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September 2021

**Please note: The upcoming Community Meeting on Thursday, September 16, at 7:30 pm, *A Conversation on Police Partnerships and Community Policing*, has been moved to Zoom. Covid protocols made the move necessary.**

# The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn



### Greetings!

We have had a great summer of inching back together in person. Many thanks to League Members who helped with our annual Father's Day Lady Bug Giveaway and to those who marched in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Nothing can be more reaffirming than when the community welcomes us with open arms (and even applauds us).

Our August 18 **Celebrate League** event at the Glen Ellyn Boathouse was delightful, reconnecting with members and welcoming many fresh faces. Thanks to Glen Ellyn Park District VP Julia Nephew for sponsoring the event, Programs VP Jodi Baltimore for coordinating, and the many League volunteers who made the event one to remember. We were excited to see so many at the new member reception preceding the celebration. We look forward to working with our dedicated and enthusiastic members on important LWVGE work throughout the upcoming year.



The LWVUS is working on passage of HR1 *For the People Act* and its local impact has been, and continues to be, a focus by Illinois Leagues. In addition to contacting our legislators about the need to pass HR1, the LWVGE, along with our DuPage sister Leagues, are monitoring the DuPage County Board Meetings as they discuss the need to buy new secure voting equipment for DuPage County that meets the requirements set forth in HR1.

Our first Community Meeting will now be held via Zoom on Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 pm. The program will be *A Conversation on Police Partnerships and Community Policing*. See important registration details below.

Your **2021-2022 Membership Book** will be available for pick up starting Friday, September 17 from the porch of member Karin Daly, 532 Anthony St. Please be sure to check off your name on the clipboard sheet you'll find there. This indicates you have received your Membership Book.

Working to Empower Voters,  
Sarah Allen and Michelle Thorsell, Co-Presidents

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## 2021 Special Honorees

Since the year 2000, the League of Women Voters of Glen Ellyn (LWVGE) has recognized outstanding volunteer efforts from among our members with an annual awards program. Selected by committee from nominations

submitted by the members, these awards were presented during the LWVGE's 2020-21 annual meeting this past spring. Congratulations to our esteemed winners!

Submitted by Karen Schulz, Media Relations



Shawn Fasules, League Voter Services Team member: Susan B. Anthony Voter Service Award



Bernie Laszewski, League Voter Services Team member: Susan B. Anthony Voter Service Award



Roberta Wheatley, League Voter Services Team member: Susan B. Anthony Voter Service Award



Karin Daly: Outstanding  
New League Member  
Service Award



Joyce Hothan: Phyllis  
Renfro Community  
Action Award



Lynn Bruno: Special  
Recognition Award



This is just one of the spectacular views to be seen from the proposed path of the East Branch DuPage River Trail.

## Is the East Branch River Trail Coming Soon? Hopefully... (With Your Help!)

Perhaps you've heard: A new bike/hike trail with a very long name—the *East Branch DuPage River Trail* (and an impossible to pronounce acronym: EBDRT)—may be coming to Glen Ellyn. Perhaps you're one of the 4,000+ people who have signed a petition to encourage DuPage County transportation officials to make the long-planned and dreamed-about trail a reality. Or maybe you saw a presentation about the East Branch Trail during a community meeting that you attended. So, perhaps you're wondering what's next with the EBDRT?

The exciting news, and short story, is that DuPage County transportation officials are working on it. The longer news, and more tedious story, is that it's going to take a while.

### **Plans Are Underway**

In 2019, DuPage County kicked off the first in a series of staff meetings with a steering committee of decision makers from organizations representing the public property where the proposed path of the EBDRT is plotted. Staff and a few elected officials from the County, the DuPage County Forest Preserve, Glen Ellyn, Lombard, the Glen Ellyn Park District, the Butterfield Park District, ComEd and Friends of the East Branch DuPage River

Trail all sat down with a team from Christopher Burke Engineering who led the discussion. Ideas and strategies to surpass the major barriers—such as busy roadways—of the proposed pathway were discussed and debated to give the engineering firm a clear idea of next steps to be pursued.

