



March - April, 2024



March Madness

*Popcorn
Fundraiser
Mar 25-29*

This year's March Madness will find members of the LWV HF area in competition to sell Double Good Popcorn. The sale begins at 5:00 P. M. (CDT) on Monday, March 25th and ends at 5:00 P. M. (CDT) on Friday, March 29th. You are encouraged to solicit family, friends and members of the community.

The Sponsorship Committee organized the sales drive to raise funds for the League's various voter registration and education activities. The Sponsorship Committee is encouraging all members to participate in this 4-day sale. You can create your own Pop-Up store immediately but do not forward the link to your

customers until March 25th since no sales can be conducted before 5:00 P. M. on that date.

How to Create Your Own Pop-Up Store:

1. Download the Double Good app on you cell phone.
2. Tap on Event Name which is H-F League Women Voters
3. The Event Code is YNCHJL

In the event you do not wish to set up your own store, a League Pop-Up Store will be available for you and your friends to make purchases. This link will be available on our website. Once purchases are made, popcorn will be delivered directly to the consumer.

Members can participate by selling popcorn through Double Good or by sending a contribution directly to the LWV HF.

Make checks payable to LWV HF and mail to
P.O. Box 801
Flossmoor, IL 60422
or

Zelle your payment to the
League of Women Voters
lwyhfareboard@gmail.com
Please add the note: Contribution



Earth Month Celebration

Wednesday, April 17
Irwin Center
Homewood
7:00 P.M.

We will be celebrating Earth Month with two exciting speakers and you're invited to join us .

David G. Mueller, Attorney at Law
Specializing in Environmental Law
Affiliated with the League of Women Voters Lake Michigan Region

Preserving water quality and ecosystems is an integral part of the Natural Resources position of the League of Women Voters. Join us for an interesting discussion on the state of the Lake Michigan watershed. Learn about the Great Lakes Regional Initiative and its efforts to address the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem.

Carrie Malfeo, Sustainability Coordinator
Village of Park Forest
President, Chicago Southland Green Committee

Carrie is affectionately referred to as the "green goddess". Whether it's promoting food security by encouraging communities to save and share seeds or organizing community compost drives, she is all about preserving the planet for generations to come. Join us and hear Carrie speak about her accomplishments as a Village Sustainability Coordinator and the extraordinary efforts of the Chicago Southland Green Committee.

Annual Meeting, Luncheon, and Board Elections

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 2 PM

President's Ballroom
Hazel Crest Municipal Center
3601 W. 183rd St., Hazel
Crest

**Guest Speaker: Becky Simon, President
League of Women Voters - Illinois**



Tickets: \$50 per person

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Please add the note - Annual Meeting _____

All LWV HF members are encouraged to attend.

The Membership Committee will be present to accept new memberships and renewals. Payments may be made by Check, Cash, or Zelle.

Zelle questions?? - Contact Treasurer Pat Jackson at patriciajackson47@gmail.com



Voter Registrars Needed

Plans are underway to conduct voter registration at Marian Catholic, District 205, and District 228 high schools. The registration at Marian Catholic will be held on April 15th. Dates for the other schools are being arranged. We need your help to register students, making them eligible to vote in the November 5, 2024 General Election. If you are a Registrar, please contact Mary Griffin, Voter Service Chair at maryg428@comcast.net to volunteer or get more information on the dates for these registration drives.

Voter Registrar Training Opportunity

Several members have expressed an interest in participating in Voter Registrar Training. The Cook County Board of Elections will begin scheduling Voter Registrar Training in April. A class requires at least 20 participants. If you are interested in being certified as a Voter Registrar please submit your name, email, and phone number to Voter Service Chair, Mary Griffin at maryg428@comcast.net

A training class will be arranged as soon as there are at least 20 interested members. We are coordinating with other local leagues to create a combined class and to meet the required 20 minimum.

We need Registrars to increase our voter registration activity in advance of the November General Election and we look forward to your response and participation in the training. As soon as we meet the 20-participant requirement, interested members will be notified of the date and location of the training, which may be conducted via ZOOM.

Mary Griffin and Veroncia Amen
Voter Service Co-Chairs

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES

The LWV HF is in the process of transitioning from a 501 (C)(4) to a 501 (C)(3) organization. This transition requires an amendment to Article II of our By-Laws and notification to our membership at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting of May 19, 2024.

Article II is being amended to add the word *Political* to Section 2; to add Section 3., Tax-Exempt Status; and to add Section 4., Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Policy. Please review the proposed amendments below which will be voted on at this year's annual meeting. Submit any questions to lwhfareboard@gmail.com by April 30, 2024. The full current By-Laws can be reviewed by clicking on the following link: <https://my.lwv.org/illinois/homewood-flossmoor-area/resources>

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Sec. 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of the League shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. POLITICAL POLICY. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

Sec. 3. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS. The League is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the League shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the League shall be attempting to influence legislation.

Sec. 4. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION POLICY. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance – in principle and in practice – with the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy of the LWVUS.

Trinita Henry

By-Laws Committee

Homewood-Flossmoor High School Board Meeting - March 19

The HF Speech Team won 3rd place in the state. Three students placed first in their competitions. Others placed in the top five in their competitions. Congratulations to the students and their coach, Prince Lowe.

Consent Agenda: The HF Board approved the Special Meeting minutes of 2-29-24, the regular Board Meeting minutes of 2-20-24, the Special Board meeting minutes of 2-19-24. Board also approved the dismissal of part-time teachers, approved amending Policy 3:50, the IHSA membership for 2023-2024, extended Field Trip for Astro-Geo Science class - Maquoketa Caves State Park, and the monthly expenditures, reimbursement to the Imprest Fund, and the ratification of the payroll. Approved a teacher resignation and Athletics extra responsibilities contracts.

Approved Department Lead Positions starting in the 2024-2025 school year. Approved the Curriculum & Instruction Specialist position beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

Sylvia Tufts
Observer

HISTORY MADE!!!

Homewood-Flossmoor High School won their first 4A State Boys Basketball Championship in the school's history!!! A trophy ceremony was held at the school on March 10th.

Homewood School District 153 Board Meeting - March 11

Ms. Bethea reported that the Educational Progress Committee is looking at ways to expand the Pre-K Program, which is very popular. Many more parents want to enroll their children in the program.

Dr. McAlister discussed a proposal that the administrative staff is working on regarding Artificial Intelligence – AI. He said that the advantage of using AI is that a great deal of time is saved when developing a document. However, there needs to be human involvement to ensure the document includes the elements and language that the district needs. Dr. McAlister said they are reviewing policies from other school districts as they develop the District’s AI Policy. The policy will be brought up at the April Board Meeting.

Dr. McAlister also reported that because the coaches are putting in more time, they will receive an increase in compensation. Homewood Schools were very proud of the H/F State Championship and participated in the Championship rally over the weekend.

Dr. McAlister discussed a change in the “Exclusionary Policy” which allowed Kindergarten students without all of their health records to attend school until the first week of October. The new policy states that Kindergarten students must have all of their health records in by the first day of school. Dr. McAlister indicated that without knowing a student’s health concerns, the safety and health of the student is compromised. Therefore, the district will notify parents of incoming Kindergarten students early so that they can get the children in for their physicals before school starts.

Cheryl Gansauer,
Observer



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