely

Comptroller - (D) * (G)*

Unopposed aldermanic ward candidates:

(D) 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25

(G) 7, 9

(R) 23

W - 6 unexp. term (D) - 3 candidates;
(G)

Voters Guide: STLPost-Dispatch,
www.stltoday.com (voters guide) or
www.lwwstl.org.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY - SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE ARCH AND PUBLIC PARKS INITIATIVE - SIMPLE MAJORITY REQUIRED

April 2nd Ballot

PROPOSITION P

For the purpose of increasing safety, security, and public accessibility for the Gateway Arch grounds and local, county and regional parks and trails for families and disabled and elderly visitors, and for providing expanded activities and improvements of such areas, shall St. Louis County join such other of St. Charles County and the City of St. Louis to impose a three-sixteenths of one cent sales tax in addition to the existing one-tenth of one cent sales tax applied to such purposes, with sixty percent of the revenue derived from the added tax allocated to the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District for Gateway Arch grounds and other regional park and trail improvements, and the remaining forty percent allocated to St. Louis County for local and County park improvements as authorized by the County Council of St. Louis County under Ordinance No.25,354 on the 16 day of January, 2013, with such tax not to include the sale of food and prescription drugs and to be subject to an independent annual public audit?

(see p. 2 for explanation of issue)

St. Louis MARCH 5 • City & County APRIL 2 • VOTE 6am-7pm

From the Presidents.... Our League and Our Community: Working towards the future in 2013

The new year is just underway but the League office is bustling with activity. January unit meetings conducted serious conversations about **LWVSTL's priorities and opportunities to serve our community.** While there are many groups working on various issues, only the League concentrates on improving the election process and providing the public with quality non-partisan information about candidates and issues. We asked ourselves a number of questions: What does the League do best? What are our top voter service and advocacy priorities? How can we make a difference in our own communities?

There is important work to be done! **Candidate forums** began with the St. Louis Mayoral Candidates Forum in the newly renovated Central Library on January 29th. In the midst of a thunderstorm, and 450 citizens filled the auditorium, and two overflow rooms and heard their questions answered. We will be holding more forums throughout February and March across the region. The April Voters Guide challenges us with over 1,000 candidates and 100 ballot issues to cover.

Voter registration continues under Carol Portman's leadership. We have been asked by the ACLU to facilitate an important community forum about the new locally controlled St. Louis Police Department board. And we are meeting with the St. Louis City and County Election Boards to discuss ways to improve the election process for our citizens. Some of our members have been carrying out the League's mission for decades. Now is the time to identify those in our circles who share our values and recruit them to join us.

Read up on the candidates and important ballot issues we will consider this April. Help empower the electorate. **Call the League office to lend a hand: 314-961-6869.**

Our community needs a growing and vital League of Women Voters.

Kathleen Farrell Linda McDaniel
Co-presidents

Proposition P Safe and Accessible Arch and Public Parks Initiative

Explanation: This proposal would increase the sales tax in St Louis County by 3/16 of a cent (less than 2 cents for every \$10 in retail purchases). The revenues would be distributed as follows: 40% to local and county parks, 60% to Great Rivers Greenway (GRG). Of the 60% to GRG, half would go to regional parks and trails and half to the CityArchRiver 2015 project. The revenues would be distributed as follows: 40% to local and county parks, 30% to GRG for regional parks and trails and 30% to the CityArchRiver2015 project. **The tax will not be levied on the sale of food and prescription drugs, and will be subject to an independent annual public audit.**

What the proposal would do? The funds from this sales tax increase will make it possible for St. Louis County to make much-needed improvements and maintenance upgrades to its parks and facilities and to make the region's parks safe and accessible to users of all abilities. It would provide additional funding to extend and maintain the GRG program of trails, including the River Ring project and community trails. The Arch Grounds and parks of the Greater St Louis Region are a natural resource and provide for green space and a more sustainable area.

Background: In 1935 the City of St Louis dedicated funds toward the creation of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. The city of St Louis paid 25% of the cost of the construction of the Arch. The Clean Water, Safe Parks & Community Trails ballot issue (Prop C) in 2000 created the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District known as Great Rivers Greenway (GRG). GRG is the steward of funds received by CityArchRiver 2015 project as a result of Prop P.

Proponents say:

1. After suffering significant budget cuts in recent years, many regional parks must address repair and upkeep issues. In addition, the funds are designated to make safety and accessibility improvements to parks regionally so that all residents may enjoy the region's natural assets.
2. The improvement of the Arch grounds and expansion of trails will promote a more sustainable region and decrease the potential for flooding along the Mississippi.
3. Proposition P will provide a steady and predictable source of public money to encourage private donations to overhaul the monuments grounds and bring jobs and visitors to the region.

Opponents say:

1. A 3/16 of a cent sales tax increase is a burden on low income people and is a regressive tax.
2. Now is not the time to add yet another sales tax increase. The increase in sales tax could discourage visitors to the region. It could decrease spending in the local economy as people go to neighboring counties for purchases. There are enough taxes.
3. There already is a tax for the Great River Greenway passed in 2000.

