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Don't miss Saturday's Membership Tea

LWV-CC is hosting a Membership Tea this Saturday at the home of Jeanne Adams, 215 Louisiana.

We have invited more than 100 potential members as recommended by current members. We know that only a portion of those invited will actually attend, and we want to encourage all of our current members to attend as well.

The Tea—there may be sangria as well—will be from 1 to 3 Saturday afternoon, September 13. Please mark your calendars right now. It will be an opportunity to meet many of the candidates for City Council as well as enjoy our usual camaraderie.

See you there.

Sandra Heatherley

Meeting to focus on bond issues

Join us to learn about bond issues in the upcoming November election! We will be hosting presentations from Claudia Jackson of Del Mar College, Lorette Williams of Corpus Christi ISD and Natasha Fudge, P.E. of City of Corpus Christi. A brief question and answer session will follow each presentation. The luncheon meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, at the Del Mar College Center for Economic Development, Room 107. Come and hear what's on the horizon for our community and gain the key information needed to make an informed decision this November! For those wishing to eat a box lunch plus drink (cost \$10), lunch will be served upon arrival.

Please call 445-4436 by Monday, September 15, to reserve your seat and lunch. We happily encourage "brown bagging" your lunch for those who prefer to not to RSVP or for those who are unable to RSVP by the Monday, September 15 deadline. Our meetings are open to the public.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

President's Message

By Sandra Heatherley



Sandra Heatherley

After the lazy-hazy days of summer, things are picking up in the political world of Nueces County and Corpus Christi. We are about to experience the first combined election in which voters will be choosing the members of the City Council and the mayor as well as state and federal officers. A trip over the JFK bridge in either direction will reveal a plethora of campaign signs as the election approaches. This is also the signal for the LWV-CC to pick up momentum in our work of informing the voters of the candidates, their qualifications, and their positions on matters important to our local community. Work has begun on the fall 2014 Voters Guide and the questions submitted by our members will help voters throughout the county identify their choices for the November ballot.

We have scheduled two Candidate Forums in October, Monday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 15. The first will feature candidates running for County offices and judgeships while the second will focus on the City Council, CCISD and Del Mar. There are also bond issues to be decided in

November, and since we are limited in the time allotted for Candidate Forums, we will present the information regarding the bond proposals at our membership meeting on September 18.

National Voter Registration Day is Sept. 23 and LWV-CC plans to participate. However, at this writing the exact venues for voter registration have not been confirmed. You will be receiving e-mail messages giving you an opportunity to help.

Last month during the Nueces County Medical Society's Health Fair that was spearheaded by Judy Landress, 34 new voters were registered. After that success this month's Art Walk and National Voter Registration Day will offer new opportunities for voter registration. After all, the Power of the Informed Vote can only be exercised by registered voters!

Prior to getting too immersed in our work, we have also planned some fun!! We have invited folks that you recommended as potential league members to attend a Membership Tea on September 13.

One of our members, Jeanne Adams, has graciously offered her home and her sangria recipe for this Saturday afternoon event. Our invitations are out inviting folks to join us in a conversation about the League in order to learn more about our mission and work and to inspire a desire to join us. I hope to see many of you there.

LWVUS Favors EPA's Proposal, supports limiting carbon pollution

During the summer the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) introduced and held public hearings on a proposal to set the first-ever limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants.

The proposal will protect future generations from unchecked climate change. Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of the carbon pollution in the United States—making them the single largest source of that pollution in the country.

The unlimited dumping of carbon pollution is the chief cause of climate change.

"Reducing the amount of carbon pollution from power plants is a life-saving measure that will protect our children, our nation, and the world from the devastating effects of climate change," said Elizabeth MacNamara, LWVUS president, as she directed an email appeal to League members around the U.S. to let their voices be heard in support of EPA's proposal.



Ruth Falck, pictured at the table, was just one of the League volunteers registering voters at the Sept. 5 Art Walk.

Sept. 5 voter registration sets Art Walk record

The number of Voters registered at the September 5 Art Walk equaled those registered in August at the Nueces County Medical Society Health Fair!

Thirty-four men and women took advantage

of the opportunity offered by our LWV-CC to register for the first time or update their registration due to marriage and moving. It was the highest number ever registered at any of our previous Art Walk events.

League preparing to produce Voters Guide, hold two Candidate Forums for fall election

The League's Voter Services team has been busy developing questions for opposed candidates to answer in the nonpartisan Voters Guide and tweaking details for the two Candidate Forums planned on Monday, Oct. 6, and Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The forums will begin at 6 p.m. Plans include focusing on federal and county races on Oct. 6 and local school board, Del Mar College, and City Council on Oct. 15. Please put both these dates on your calendar and plan to help at the Council Chambers at City Hall. More information will be forthcoming, said President Sandra Heatherley.

Only candidates with opposition will be featured in the Voters Guide and at the Forums. Federal and county races include: US

Representative, District 27; District Judges for the 105th, 148th, and 319th courts; County Judge; County Courts at Law #4 and #5; District Clerk; County Clerk; and Justices of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 2, and Precinct 3.

