



The League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area

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The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.

SPEAKER - PUBLIC DEFENDER'S PROGRAM

Robert Wilkinson, Chief Public Defender of the 6th and 24th Circuits, will be our speaker on February 20, 10 am at the West Huntington Library. We will be joined by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

(From the Public Defender Services website)

"The Public Defender Services funds all indigent defense for the State of West Virginia. Representation is provided by two methods: private attorneys on a court-appointed basis and full-time public defenders....Public Defender Services pays each private attorney and other service providers for each case pursuant to a court order, following review by a Circuit Judge. Full-time Public Defenders are employees of a Public Defender Corporation organized at the Circuit Court level. These Corporations are separate legal entities but are funded by Public Defender Services. In addition to criminal charges, Public Defender Services pays for representation of indigent parties in abuse and neglect, mental commitment, juvenile proceedings and other related matters..."

We hope you will take the opportunity to learn more about the Public Defender program. Invite your friends to attend the meeting.

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PLANS (SWPP)

American Water Company (AWC), Huntington Water System, will hold a public hearing on March 17 at MU's Foundation Hall on its SWPP. The plan must cover where the source of drinking water comes from, types of contamination threats and a management plan to minimize those threats, and contingency plans and communication plans in the event of contamination. The plan will be available on March 1 on the AWC's website: www.westvirginiaamwater.com under the following menu: Water Quality & Stewardship > Source Water Protection > Current Source Water Protection Efforts. Select your water system from the list to review the information available for that system's SWPP. Basic information on source water protection planning is available at the WV Bureau of Public Health. Google

Source Water Protection (SWP) Protection Plan. For information on how to evaluate a plan google WV Rivers Coalition. Download its toolkit - [Drinking Water Protection: A Citizen's Guide to Getting Involved](#). Thanks to Marcia Daoust for attending the February stakeholders' meeting on the SWPP. Contact Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com, for more information.

VOTER REGISTRATION - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The League is planning to register voters at several events this spring. Please contact Helen Gibbins, 304-736-3287 or gibbins@frontier.com if you can help.

VOTER REGISTRATION ONLINE (From SOS website)

To register to vote or update your voter registration online, you must provide the following information:

- Your name as it appears on your West Virginia driver's license or ID card
- Your date of birth
- Your West Virginia driver's license or ID card number
- Your last four digits of your Social Security Number

If you do not have a West Virginia driver's license or ID card number and the last four digits of your Social Security Number, you may not submit your form online, but you may enter your information online to be auto-filled in a voter registration form. Once you submit your information, you may print your form to sign and submit to the Voter Registration office in the courthouse by mail or in person.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Thayer, Earlene and Bob Agee, and David and Jennifer Wells

WV SUPREME COURT LAW LIBRARY

Here's the link to the Supreme Court Law Library, which is available to the public.

<http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/law-library/law-library-home.html>

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

CALENDAR

- February 20, 10 am. West Huntington Library. The Public Defender Program
- February 22, 11:30 am. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. League of Women Voters Board meeting.
- February 25, 7 pm Lecture at MU's Foundation Hall. "Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties during the Civil War"
- March 17, 1 pm and 6 pm. MU's Foundation Hall. Source Water Protection Plan public hearing.
- March 21, 5:15. LWV Annual meeting. Woodlands Retirement Center.
- April 7, 7 pm. Candidates meeting with the Southside Neighborhood Association.

RECYCLING AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS E-FLYERS

A Recycling flyer and a flyer listing public officials are available by contacting Helen Gibbins, gibbins@frontier.com If you do not have access to a computer, call Helen at 304-736-3287 and she will mail you copies. Thanks to Jeannette Rowsey for developing the flyers with help from Laura Deveny and the public officials list on the Herald-Dispatch's website. Just a reminder, Rumpke, the company that picks up the recyclables, asks that they not be disposed of in plastic sacks. They should be dumped loose into the dumpsters. Aluminum Foil is not accepted even though it is recyclable. Rumpke just doesn't handle it. Even though all plastics 1 and 2 are recyclable in other places, Rumpke only accepts plastic bottles.

ELECTION OF JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES

The judges (circuit and family court) and magistrate candidates will run as nonpartisan candidates and will be

elected in the primary election. In Cabell County the circuit is divided into four divisions. Voters will vote for one candidate in each division. There are three family court divisions and voters will vote for one candidate in each division. There are seven magistrate divisions and voters will vote for one candidate in each division.

ELECTIONS CALENDAR (From Secretary of State's website)

Jan.1-May 4 - Military and Overseas Voters may apply for an absentee ballot by mail or electronically.

Feb. 16-May 4 - All other eligible voters may apply to receive an absentee ballot by mail

April 19 - Deadline for voter registration

April 27 - May 7 - Early Voting

May 10 - Election Day

NEWS FROM THE LWVUS

The LWVUS set its 2016 Legislative Priorities at its Jan. Board meeting. The League has many positions from which to take action but focuses its efforts where it can have the greatest impact. The board ranked its priorities in two tiers. The first tier priority is Representative Democracy, which includes voting rights and election administration, money in politics, redistricting reform, and the constitutional convention process. The second tier is Climate Change. The League will continue to watch action on several issues including immigration, health care, reproductive rights, and environmental protection. Leagues across the country, including the Huntington League, held meetings on the constitutional convention process and what constitutes valid constitutional amendments. From the results of those study/consensuses the LWVUS formulated its positions. The position is available on the LWVUS' website.