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OF RICHARDSON**

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Calendar	
Date	Event
3/7/17	Lunch meeting to finalize VG questions
3/18/17	Pete Sessions Town Hall Meeting
3/22/17	LWV-R Board Meeting
3/25/17	CHIP help session, St. Barnabas
4/6/17	Last day to register to vote in May election
4/12/17	RISD Candidate Forum
4/19/17	Richardson City Council Candidate Forum
4/24/17	First day of Early Voting

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FROM THE PRESIDENT Jean Richards



More and more people around the United States are interested these days in becoming politically involved, and we assume that the same is true of people in the Richardson area. To that end, we have compiled information from a number of sources into a single page on our website, titled [Ten Ways to Get Politically Involved](#). From this page, you can learn about political involvement, from registering to vote all the way to running for office. Please feel free to link to this page from your social media accounts so that we can help more citizens get involved with their government.

Local elections are coming up in May, and several local entities will be holding elections at that time. Voter Service Vice President Ellen Steger has been working hard putting together information about the May election, which you can find on the following pages. Of course, we will post new information on our website as it becomes available.

League members, there's still time to have some input into the writing of questions for our local Voters Guides covering the Richardson City Council and RISD Board of Trustees elections. A lunch meeting to finalize questions will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 11:30 a.m. Email Ellen at VoterService@lwvrichardson.org if you are interested in participating in this important task.

Also included in this issue is a report on our efforts as part of the local coalition of organizations helping out with *CHIP* (Children's Health Insurance Program) / *Children's Medicaid* sessions. Many thanks to Martha Dorris for her continued leadership on behalf of LWV-Richardson.



Election May 6, 2017 - Updated

On May 6, 2017, non-partisan elections will be held for those entities listed below.

Dallas County School Board

The Board of Trustees establishes the policies by which Dallas County Schools operates. Trustees are elected to 2-year terms. Precinct 1 represents portions of the city of Richardson and portions of Lake Highlands. Only registered voters who reside in that precinct may vote for that office. See the [map](#) to determine if you can vote in the Precinct 1 election.



The following candidate will be on the ballot:

- Precinct 1: Dr. Paul A. Freeman

City of Richardson (Collin and Dallas Counties)

The City of Richardson will hold an election for City Council. The Richardson City Council consists of the Mayor (Place 7), two at-large seats (Places 5 & 6) and four place, or district, seats (Places 1 through 4). Council Members representing Places 1 - 4 must reside in those areas. [See the city's quadrant map and current Council members.](#) All members of Richardson City Council (Places 1-7) are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the City of Richardson. Council members serve two-year terms.



The following candidates will be on the ballot. They are listed in ballot order.

- Place 1: Bob Dubey
- Place 2: Mark Solomon (incumbent)
- Place 3: Scott Dunn (incumbent)
- Place 4: Cory Montfort
- Place 4: Mabel Simpson (incumbent)
- Place 5: Marta Gómez Frey (incumbent)
- Place 5: Kashif Riaz
- Place 6: Steve Mitchell (incumbent)
- Place 7, Mayor: Jared Weadon
- Place 7, Mayor: Paul Voelker (incumbent)

Richardson Independent School District

The Richardson ISD will hold an election for Board of Trustees. Trustees serve staggered 3-year terms. This year, the election is for Places 6 & 7. All members of the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the Richardson ISD. A special election to fill the remaining 2 years of the term of Place 3 will also be held. Voters will see no difference between the regular election for Places 6 & 7 and the special election for Place 3.



The following candidates will be on the ballot. Place 3 candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name since the ballot order for Place 3 has not yet been determined.

- Place 3: Joseph Armstrong
- Place 3: Karen Clardy
- Place 3: Ben Prado
- Place 3: The deadline to file in the special election for Place 3 is March 6, 2017. Therefore, more people may file to run in this race.

The following candidates will be on the ballot and are listed in ballot order:

- Place 6: Justin Bono (incumbent)
- Place 7: Lynn Davenport
- Place 7: Kristin Kuhne (incumbent)



Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees

The Collin County Community College District will hold an election for Board of Trustees. Trustees serve staggered 6-year terms. All members of the Collin County Community College District (CCCCD) Board of Trustees are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the CCCCCD. This year, the election is for Places 1, 2, and 3. An appointment was made to fill a vacancy in Place 5 until the May 6, 2017, election, when a candidate will be elected to fill the final 2 years of the term in Place 5

The following candidates will be on the ballot. They are listed in ballot order.