Once the meetings conclude, the engineering firm will have clear direction to proceed with planning a feasibility study which should conclude with final plans for construction and its associated costs by mid to late 2021. That should position county government to apply for federal transportation grants next being offered in 2023.

### **Where Does the Money Come From?**

Trail construction funds come from money that has already been collected and budgeted by the United States Department of Transportation—i.e. the federal government. Taxpayer funds get earmarked for things like road construction. And a tiny percentage of those funds—which amount to billions of dollars—are earmarked for active transportation options such as trails. States compete to get those funds through grants. The best ideas win the grant money.

It's a complicated process that requires the cooperation and support of many, many people to realize success. But officials in DuPage County, motivated by the overwhelming support of the citizens who have taken some type of action on the EBDRT, are enthusiastically motivated to make the EBDRT a reality because it is a winning idea. That's a big win for you!

Recently, the *Daily Herald* reported a \$1.2 million earmark had been included in the trillion dollar federal infrastructure bill for engineering and development of the section of the trail north of Roosevelt Road. Once engineering and appropriate studies are completed (including environmental studies), plans can begin to apply for grant funding for construction. It's a competitive process and every city, county, state and region is vying for the same dollars.

### **Will the Wetlands in the Areas Be Impacted?**

Some people fear wetlands in the area will be impacted with trail construction and have expressed concern about this important issue. Rest assured, trail advocates are concerned about wetland impact and mitigation efforts too. All EPA regulations and guidelines will be strictly followed during construction and development. Public hearings on the project will be held and advertised before any plans are finalized and any construction is started. The goal is to allow residents to enjoy pristine areas that are mostly now off-limits to law abiders, but are still accessible to those with little regard for the care and quality of natural areas.

### **Why the EBDRT Is a Win Win Win for Everyone**

Officials in Glen Ellyn, Lombard, the County and the Forest Preserve are motivated because they understand the many benefits the EBDRT will bring to DuPage County. The trail will connect folks who live south of Roosevelt Road in unincorporated Lombard and Glen Ellyn to the existing bike trail network including the Illinois Prairie Path and the Great Western Trail. Folks from north of Roosevelt Road will be able to travel *by trail* to the Morton Arboretum where even more miles of beautiful scenery await.

Trails raise housing values. Home buyers—especially Millennials—are looking for homes with amenities that provide recreation and a connection with the outdoors. And the EBDRT brings that amenity to thousands of homeowners who now mostly use their cars to access the many bike trails and parks which will connect to the EBDRT.

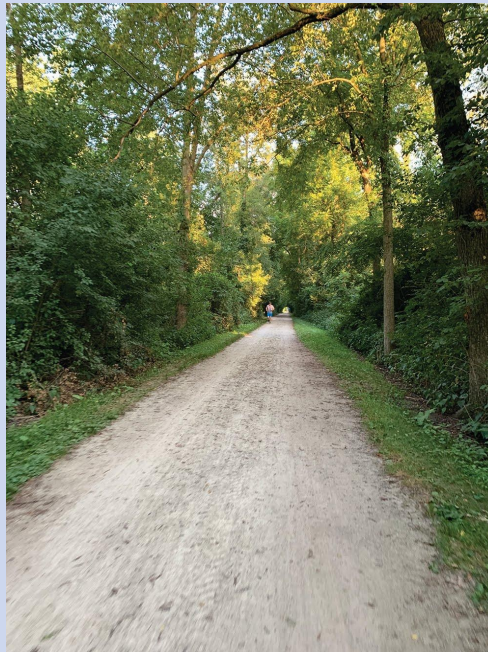
The EBDRT will connect a variety of parklands, now isolated and inaccessible, to other parklands via an “active transportation corridor,” aka a trail. Other benefits once the trail is built include the promotion of health and recreation, not to mention a means of commuting for some.

