

Ballot Issues: This Thurs, Sept 27th
GP School Board Forum: Tues, Oct 9th

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:

Thurs, Sept 27

7:00 pm

Kick-Off Meeting

November's Ballot Issues

GP War Memorial

32 Lake Shore

GPF, 48236

Sun, Sept 30

2:00 pm

**November's Ballot Issues
through LWV-Macomb County**

Roseville-Eastpointe Recreational
Authority

18185 Sycamore St

Roseville, 48066

For additional information, check out

www.facebook.com/LWVMacombCounty

Thurs, Oct 4

**Circuit Court Judicial
Candidate Forum**

Henry Ford Community College

Forfa Auditorium,* Building L

5101 Evergreen Road

Dearborn, MI 48128

Please note the specific times:

6:00 is the Nov's Ballot Issues

Presentation

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**Also please note, the room has
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See their flyer here

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**GP School Board
Candidate Forum**

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Wed, Oct 10

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**GPPL "Gimme Some Truth-What's
Real in the Era of Fake News"**

GP South High School Auditorium

11 Grosse Pointe Blvd

October 2018

From the Prez...

As the election season heats up, I hope that all our members are participating to the extent that they can in the process. This means attending meetings and forums (and encouraging friends and neighbors to do the same), putting "Vote" signs on the lawn, and making sure that any family or friends who need help are getting it, whether it's voting information, transportation to and from the polls, etc.

And please consider attending our LWVGP Board meetings. This is an easy way to participate in the League. Board meetings are open and visitors are welcome. It's a simple way to learn where our needs for volunteers are. The Board meets on a regular basis on the third Wednesday of the month at the Central Library at 7 pm.

Speaking of attending meetings, we are supporting and will have a table to promote the League at the "**Gimme Some Truth**" **Symposium at South High School on October 10th at 7 pm** being put on by the GP Public Library . [Check out the flyer here.](#)

See you at the Kick-off Meeting this Thursday. In addition to the three ballot proposals for Michigan, we will have a "here are the facts" presentation for the GP Public Library Millage Renewal Proposal and the GP Public School System's Bond Proposal.

Tom

C. Thompson Wells, Jr. President

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe

SEP 27: KICK - OFF Meeting: Understanding the Ballot Issues

Thurs, Sept 27

7:00 pm

**Grosse Pointe War Memorial
32 Lake Shore, GPF**

The League of Women Voters MI will present a program which will focus on the ballot issues for the upcoming election in November.

And an additional presentation will be put on by the [Macomb County League](#) on the weekend:

Sun, Sept 30

2:00 pm

Roseville-Eastpointe Recreational Authority

GPF, 48236
[Print out the flyer here](#)
[Register here](#)

Thurs, Nov 15
7:00 pm
Climate Change Concerns
GP Woods Community Center
20025 Mack Plaza Dr
GP Woods, 48236

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

Check Your Voter Registration

Are you registered to vote?



Confirm your registration by going to this page on the [Secretary of State's website](#).



Also helpful, you can track your absentee ballot. (It'll note when the application request was received/ballot was sent/ballot was returned)

Lastly, this SOS site will also show you a **sample ballot**

Oct 9: School Board Candidate Forum

The public is invited to learn about the seven candidates running for three open positions on the GPPSS Board of Education.

Be an informed voter and bring your questions!

Tuesday, October 9
7:00 pm
GP War Memorial
32 Lake Shore Dr.
GP Farms 48236

INVITED CANDIDATES:
Christian Fenton
Christopher Lee
Wendy Saigh
Walt Schwartz
John Shook
Brian Summerfield (I)
Margaret Weertz (I)

18185 Sycamore St
Roseville, 48066

A List of the Statewide Ballot Issues

Michigan Proposal 1, the Marijuana Legalization Initiative

is on the ballot in Michigan as an indirect initiated state statute on November 6, 2018.

[Read additional details & complete ballot wording here](#)

- A "yes" vote supports legalizing the recreational use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older and enacting a tax on marijuana sales.
- A "no" vote opposes legalizing the recreational use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older and enacting a tax on marijuana sales.

Michigan Proposal 2, the Independent Redistricting Commission Initiative

is on the ballot in Michigan as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 6, 2018.

[Read additional details & complete ballot wording here](#)

- A "yes" vote supports transferring the power to draw the state's congressional and legislative districts from the state legislature to an independent redistricting commission.
- A "no" vote opposes transferring the power to draw the state's congressional and legislative districts from the state legislature to an independent redistricting commission.

Michigan Proposal 3, the Voting Policies in State Constitution Initiative

is on the ballot in Michigan as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 6, 2018.

[Read additional details & complete ballot wording here](#)

- A "yes" vote supports adding eight voting policies to the Michigan Constitution, including straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting.
- A "no" vote opposes adding eight voting policies to the state constitution, maintaining that straight-ticket voting, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, and no-excuse absentee voting are not used in Michigan.