- Place 1: Greg Gomel
- Place 1: Fred Moses
- Place 2: Nancy Wurzman (currently the incumbent in Place 1)
- Place 2: Jeri Landfair Chambers
- Place 3: Dr. Stacey Donald
- Place 3: Larry Wainwright (incumbent)
- Place 5: Dr. Raj Menon (incumbent)



Collin County Community College District Bond

At their February 8, 2017, board meeting, the Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees approved a \$600 million bond referendum. The referendum will be on the May 6, 2017, ballot for those living in the Collin College district. For more information, [click here](#).

Plano Independent School District



Plano Independent School District

The Plano ISD will hold an election for Board of Trustees. Trustees serve staggered 4-year terms. This year, the election is for Places 1, 2, 3, and 6. All members of the Plano ISD Board of Trustees are elected at-large by all registered voters living in the Plano ISD.

The following candidates will be on the ballot. They are listed in ballot order.

- Place 1: Tammy Richards (incumbent)
- Place 1: Carissa Picard

- Place 2: Jack Liu
- Place 2: Angela Powell
- Place 2: Sreedhar "Sree" Yedavalli
- Place 2: Amanda Jackson

- Place 3: Nancy C. Humphrey (incumbent)
- Place 3: Yvette Jackson
- Place 3: Nathan Rylander

- Place 6: Marilyn Hinton (incumbent)
- Place 6: Greg Myer
- Place 6: Trish Patterson

General Information

Are you interested in running for elected office? Or do you know somebody who is interested?

- The last day for a candidate to file an application for a place on the ballot for the May 6, 2017, general election was Friday, February 17, 2017.
- The last day for a candidate to file application for a place on the ballot for the May 6, 2017, special election is Monday, March 6, 2017. The only special election is for Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Place 3.





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Richardson ISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
7:00pm

Richardson ISD Administration Building
Auditorium
400 S. Greenville Avenue
Richardson, TX 75081

Place 3 Candidates

Listed in alphabetical order by last name

Joseph Armstrong
Karen Clardy
Ben Prado

*(The filing deadline for Place 3 is March 6, 2017,
so other candidates may still file for Place 3.)*

Place 6 Candidates

Justin Bono*

*Unopposed candidates will not participate in the question-and-answer part of the forum, but will be given the opportunity to make a closing statement.

Place 7 Candidates

Listed in ballot order

Lynn Davenport
Kristin Kuhne

Do you have a question you want the candidates to answer at the forum? Email it to voterservice@lwvrichardson.org

Questions that are emailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the forum.

Questions will be screened according to *League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums*

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Richardson Mayoral and City Council Candidate Forum

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
7:00 pm

Richardson Civic Center
Grand Hall
411 W. Arapaho Road
Richardson, TX 75080

Candidates are listed in ballot order.

Place 1 Bob Dubey*	Place 2 Mark J. Solomon*	Place 3 Scott Dunn*	Place 4 Cory Montfort Mabel Simpson
Place 5 Marta Gómez Frey Kashif Riaz	Place 6 Steve Mitchell*	Place 7, Mayor Jared Weadon Paul Voelker	

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Congressman Pete Sessions
will be holding a

TOWN HALL MEETING

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

at Richardson High School

1250 W. Beltline Rd., Richardson, TX 75080



By Martha Dorris

We are off to a good start in 2017 and look forward to another good year.

Joan Pask (LWV-R) and Gloria Lopez (Community Council of Greater Dallas) attended the Dover Elementary School's Health Fair on January 19. It was a very well attended event. We hosted help sessions at Saint Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B.) on January 21 and February 18. St. B. routinely furnishes us with a room at no cost. Our purpose at these events is to hand out information, answer questions, help fill out applications, and to make appointments. Information about the sessions is routinely sent to the RISD Council of PTAs, the WIC Clinic on Spring Valley Road, Network of Community Ministries, and the RISD nursing staff. Approximately 20 families have been helped at the sessions this year. Paper forms are also available for those that want to take them to fill out later.



We also had three individual inquiries about CHIP via telephone in February. One each from a school nurse, the RISD Council of PTAs Health and Safety Chairman, and a member of St. B. After discussions, all were referred to John Stack.

I would like to thank the people that help me out each month. Joan Pask, Gloria Lopez, Sandy Schwartz, Susan Hardin, Susan Majors (LWV-R), and Sharon Simpson. John Stack, from Network, routinely volunteers to help with all of the sessions at St. B. and accepts referrals from us. He is very helpful because in addition to being an expert in Texas Benefits, he also speaks Spanish.

We are planning another application help session for March 25 from 9 am until noon at St. B. Thank you for all your support for these programs. Please consider following the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) discussion on the Congressional plans to overhaul healthcare and what it would mean for Texas in addition to the National VOTER. If you would like to be more actively involved, just let me know by emailing CHIP@lwvrichardson.org.