LWVIS
Annual Spring
Theatre Party &
Auction
Watch for date,
time and
performance

Save the Date
Sat. April 27-

LWVSTL Annual Mtg.
The Highlands Golf &
Tennis Ctr. Forest Park
11:30 am
Luncheon Buffet
Followed by Speaker
Contact the League:
314.961-6869 or
lwvstl.org for information.

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

In Memory of **Doris Buzzell**

Nancy Bowser
Norma Jean Downey
Kathleen Farrell
Agnes Garino
Cindy Mitchell

In Honor of
Mary Beth Reynolds
St. Luke's United Methodist
Women

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Metro News....
Celebrating 35
years of
Publication

April 2013 St. Louis County Elections

Tues. April 2 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. Incr.- increase

Ballwin: Mayor*, Ald - W 1,2*, 3*, 4*
Bel-Nor: Trustee (3) #3
Bel-Ridge: Trustee (5), #6
Prop. S - lateral sewer charge incr.
Bella Villa: Ald., W 1*, 2*, 3*
Bellerive Acres: Trustee (2) #2
Berkeley: \$3.mi GOB police facility & related improvements. 4/7 majority
Beverly Hills: Mayor - 4 yr. term, Ald.—W 1*, 2*
Black Jack: Treasurer; Council - W 1*, 2*, 3, 4*
Breckenridge Hills: Council - W 1*, 2*, 3, 4*
Bridgeton: Municipal Judge*; Council W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*
Calverton Park: Trustee (3) #4
Champ: Trustee (5)*
Charlack: Mayor, Ald.—W 1, 2
Chesterfield: Mayor 4-yr. term Council W 1, 2*, 3, 4
Clarkson Valley: Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*
Clayton: Mayor - 3 yr. term;
Cool Valley: Ald. W 1*, 2 - 4 yr. terms
Country Life Acres: Trustee (3) #3
Crestwood: Ald. W 1*, 2, 3, 4-3 yr. terms
Creve Coeur: Council - W 1, 2, 3*, 4*
Crystal Lake Park: Ald. - W 1*, 2*
Dellwood: Mayor; Collector*; Ald. W 1, 2, 3*, 4
Des Peres: Municipal Judge, Ald. - W 1, 2*, 3*,
Edmundson: Mayor*; Ald. W 1*, 2
Ellisville: Council: Dist. 1, 2, 3 - 4 yr. terms
Eureka: Marshal* - 4 yr. term; Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3*
Fenton: Mayor; Ald. W 1, 2*, 2* (unexp. term till 4-14), 3*, 4*;
Ferguson: Council - W 1, 2, 3* - 3 yr. terms;
Flordell Hills: Mayor*; Ald. - W 1*, 2 (no candidate filed)
Florissant - Council - W 4* (unexp. term till 4-14)
Frontenac: Mayor*, Ald. - W 1, 2*, 3
Glen Echo Park: Trustee (3), #2
Glendale - Mayor*, Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*
Grantwood Village: Trustee (3) #6;
Prop. S -lateral sewer charge

Greendale - Ald. at large (2) #2
Green Park: Mayor*; Ald. W 1*, 2*, 3*
Hanley Hills: Trustee (5), #6
Hazelwood: Councilmember W 1*, 3*, 5*, 7* - 3 yr. terms
Hillsdale: Trustee (2), #2
Huntleigh: Ald. W - 1*, 2*
Jennings: Council W 1, 2*, 3*, 4
Kinloch: -Ald. W - 1*, 1* (unexp. term till 4-16), 2* - 4 yr. terms
Ladue: Mayor*; Council - W 1*, 2*, 3*
Lakeshire: Ald. - W 1*, 2, 3*;
Mackenzie: Trustee (3), #3
Manchester: Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3
Maplewood: Mayor*; Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3* - all 4 yr. terms
Marlborough: Trustee (3), #3
Maryland Heights: Council - W 1, 2*, 3, 4* 6ret
Moline Acres: Ald. - W 1, 2
Prop. S - \$2.5 mi. GOB - for streets
Normandy: Mayor - 4 yr. term; Council - W 1*, 2*, 3, 4
Northwoods: Mayor; Collector*; Ald. - W 1, 2*, 3*, 4*
Norwood Court: Trustees (3) #5
Prop. A - 1/2 of 1% sales tax for capital improvements
Oakland: Mayor*, Ald. - W 1*, 2*
Olivette: Council (2) #2-3 yr. term
Overland: Council W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*
Pacific: Ald. - W 1*
Pagedale - Ald. - 1, 2*, 3 - 4 yr. terms
Pasadena Hills: Mayor*, Ald. W 1*, 2,
Prop. T - Gen. property tax rate \$1/\$100AV
Pasadena Park: Trustee (3), #3
Pine Lawn: Mayor; Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3, 4*
Richmond Hts. - Council Dist. 3, (unexp. term till 4-16);
Prop. S- lateral sewer charge incr.
Riverview: Trustee (3) #5
Rock Hill: Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3*
Shrewsbury: Ald. W 1, 2*, 3*
St. Ann: Marshal-Collector - 4 yr. term; Ald. - W 1, 2*, 3*, 4*
St. John: Mayor; Council - W 1, 2 - 3 yr. terms
Sunset Hills: Ald. W 1, 2*, 3*, 4
Sycamore Hills: Trustee (3), #3

