

# League of Women Voters® of Roselle/Bloomingdale

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## Wine Tasting & Membership Fall Kickoff at LynFred Winery

A Year in Review: Achievements of Your Community Mental Health Board

**September 6, 2019**— **ROSELLE, Illinois**—The League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingdale will host their annual membership kickoff at a wine tasting and fundraising event on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm at LynFred Winery located at 15 S. Roselle Road in Roselle, Illinois.

The evening will include a presentation and facilitated discussion entitled, "A year in review: Achievements of Your Community Mental Health Board." Speakers include Frank Giammarese, Bloomingdale Director of Public Safety, and Marianne Pokorney, YWCA Senior Manager of Strategic Engagement.

Our local 708 Mental Health Board was established by referendum in 2017. This Board is composed of local citizens who have a vested interest in providing quality community services to those in need. The Board is responsible for strategic planning and allocation of funds and services, along with evaluation and coordination of referrals and programs within our local community. In 2018-19, our 708 Board did careful long-term planning based specifically on the needs of our community. Next, they targeted funds to reduce gaps in service, such as long waiting lists or arbitrary cut-off limits for underserved populations. Our 708 Board is able to act quickly in times of critical need and their recently finalized community plan allows our area to attract greater grant and foundation funding thus increasing potential for non-tax funding of needed programs and services.

Cost for the event is \$20.00 and includes wine and hors d'oeuvres. This event is open to the public and attendees do not need to become a League member to participate. For more information about this community event and to RSVP, please contact Patty Burns at (630) 251-5508. For more information about other League's events and monthly meetings, please contact Roberta Borrino at (630) 283-2894.

### About The League of Women Voters® of Roselle/Bloomingdale

Formed in 2012, the League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingdale provides information on topics that impact our local, state and federal government. The League works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. With over 99 years of experience and more than 800 local and state affiliations, the League is one of America's most trusted grassroots organizations. The League does not support, endorse or oppose political candidates.

Membership in the League is open to men and women age 16 and over. All League meetings are open to the public.

For more information about the League's events and monthly meetings, or to become a member of the League of Women Voters of Roselle/Bloomingdale, please visit <a href="www.lwvrb.org">www.lwvrb.org</a> or contact Roberta Borrino at 630-283-2894. And don't forget to 'like' the League on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/lwvrb">www.facebook.com/lwvrb</a>. For more information on the League of Women Voters of the United States, visit <a href="www.lwvil.org">www.lwvil.org</a>, or the League of Women Voters of Illinois, visit <a href="www.lwvil.org">www.lwvil.org</a>.