



Welcome to the LWV ABC Newsletter – the LINK!

What do you have to contribute for the next issue of this newsletter? Consider sharing events, follow-up on past meetings, info on member accomplishments, etc! Please direct your ideas and comments to Gretchen Sabel at gpsabel@yahoo.com. Deadline for submittal of material is noon on July 19. Thanks!

Also, - remember to check our Facebook page for meeting information, too!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/League-of-Women-Voters-ABC-Minnesota/423643367725301>

CALENDAR – Click links to find info in this document!

Upcoming Events

LWV ABC Events

July 14 – [Sex Trafficking Action Plan discussion](#)

August 11 – [Picnic](#) – Location TBA

Forum and Election Schedule

July 9 – Coon Rapids Primary Forum

July 22 – Anoka County Primary Forum

August 12 – Primary Election

September 22 – Anoka County General Election

Forum and Election Schedule (continued)

September 29 – Coon Rapids General Election Forum and House 36B & 37A

October 2 – Champlin City and House 36A

October 6 – Andover City + House 31B and 35B

October 9 – Anoka City + House 35A Forum

October 13 – Ramsey General Election Forum

November 4 – General Election

Help is needed for conducting the forums. If you have not already volunteered, consider doing so! To volunteer or if you have questions/comments/concerns about the forum schedule, contact Geri Nelson at geri.nelson454@msn.com or 763 421 7334.

Our July 14 meeting – Human Trafficking

A Community Conversation on Human Trafficking in Anoka County, with Sheriff James Stuart and Violence Prevention Coordinator Donna McDonald



Our July 14 meeting will be a discussion of human trafficking in Anoka County. Anoka County Sheriff James Stuart and Anoka County Violence Prevention Coordinator Donna McDonald will be at the meeting to participate in this community conversation. Come and be part of the discussion!

July 14, 2015

Andover Senior Center

6pm Social, 6:30 Program

Our August 11 Picnic

Please reserve this date, more information to follow.



Of Interest to LWV ABC:

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Rulemaking is now in the public comment period. These rules will affect the communities served by LWVABC. If you are interested in learning more or participating, please visit the DNR webpage at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/mrcca/index.html> .

The public information meeting in our area is:

Wednesday, July 16th - 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Greenhaven Golf Course (courtesy of City of Anoka)
2800 Greenhaven Road, Anoka, MN 55303


The meeting will be in an open house format, with a presentation and discussion scheduled from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Stop in at any time to learn more about the MRCCA rulemaking, and provide feedback on the draft rules, focusing on key topics such as vegetation, land alteration, setbacks, nonconformities, and shoreline facilities. DNR staff will be available to explain how the draft rules might affect individual properties. Comments received at the meetings are not part of the formal rulemaking record but will be considered as draft rules are revised. Formal public comments should be sent to DNR as directed on the website.

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Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Rulemaking

Working Draft of Rules Released

The DNR is soliciting public comments on potential rules for the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA). A Request for Comments was published in the June 2, 2014 State Register, and the DNR will accept comments through August 15, 2014. The DNR has developed a working draft of the rules following consultation with local governments and other interested parties, now available for review during this comment period.

A photograph showing a group of about ten people on a boat on a river. They appear to be engaged in a recreational activity, possibly fishing or a guided tour. The boat is a flat wooden platform with a railing. The background shows lush green trees and a clear sky.

The Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) is a unique land corridor along the Mississippi River within the seven-county metropolitan area. Land development in the 54,000-acre corridor is currently guided by state regulations that are implemented through local plans and zoning ordinances.

The MRCCA was established in the 1970s by Executive Order, a type of state regulation that cannot be readily changed or updated. In 2009, the Minnesota Legislature directed the DNR to establish rules to replace the outdated standards in the Executive Order. The rulemaking process was put on hold in 2011 and the DNR's authority expired. In 2013, the Legislature restored DNR's rulemaking authority and made changes to the statutory language guiding rule development to better address local government concerns.

What do the proposed rules mean for local governments, homeowners, and businesses within the MRCCA? Local governments will eventually need to update their plans and ordinances for this area. Most homeowners and businesses should see little if any change in their status.

For more information, and to comment on the working draft rules, see below.

MRCCA Program Page | Rulemaking Page

LWV ABC Candidate Forums 2014 Election

JULY 2014	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 CR City Hall Coon Rapids Primary	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Primary Election August 12th	
SEPTEMBER 2014	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Anoka Co Courthouse Anoka Co. General	23	24	25	24	25
28	29 CR City Hall Coon Rapids City House 36B & 37A	30				

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OCTOBER 2014	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday			1	2 Champlin City Hall Champlin City House 36A	3	4
5	6 Andover City Hall Andover City House 31B & 35B	7	8	9 Anoka City Hall Anoka City House 35A	10	11
12	13 Ramsey City Hall Ramsey City	14	15	16	17 General Election November 4th	18