Town and Country: Mayor - 4 yr. term; Ald. - W 1*, 2*, 3*, 4*
Twin Oaks: Trustee (3), #6
Uplands Park: Trustee (2) #6
Valley Park: Mayor (unex. term till 4-14) Ald. - W 1, 2*, 3, 4;
Velda City: Mayor* - 4 yr. term; Ald. W - 1*, 2
Velda Village Hills: Trustee (3) #7
Vinita Park: Ald. W - 1*, 2, 3;
Vinita Terrace: Trustee (3) #3
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 - W 1*, 2*, 3, 4*, 6*, 7*, 8*
Winchester: Mayor*; Ald. - W 1*, 2*

St. Louis City Absentee Voting information available at:

www.stlelections.com/home/main/voter/
 March Primary: Last Day to Apply for Mail Ballot: **February 27th, 2013**
 Last Day to Vote Absentee in Person: **March 4th, 2013**

Contact Information for Federal Elected Officials:

U.S. Government- www.firstgov.gov
<http://www.whitehouse.gov>
 President Barack Obama - 202/456-1414

www.senate.gov
 Senator Claire McCaskill - 202/224-6154 or 314/367-1364

Senator Roy Blunt - 202/224-5721 or 314/725-4484

www.house.gov
 1st Dist. Representative Lacy Clay - 202/225-2406 or 314/367-1970

2nd Dist. Representative
 Ann Wagner - 202/225-1621 or 636/779-5449

Missouri governmental websites:
www.mo.gov
www.senate.mo.gov
www.house.mo.gov
 Information, call the League Office - 314/961-6869



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April School District Elections

SLCC – Subdistrict 3 -

Affton, Maplewood-Rts., Bayless, Brentwood, Kirkwood, & Webster Groves School Districts
-Trustee (1) #4 - 6 yr. term

St. Louis City Board of Education

3- to be elected; 4 yr. terms

William "Bill" Monroe

Susan R. Jones

Tony Schilli

Kathy Styer

Emile R. Bradford-Taylor

Andrew Wimmer

St Louis County School Districts

All general obligation bonds (GOB):

4/7 majority required. Operating levies: simple majority

NOTE: Districts where there are an equal # of candidates and positions are not required to hold an election for school board.

Directors - all 3 yr. terms unless indicated.

Bayless - Dir. (2) #3;

Brentwood: Prop K operating levy incr. by \$.75/\$100 AV to \$4.69/\$100 AV

Ferguson R-2: Dir. (2) #4

Hancock Place: Dir. (2) #3;

Dir. (1)* - unexp. term till 4-15

Jennings: Dir. (2) #3;

Kirkwood: Dir. (2) #5

Ladue: Dir. (2) #5

Lindbergh: Dir. (2) #4

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

Meramec Valley R-111: Dir.(2) #4

Normandy: Dir. (2) #4

Prop. T - \$7 mi. GOB, if approved unchanged debt service levy of \$1.7314/\$100 AV for varied projects

Parkway: Dir. (2) #8

Rockwood R-VI: Dir. (2) #4

Prop. S - \$38.4 GOB-facilities improvements, if approved unchanged debt service levy \$.68/\$100 AV

U. City - Dir. (2) #4;

Prop. U - \$29.4 mi. GOB improvements, tax rate remains \$.73.8/\$100 AV

Valley Park: Prop. C - \$11.9 mi.

GOB, for varied projects

\$.15/\$100AV incr. to

\$.8525/\$100 AV

Prop. S - operating levy incr. from

\$.49/\$100AV to \$4.8462 -real

residential rate

Webster Groves: Dir. (2) #2

FIRE & EMS DISTRICTS

Directors - 6 year terms

Prop. - simple majority

Affton -Dir. (1) #3

Black Jack: Dir. (1) #2

Community: Dir. (1) # 2

Eureka - Dir. (1) # 2

Fenton - Dir. (1) # 2, Dir. (1) # 2 - unexp. term till 4-15)

Maryland Hts. -Dir. (1) # 2

Mehlville: Dir. (1) #2;

Metro West: Dir. (1) #2

Monarch: Dir. (1) #2

Northeast Ambulance/Fire: Dir. (1) #3; (1) #3 -(unexp. term till 4-15)

Pacific: Dir. (1) #2

Riverview: Dir. (1) #4

Spanish Lake: Dir. (1) # 2

Valley Park: Dir. (1) #2

W. Overland -Prop. N - \$3 mi. GOB - property, stations & equipment

Ambulance Districts - 3 yr. terms

Meramec - Subdistrict 4: Dir. (1) #2

County ABSENTEE VOTING

Through Monday, April 1, the County Election Board Absentee Department is open Monday-Friday (7 am – 5 pm). Saturdays, March 23 & 30: open 9 am-1pm to vote absentee for the April 2 election.