Local candidates for the CCISD school board (District 2), Del Mar Board of Regents (District 4 and At-Large); and Corpus Christi City Council (Mayor, At-Large, and Districts 1-4) will be invited to participate.

The wording of the bond proposals for CCISD, Del Mar College, and the City will be included in the Voters Guide.

Early Voting for the Tuesday, November 4, election will begin Oct. 20. The printed Voters Guides will be distributed in mid-October.

Three City propositions on ballot for

Proposition No. 1 Street Projects

The issuance of bonds for designing, constructing, renovating, and making permanent street improvements in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000, and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:

- North Alameda Street, generally from Kinney to Lipan
- Gollihar Road, generally from Staples Street to Weber Road
- Gollihar Road, generally from Weber Road to Carroll Lane
- Gollihar Road, generally from Carroll Lane to Kostoryz Road
- Morgan Avenue, generally from Ocean Drive to Staples Street
- Corona Drive, generally from Tiger Lane to Everhart Road
- Ayers Street, generally from Ocean Drive to Alameda Street
- Yorktown Boulevard, generally from Lake Travis Drive to Everhart Road
- Staples Street, generally from Alameda Street to Morgan Avenue
- Southern Minerals Road, generally from Up River Road to IH-37 Access Road
- Yorktown Boulevard, generally from Everhart Road to Staples Street
- Carroll Lane, generally from Houston Street to McArdle Road
- Old Robstown Road, generally from State Hwy 44 to Leopard Street
- Waldron Road, generally from Glenoak Road to Caribbean Road
- Santa Fe Street, generally from Elizabeth Street to Hancock Avenue
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Master Plan Improvements

Proposition No. 2 Street Safety, Revitalization, and Capacity Improvement Projects

The issuance of bonds for designing, constructing, renovating, and making permanent street improvements in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$44,495,000, and levying a tax in payment thereof, with priority given to the following:

- Ayers Street (Pedestrian Improvements and Turn Lane Addition), generally from South Padre Island Drive to Gollihar Road
- Chaparral Street (Phase 2 Downtown Development Master Plan), generally from Schatzel Street to Taylor Street
- Texas Department of Transportation Participation Projects
- Citywide Traffic Signals and Lighting Improvements
- Rodd Field Road Expansion, generally from Saratoga Boulevard to Yorktown Boulevard
- Downtown Street Traffic Signal and Area Improvements
- Ennis Joslin Road Extension, generally from Holly Road to Williams Drive
- Flato Road, generally from Agnes Street to Bates Road
- Harbor Bridge Replacement Mitigation and Support Projects (Phase 1)
- North Padre Island Beach Access Roads (3A and 2)



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Nov. 4 election

Proposition No. 3

Sale of City Park Land

Sale of the following city park land, the proceeds from which may only be used to acquire and improve city park land in accordance with § 253.001, Texas Local Government Code:

- _ San Carlos Park, 12650 Figueroa St. (2.00 ac.)
- Violet Park, 4301 Violet (1.55 ac.)
- Willow Park, 11418 Willowood Creek (0.93 ac.)
- Cabra Park, 1323 W. Broadway (1.36 ac.)
- Fountain Park, 4938 Moody (1.62 ac.)
- Kosar Park, Kosar @ Staples Street (0.28 ac.)
- Breakwater Park, 2800 N. Shoreline (0.15 ac.)
- Acushnet Park, 6746 Aaron (9.96 ac.)
- Congress Park, 4017 Capitol (1.96 ac.)
- Creekway Park, 7306 Prairie (0.89 ac.)
- Durant Park, 6113 Durant (2.70 ac.)
- Mt. Vernon Park, 5151 McArdle (7.25 ac.)
- Parklane Park, 4600 Arlene (1.95 ac.)
- Peary Park, 1750 Paul Jones @ Decatur (1.00 ac.)
- Penn Place Park, 4302 Aaron (1.67 ac.)
- Ridgewood Park, 5730 Malden (5.04 ac.)
- Caribbean Park, 601 Mediterranean (1.00 ac.)

2014-2015 membership renewals needed now

If you haven't renewed your League membership yet for the 2014-2015 year, please do so as soon as possible. You can clip out the renewal form in this VOTER issue and attach it to your payment, then send to the League at PO Box 8276, CC TX 78468.

We need your support and want you to continue receiving all correspondence from the League! Renewal letters were mailed to about 25 members at the end of August, and several have already responded positively. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call Chris Garcia, VP-Member Services, at 991-2784. (Please also note Chris' new email address, effective immediately: garciachris1714@gmail.com)

Renewals, Thanks

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Join now and help in the effort to promote political responsibility through informed, active participation in government.

Type of membership: New ___ Renewal ___

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Friend of the League \$30___ Sustaining \$100 ___

Name _____

Household Member's Name _____

Address _____

Work Address (optional) _____

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Fax number _____

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