

Attention GP Farms and GP City: Candidate forums are this month!

GP City: Oct 10 at 7:00 pm: Mayor & City Council at GP War Memorial

GP Farms: Oct 11 at 7:00 pm: Mayoral at SOC

Grosse Pointe **VOTER**

Serving the Communities of
Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores,
Grosse Pointe Woods, and Harper Woods

Activities This Month: *October 2017*

From the Prez...

Thurs, Oct. 5

6:30 - 8:30 pm

SaveMICity Town Hall

Macomb Community College -
Center Campus
University Center - UC1
Lecture Hall A
44575 Garfield Rd
Clinton Twp, 48038

As advertised, the Kick Off meeting on September 21 with Barbara McQuade as the keynote speaker was a grand success! An overflow crowd, which included many nonmembers, at the War Memorial were treated to her take on women in power. My biggest takeaway on it was that you must be brave and "do the ask" when you want to be involved, and don't worry that you might not be totally qualified.

Tues, Oct 10

7:00 pm

GP City

**Mayor & City Council
Candidate Forum**

GP War Memorial*
32 Lake Shore Rd.
GP Farms, 48236

**FYI, this is a new venue since last month's Voter.*

I'm looking forward to the two Forums coming up on October 10th and 11th. If you live in the City or Farms, be sure to see it, and let your friends and neighbors know too.

We are attempting to be more proactive in collecting the dues on time. Technically, if you are over 90 days past due, you are deactivated from the membership. This has not been enforced in the past, but good business practices require it. If you are not paid yet, and your dues were due on June 30, you should have been contacted. And for those members who joined between July 1 and December 31 of last year, your dues are not due until November 30. We will be sending out notices for those payments due on November 30.

Wed, Oct 11

7:00 pm

GP Farms

Mayoral Candidate Forum

SOC
158 Ridge Rd
GP Farms, 48236

Remember that Vote411.org, our online voter guide, is available for your perusal before the election if you want information direct from the candidate's mouth.

Mon, Oct 16th

2:00 pm

**Presentation of the LWVMI's
redistricting program**

Clinton Twp Senior Center
40730 Romeo Plank Rd
Clinton Twp, 48038

Happy Fall to all.

Tom

C. Thompson Wells, Jr. President

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

*Keep reading below for
additional details. Hope to
see you there!*

Oct 5: *saveMICity* Town Hall

This is an important presentation regarding Michigan's broken municipal finance system. The Michigan Municipal League, MSU Extension, and Macomb Community College invite residents, business and government leaders, and all other other stakeholders to join the discussion.

**Attention GP Farms &
GP City: Voter Guides**

for your local elections are available on Vote411.org

Check out LWVGP Voter Guides

Learn about the candidates who want to lead your community!



To build your personalized voter guide, go to Vote411.org, which provides voter guides as well as polling place, voting hours, and tips about voting in Michigan.

Check it out by going to: Vote411.org

- 1) Type in your complete address
- 2) Click "Get personalized information on candidates and issues" (The green box)
- 3) Click "Show my races"
- 4) Click the individual candidates to read their responses and compare their qualifications

Voters need simple, helpful tools to navigate the voting process & election day, and Vote411.org is a premiere, on-line election resource.

Coal Tar Ash Revisited

Last spring our League hosted a visit by Krista Grimm, President of the Lake Michigan Interleague Organization, who gave an overview of challenges facing the Great Lakes system. Included in her talk was information about the harmful health and environmental effects of coal tar ash, which is used in some driveway sealants.

Many of you may have seen the September 15 article in the [Detroit Free Press](http://DetroitFreePress.com) highlighting the ban on those driveway sealants in Almont, Van Buren Township and Ann Arbor. Although state legislation has been introduced, it hasn't built any traction, so individual local

- Statewide impact presentation - Michigan Municipal League
- Case studies will demonstrate the negative financial impact that is a result of an archaic and broken municipal finance structure in the State of Michigan. Case study presentations by:
 - City of Sterling Heights
 - City of Roseville
 - City of Utica



Emcee: Chad Livengood, reporter with [Crain's Detroit Business](http://Crain'sDetroitBusiness.com)

**Thurs, Oct. 5
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Macomb Community College - Center Campus
University Center - UC1
Lecture Hall A
44575 Garfield Road
Charter Township of Clinton, MI 48038**

For additional information on the funding issues our local governments face, go to www.saveMIcity.org.