### **Your Help is Still Needed**

While much progress has been made over the last few years, your support is still needed. It's easy for a project like this to slip to the back of the priority line *unless the public continues to advocate for it*. So be sure to sign the petition at [EastBranchTrail.org](http://EastBranchTrail.org) and encourage your friends, family and neighbors to also sign it. If you want to stay hyper informed about the trail's progress, ask to join the Facebook group, or sign up for the email list, also accessible by [EastBranchTrail.org](http://EastBranchTrail.org). Finally, if you're involved in any type of community group—a book club, civic organization, church or religious group—ask for a presentation for your group's members and a volunteer will come to tell you in person what's happening. With your help, the East Branch Trail is going to happen. If all goes well, by 2022, or 2023, construction should begin.

*Learn more: Visit [eastbranchtrail.org](http://eastbranchtrail.org) or join the Facebook group: search “The Trail Between.”*

Submitted by Ginger Wheeler, Nominating



Runners, hikers and bicyclists take advantage of DuPage County trails in all weather. Volunteers can give your community group a presentation too! Call (630) 835-6959 to schedule one.



## **Member Information for You**

**September Community Meeting:** *A Conversation on Police Partnerships and Community*

Thursday, September 16, 7:30 pm

Guest Speakers: Philip Norton, Chief of Police, Glen Ellyn Police Department

Theodore Darden, Professor of Justice Studies, College of DuPage

**Zoom link: Register in advance for this webinar:**

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Mu69I6bmRemaMpsTI0QaXA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Mu69I6bmRemaMpsTI0QaXA)**

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.**

Last February this topic was presented by one of our members during our annual program brain-storming session. The attendees at the session agreed it was a worthwhile topic (as did the current LWVGE Board), particularly given our newly formed Social Justice Committee. The Social Justice Committee itself was our Board's response to numerous membership requests in 2020 for strengthening our attention to social justice issues at the local level.

We anticipate there is a broad range of knowledge and experience in our membership and community related to policing and law enforcement. So, we are asking Professor Darden to give us a brief overview of law enforcement reform efforts over the past 18 months at the national, state and local level. And we are asking Chief Norton to give us an overview of policing in Glen Ellyn and how the Glen Ellyn Police Department partners with our community. Finally, we ask you to bring your questions and comments to deepen the conversation. We know this is an important topic for our community, and we anticipate many questions and a lively discussion.

Philip Norton has been the Chief of Police for the Village of Glen Ellyn for 20 years. Hired as a patrol officer in 1986, he worked in Investigations and as a Department Juvenile Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Hostage Negotiator. He was promoted to Operations Sergeant in 1991, Administrative Sergeant in 1994, and Deputy Chief in 1999. After graduating from the FBI National Academy in December 2001, he was named Chief of Police.

Theodore Darden has been a Professor of Justice Studies at the College of DuPage for the past 16 years. He was the chair of the department from 2009-2013. He was recognized as the full-time outstanding faculty member for the College of DuPage in 2019. Prior to joining the COD staff in 2006, he worked as a police officer and supervisor in three different agencies in Wisconsin for almost 17 years. In 1996 he was recognized as the State of Wisconsin Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He worked for the Attorney General's Office in the Wisconsin Department of Justice as an education consultant for police training and curriculum development, training officer, and special advisor to the Attorney General on school safety. Dr. Darden has also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute and a consultant for police agencies and communities worldwide for more than 20 years.

Submitted by Jodi Baltimore, VP Programs

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### **What is Observer Corps?**

The League of Women Voters has been a champion of openness in government throughout its history. We believe that government bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public record accessible. The League has supported various federal, state and local initiatives to expand open government requirements and has fought against proposals aimed at limiting access to public information.

The League's Observer Corps functions as the eyes and ears of the League. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Observer Corps or would like more information regarding the duties, please contact Carrie Burrows at [carrieb131@gmail.com](mailto:carrieb131@gmail.com) or call me at (630) 263-9245. A one-hour training session is periodically offered by the state league to help explain the role of an observer. The next session is Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm. Contact me if you would like to attend. Our goal is to cover all local governing bodies. Please help make this happen!  
Submitted by Carrie Burrows, Local Government

### **Opportunity to Join LWVGE Study**

In 2008, we undertook a League Study to consider the selection process for identifying and selecting candidates to run for Village office, including the Village Board and the Library Board. The focus of this study was the role of the Civic Betterment Party (CBP) in this process. The culmination of this study was our Position on "Glen Ellyn Selection of Village and Library Board Offices" that can be found in our Membership Book.