Nov 15: Climate Change & Recycling

Join us for an evening discussing environmental concerns with speaker **Mary Garton**, a member of Citizens Climate Lobby and

[Check out the flyer here](#)

Oct 4: Circuit Court Judicial Candidate Forum

There are 6 candidates running for 3 positions on the Circuit Court, all non-incumbents. This forum will be held on:

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Forfa Auditorium,*
Building L

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Presented by Detroit,
Dearborn/Dearborn Heights
Leagues.
For additional information, check
out lwvddh.org.

Do You Know Someone Who Needs to Register to Vote?

The last day to register for
November's general election is
Oct. 9, 2018.

[Print out the registration form here](#)
and get it turned into the city
clerk

Registration questions? The
Secretary of State provides step by
step guidance. [Check it out here.](#)

Voter Guides are available on Vote411.org

Learn about the candidates
who want to lead your
community!



To build your
personalized voter guide,

Climate Reality, who has been active in education and climate lobbying. She will address what we as individuals can do to help in this fight and explain legislative approaches that would drastically reduce our emissions and stabilize climate change.

There will also be a short presentation on the status of recycling. Too many of us are recycling the wrong items, which can hurt the effort and add to the costs of the programs.

Thurs, Nov 15
7:00 pm
GP Woods Community Center
Garden Room
20025 Mack Plaza Dr
GP Woods, 48236

GPPL: What's Real in the Era of Fake News

GPPL and WDET host:

Gimme Some Truth - How to Know What's Real in the Era of Fake News

The Grosse Pointe Public Library and WDET 101.9 FM will host a discussion on

Wed, Oct 10, 7:00 pm
GP South High School Auditorium
11 Grosse Pointe Blvd
Grosse Pointe Farms, 48236

This will be a panel discussion about the potentially harmful impact "fake news" can have on our communities.

Moderated by **Sandra Svoboda**, Special Assignments Manager, WDET 101.9 FM, the panel will feature **M.L. Elrick**, Pulitzer Prize and Emmy Award-winning investigative journalist; **Greg Bowens**, Press Secretary for former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and President and co-founder of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods NAACP; the Principal of Grosse Pointe South High School, **Moussa Hamka**; **Jessica Keyser**, Director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and **Detective Lt. Anthony Trupiano** from the Grosse Pointe Farms Police.

"In this era of the Internet and social media, it can be difficult to make sense of so much information and judge its accuracy," said Keyser. "The Library is dedicated to providing complete and unbiased information to our patrons. This program will shine a spotlight on the importance of considering sources of information before we jump to conclusions." Since the term "fake news" surfaced during the 2016 election, there have been countless cases of "news" from social media designed to push an agenda, to outrage, or to manipulate public opinion. Journalists, meanwhile, long regarded as the gatekeepers of information, are being regarded with contempt, suspicion, or worse.

"Gimme Some Truth" is a community conversation about how everyone, from teenagers to seniors, currently receive and interpret news and information. How good are we, really, at detecting false, biased, or harmful information? We may think we're "informed," but do we really know who's informing us?

Public Libraries are inherently equipped to be neutral information hubs where anyone can hone their skills to become a more astute and discerning consumer of the vast and multifaceted bits of news we regularly encounter. WDET is partnering with the Grosse Pointe Public

go to Vote411.org, which provides voter guides and information on polling place, voting hours, and tips about voting in Michigan.



"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

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.



Library to host "Gimme Some Truth" to help the audience gain insights into the ever-changing landscape of information.

"Gimme Some Truth" is a free event. Attendees will be able to take a quiz to see how well they can spot fake news. An audience Q&A will follow the panel discussion.

[Please register here.](#)

[Print out the flyer here](#)

Voter Services Board Report

Voter Services has been very busy on many fronts:

GPPSS School Board Candidate Forum

Plans have been finalized for the upcoming **GP Board of Education Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 9**. We have secured volunteers for all positions, including moderator, timekeeper, question sorters, question gatherers and greeters. A press release was sent to the *Grosse Pointe News* and *Grosse Pointe Times* for publicity. The forum will be videotaped.

Vote411 Update

A total of three GP School Board candidates have responded to our request for information to be posted on the Vote411.org site. We have still not received responses from the remaining 4 Board candidates and the Wayne County Executive positions. Those who have not responded were sent reminder emails last week. The site is currently live and voters can view the information for candidates who have responded.

Wayne County Community College Welcome Week

The League was invited to participate in the Welcome Back Week at WCCCD Eastside Campus on Vernier. The purpose was to encourage students to vote, or, if not registered, register to vote. This was not a "formal event", but rather a table inside the main entrance of the Mary Ann Stemple Building. The College provided us with copies of the *U. S. Constitution* booklet, which we distributed to students. We will focus on voter registration and engagement in the November 6 election.

3rd Circuit Court Candidate Forum

We continue to work with the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights League on their October 4th forum. We have arranged for our video recorder, Steve Geresy, to be available for this event. Sue and I have also volunteered to assist as greeters at this forum.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Florian and Sue Acton
Voter Services

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](#)

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

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