[Check out their flyer here](#)

Grosse Pointe Candidate Forums

**Grosse Pointe City:
Mayoral & City Council**

Tues, Oct 10, 7 - 9 pm
GP War Memorial
32 Lake Shore Rd.
GP Farms, MI 48236

Mayoral Candidates:
Christopher Boettcher and Dale N. Scrace

**City Council Candidates:
(Three to be Elected)**
David T. Fries, Sheila Tomkowiak, Chris Walsh, Daniel J. Williams

** PLEASE NOTE! The location of the GP City Forum has changed since our last issue. It is now taking place at the War Memorial. Our apologies for the confusion

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**Grosse Pointe Farms:
Mayoral Race**

Wed, Oct 11, 7 - 9 pm
Services for Older Citizens
158 Ridge Rd.
GP Farms, MI 48236

Mayoral Candidates
Joe Ricci and Louis Therios

[Check out our flier here](#)

government units are beginning to act on their own. Major retailers like Lowe's, Home Depot and Ace no longer sell these sealants, leaving customers with less harmful alternatives. A bit of good news for our watersheds and lakes.

LWV Lake Michigan Region Annual Meeting

What's happening with Lake Michigan?



The 2017 annual meeting of the **League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region** will be held on November 9 this year in Green Bay, Wisconsin. They have chosen that date to coincide with the State of Lake Michigan Conference, November 7-10.

The League meeting is one day only and includes a dinner where speaker Lynn Utesch will give insights on the impact of CAFO's (concentrated livestock operations) on Lake Michigan.

To learn more about the Annual Meeting and the larger conference visit lwvlmr.org.

Membership Matters

Volunteerism is one of the cornerstones of the League of Women Voters. We need all member's support to ensure the league remains the highly-respected organization in our community. Thanks to all new and long-standing members who have participated in league activities this year. Unfortunately several members have not renewed their membership for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

According to league Bylaws, members who have not renewed by

Barbara McQuade Speaks at the War Memorial

Former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and current professor at the University of Michigan Law School Barbara McQuade helped LWV GP kick off our season on September 21 at the War Memorial.



Speaking to a packed Reception Room, Ms McQuade talked along the theme, "Seeing Is Believing." She would like to see more role models for younger women to see in leadership, either by those leading the pack or leading from within. She advised that assuming leadership comes in steps. Never eliminate yourself from potential positions; see yourself in the role and work toward it. Don't wait to

be asked; put yourself out there as someone might then recognize what you can contribute, even with a bit of training. And be resilient. It might not come at first, but keep trying.

Although she's known for big cases, such as Kwame Kilpatrick and the "Underwear Bomber," Ms McQuade said the smaller cases were most satisfying. One involved a mail carrier who'd been stabbed by her boyfriend. The conviction brought a sense of relief to the victim and the prosecutor as well.

Asked whether she'll run for office, McQuade is undecided for now. She enjoys public service, but politics is more about popular choices that aren't always right. It's a hard decision for her. For now, she's enjoying teaching and a little more time with her family.

Beth Newhart
Vice President, Programs



Laurie Arora, Vicki Granger, Barbara McQuade, and Valerie Kindle

News from Macomb County Voter Services

Richmond Good Old Days Parade was Sunday, Sept 10th, 2017. LWVGP & MCVS participated including Tom & Jan Wells, Nance & Roger Halle (with Maven, future leader dog), Katherine Labuhn, Maria Rivera and Kathy Poore. Katherine made the sashes, Maria made the signs.



LWVMI Redistricting - Maria and Kathy will continue to present the LWVMI redistricting program with their last of three scheduled events:

Mon, Oct 16th
Clinton Township Senior Center
40730 Romeo Plank Rd
Charter Twp of Clinton, 48038
2pm

Kathy

Check us out at our [webpage](http://www.lwv.org) and our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/lwv)

90 days from the beginning of the new fiscal year (September 30, 2017), will be deemed inactive. Inactive members do not receive league announcements. This reminder applies to members who joined before July 1, 2016.

Your continuing support of the league is appreciated. Please mail your check today.

Thank you,

Wilhelmina Giblin,
Membership Co- Director

Do you know a family member or friend who is thinking about joining? [Hand them one of our membership forms to mail in!](#)

Learn all about the League. [Check out the LWV's New Member Handbook here](#)



["Like" the LWVGP on Facebook! And check out our activities here!](#)

[Join the League! Print out our membership form to mail in](#)

[New Member Handbook](#)

League Links

Want to contact one of your government officials?
[Click here!](#)

Want to check LWVGP's calendar for the latest updates?
[Click here!](#)

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[LWV Michigan](#)
[LWV United States](#)

The League of Women Voters encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government; works to increase understanding of major public policy issues; and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League is strictly nonpartisan, neither endorsing candidates nor supporting political parties. The LWVGP, in both its values and its practices, reaffirms its commitment to diversity. Membership is open to men and women of all ages.



League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe, 32 Lake Shore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

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