At our League Program Planning meeting last January, League members identified this issue and our Position on this process as one that warranted updating. Carrie Burrows and Sonja Faulkner will be leading this study and are looking for a few more members to join us. We will address how candidates are identified and slated, the role of the CBP, and underlying questions- how to increase interest in running for public office and how to engage more voters in local elections.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining the study or would like further details. We encourage new members to consider joining this study or others in the future. Participation in a study is a great way to meet other members and to learn more about the League approach to studying issues and coming to consensus on Positions that then allow for advocacy.

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Submitted by Carrie Burrows and Sonja Faulkner, Study Leaders



### **Help Wanted!**

Interested in helping the League educate voters through social media? If you are not sure of the tech aspects, we can train you. Contact Karin Daly at [\*\*karin.daly@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:karin.daly@gmail.com) to learn more.

Heather Fleming, Education Director, was a smiling hostess at our *Celebrate League* member kick-off event.



## Membership

We are beginning the autumn LWV season with **190** renewed and brand new members. The new member/prospective member reception on August 18 Lake Ellyn kick-off meeting at the Lake Ellyn Boathouse was well attended and elicited some great questions and discussion.

If you are a new member and were unable to make that meeting, **STAY TUNED.....**

We will be hosting another new member reception on **Thursday, September 23**. Based on the daily changes of restrictions due to the pandemic, we will be outside or on Zoom. Details to be determined. We are excited to gather and highlight all of the opportunities for you to learn about LWV and get involved in LWVGE.

[Welcome to our newest members!](#)

Jessica, Alan, Camille and Olive Buttimer

Christine Edison

Lindsey DeKuiper

Adrien Hayward

Kathy Bayert

Jacquelyn Casazza

Stefanie Hood

Kerstin Clark

Karen Irish

Jennifer Greenwalt

Julia Nephew

Gretchen Navarro

Ida Hagman

Karen Pulver

Submitted by Judy Gervase and Kristin Malone, Membership





The evening's new member reception was a success.



New members enjoy the Boathouse event: Jennifer Greenwalt, Jacquelyn Casazza and Barbara Kwiatkowsky.

## 2021 LWVIL Convention Delegate Report

The LWVIL Convention was held over Zoom on June 12 & 13. Delegates representing LWVGE were Jayne Boeckelman, Rita Doyle, Judy Gervase, Alison Hayes, Kristin Malone, Erica Nelson, Kim Reed and Michelle Thorsell.

The new Director, Azisti Dembowski, was introduced and the formation of a new DEI Committee was proposed. 34 of 41 Illinois Leagues were represented and 159 delegates were registered. Highlights of the Convention included:

### **Bylaw Changes:**

The proposal to merge the 501c3 (Ed Fund) and 501c4 entities into one 501c3 entity failed in a 57% to 43% vote; a 2/3 of the delegates' favorable vote was required for passage. The evolution of the proposal began at the 2017 convention where the LWVIL Board was directed to investigate the viability of merging of the two entities. At the 2019 convention, the LWVIL Board presented the information and were directed to proceed in developing the plan for transition. At the 2021 convention, the proposal for transition was presented. With the change in political dynamics since 2019, delegates opposed the transition plan, identifying the need to have unrestricted lobbying options going forward.

The proposal to eliminate voting delegates from the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan Interstate League Organizations failed.

**Budget approval:** The per member price will remain at \$32.

**Re-adoption of Where We Stand, Adoption of Program and the Criminal Justice Position** (for which LWVGE participated in the study) were approved.

The three pillars of the adopted program are Voting rights and Election Processes; Address the Climate Change Crisis; and Equitable Meeting Basic Human Need.

**A Will of the Convention** was adopted which directed the LWVIL Board to continue to support abolishing the Electoral College.

Submitted by Michelle Thorsell, Co-President

Keep informed about upcoming LWVIL programs you may want to follow. Please visit their website for a calendar of important LWVIL events, particularly about Voting rights/laws.

<https://www.lwvil.org/events-calendar>

Submitted by Bernie Laszewski, Voter Services

## Legislative Issues

Illinois General Assembly and Senate are not currently in session. The veto session is scheduled to begin October 19. However, joint redistricting hearings are scheduled for the days prior to August 31 when the General Assembly will be back for a special session to review and amend the Legislative Map that was presented and signed earlier this summer. Changes may be made based on recent US Census data.

Governor Pritzker worked his way through over 650 bills passed by the legislature since January 1. Some of the lesser known bills the House and Senate passed and the governor signed into law this summer include:

- Illinois residents applying for admission to public colleges and universities in the state will no longer be required to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of their application starting in January 2022.
- Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, public high schools in Illinois will soon be required to teach students how to access and evaluate various kinds of news and social media they see online and elsewhere as part of their regular curriculum.
- Student athletes in both public and nonpublic schools are now allowed to alter their athletic or team uniforms for purposes of modesty, in accordance with their religion, cultural values or modesty preferences. Changes will be at the student's expense, unless the school chooses to cover the cost

Finally, on August 25, the governor signed HB 2595 which expands access to mental health care for Illinoisans, requiring all insurers to provide comprehensive mental healthcare coverage in the state in order to improve the accessibility of quality and reliable services. In addition, it covers treatment for mental, emotional, nervous, and substance use disorders.

Submitted by Rita Doyle, Legislative Issues

## Celebrate League!



Julia Nephew, Glen Ellyn Park District VP and LWVGE new member, addresses the group.



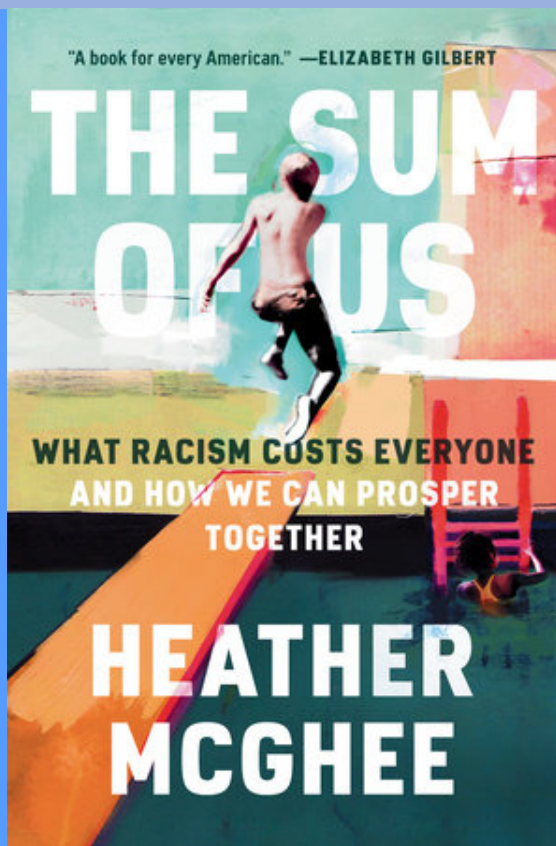
Jeff Gahr receives his wine basket raffle prize from LWVGE co-president Sarah Allen.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Fall kick-off social at the Glen Ellyn Boathouse on August 18 and to the many volunteers who made it a resounding success. Weather cooperated and nearly 60 members, including 13 new members, enjoyed finally being able to gather in person.

The new member reception was well attended and attendees were given a brief introduction to LWVGE by Membership Chair, Judy Gervase. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm and interest in League positions by new members.

Congratulations to our raffle winners: Jeff Gahris: wine basket (including two LWVGE wineglasses), Patti Denney: two Rebecca Sive books; and Sania Irwin: suffragist ornament. Fun photos were taken with the creative Voter Services cutout picture frames and Fundraising collected \$200 with wine glass sales. It was a wonderful evening Celebrating League!

Submitted by Sarah Allen, Co-President



## Next Book Club

Our next selection is:

*The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee.

We are meeting on November 6 at 9:00 am. How and where we meet is to be determined. The books will be available on the 2nd floor of the Glen Ellyn Public Library on October 1.

Please note: The library's *book club pickup procedures are changing effective September 1. Books will no longer be picked up through the drive-up window. Instead, they will be shelved on the 2nd floor at the beginning of the nonfiction section (near the study rooms). Your members can find the book on the shelf under the name of your book club. They can then take them to the 1st floor desk for checkout. One member can pick up multiple copies, if they are picking up for the group.*

Submitted by Shawn Fasules, Book Club

### *Food for thought*

A poem written by a refugee, read by a refugee, I heard at the recent Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights meeting.

### **Home**

by Warsan Shire (British-Somali poet)

no one leaves home unless  
home is the mouth of a shark  
you only run for the border  
when you see the whole city running as well

your neighbors running faster than you  
breath bloody in their throats  
the boy you went to school with

who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory  
is holding a gun bigger than his body  
you only leave home  
when home won't let you stay.

no one leaves home unless home chases you  
fire under feet  
hot blood in your belly

it's not something you ever thought of doing  
until the blade burnt threats into  
your neck  
and even then you carried the anthem under  
your breath  
only tearing up your passport in an airport toilet  
sobbing as each mouthful of paper  
made it clear that you wouldn't be going back.

you have to understand,  
that no one puts their children in a boat  
unless the water is safer than the land

no one burns their palms  
under trains  
beneath carriages  
no one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck  
feeding on newspaper unless the miles travelled  
means something more than journey.  
no one crawls under fences  
no one wants to be beaten  
pitied

no one chooses refugee camps  
or strip searches where your  
body is left aching  
or prison,  
because prison is safer  
than a city of fire  
and one prison guard  
in the night  
is better than a truckload  
of men who look like your father  
no one could take it  
no one could stomach it  
no one skin would be tough enough

the  
go home blacks  
refugees  
dirty immigrants  
asylum seekers  
sucking our country dry  
niggers with their hands out  
they smell strange

savage  
messed up their country and now they want  
to mess ours up  
how do the words  
the dirty looks  
roll off your backs  
maybe because the blow is softer  
than a limb torn off

or the words are more tender  
than fourteen men between  
your legs  
or the insults are easier  
to swallow  
than rubble  
than bone  
than your child body  
in pieces.

i want to go home,  
but home is the mouth of a shark  
home is the barrel of the gun  
and no one would leave home  
unless home chased you to the shore  
unless home told you  
to quicken your legs  
leave your clothes behind  
crawl through the desert  
wade through the oceans  
drown  
save  
be hunger  
beg  
forget pride  
your survival is more important

no one leaves home until home is a sweaty voice in your ear  
saying-  
leave,  
run away from me now  
i don't know what i've become  
but i know that anywhere  
is safer than here

Submitted by Rita Doyle, Legislative Issues

## Criminal Justice Study Update

**Ratified by the Membership at the  
LWVIL 2021 Convention**

The LWVIL asked local Leagues to participate in the Criminal Justice Study Update beginning in 2020 and finishing January 31, 2021. All local



League study participants' summaries were reviewed by the LWVIL state Criminal Justice Update Study Committee and used to complete the updated position recommendations.

LWVGE study members were:

Nancy Bell

Tamara Fay

Jennifer Larrabee

Erica Nelson, Chair

Donna Jean Simon

Michelle Thorsell

The LWVGE partnered with members of the Roselle/Bloomingtondale League.

The Study Update approved at the LWVIL 2017 Convention included:

- Expand scope of study to reflect current events and research
- Add section on Policing
- Focus research and sources on criminal justice system in Illinois
- Craft questions for each of 14 sections to develop consensus
- Engage local Leagues in process
- Include local League input to develop revised position

The CJS Update was ratified by LWVIL delegates at the June 2021 state convention.

Submitted by Erica Nelson, Criminal Justice



Since early 2020, LWVGE has actively participated in Glen Ellyn's DEI Committee and focused on encouraging Glen Ellyn to provide affordable housing and a more inclusive environment for all residents of Glen Ellyn. A focus on affordable housing is built into the League DNA and has been included in mission statements since before 1980. Joyce Hothan has shared her expertise in this area for many years.

Alix Darrow has been the League's Illinois representative on the two major Midwest and Mississippi Task Forces dedicated to Environmental Justice. As should be clear to anyone, this is a critical aspect of social justice and one that requires increasing attention. Members who have indicated interest in this topic will be invited to a Committee meeting in mid to late September. We hope that you will find many opportunities to turn your time and efforts to supporting this important issue.

*The Social Justice Portfolio and Directorship were recently created to bring under one heading the various activities in this area that LWVGE has been doing in the last several years. It encompasses DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion), Environmental Justice, Criminal Justice, Human Rights, and Social Justice issues.*

During 2020, LWVGE participated in a study on updating the National League's position on Criminal Justice. Timing is everything as the Illinois Legislature recently took up many of the aspects of reform suggested in the new positions.

Apart from these three areas, there are many opportunities for the Social Justice Committee to take up in support of Basic Human Needs. At the national level, the LWVUS "believes that one of the goals of social policy in the US should be to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families and that the most effective social programs are those designed to reduce poverty. Persons who are unable to work, whose earnings are inadequate, or for whom jobs are not available have the right to an income and/or services sufficient to meet their basic needs for food, shelter and access to healthcare." While we may live in a community without obvious poverty, there are many for whom Glen Ellyn is not a comfortable place to live because of a lack of housing, employment opportunities, inaccessibility, or simply a misunderstanding of special needs.

For those members who indicated an interest in supporting Social Justice issues, there will be a meeting in mid to late September to assess interest and opportunities these and many other social justice issues offer for member action.

Submitted by Donna Jean Simon, Social Justice

## Media Relations

LWVGE garnered great publicity with the 23 enthusiastic League members who marched in Glen Ellyn's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade! Such fun to celebrate over 100 years of "Votes for Women" and LWV's mission of empowering voters through education and advocacy.

Much of LWVGE publicity continues to focus on social media, coordinated by Karin Daly, VP of Communications, and Nicole DeJoris, Webmaster, overseeing our website. Karin and Nicole are managing Facebook/Twitter/ Instagram account and I focus on print media. Having a dedicated communications team is critical and we are ***in need of someone comfortable with social media posting***. A new member to LWVGE or anyone else with that skill set would be a very welcome addition to the Communications team. Interested? - please contact Karin Daly: [karindaly@gmail.com](mailto:karindaly@gmail.com).

Publicity for the in-person kick-off social, *Celebrate League* was successful when so many turned out. And now, publicity is in motion for our September 16 Community Program, *A Conversation on Police Partnerships and Community Policing*. This is a topic of high interest in our community and would be a great opportunity to ask a guest to join our Zoom session. (Find the link above in the *Member Information for You* section.)

The best publicity is always word of mouth. More than ever, as Media Relations Director, I urge you to reach out to voters and guide them to our website and social media. They both have excellent information on voting, elections, upcoming activities, and ways to become

involved with the League. LWVGE is counting on you!

Submitted by Karen Schulz., Media Relations

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## **CALENDAR**

**September 9**-LWVGE Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Clayton Room at the Civic Center

**September 16**- LWVGE Community Meeting, 7:30 pm virtual, via Zoom, *A Conversation on Police Partnerships and Community Policing*

**September 23**- New member reception. Details to come.

**October 6**- Observer Corps training session, 7:00 pm. Contact member Carrie Burrows.

**October 14** -LWVGE Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Clayton Room at the Civic Center

**October 21**-Community Meeting: *Be Vocal, Vote Local! The Importance of Local Elections and Understanding the Civic Betterment Party*, Glen Ellyn Police Station

**November 6**- Book Club discussion of *The Sum of Us*, 9:00 am, Details to come.

**November 11**-Rebecca Sive, author of *Every Day is Election Day: A Woman's Guide to Winning Any Office* and *Vote Her In* in conjunction with the Wheaton LWV, Cantigny

**Plans for events are subject to change. To avoid disappointment, please check the LWVGE website for final details.**

Questions about League events? Get details here:

**[www.lwvge.org](http://www.lwvge.org)**.

**Please visit our website for the most current information.**

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