



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]
OF RICHARDSON**

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| Calendar | |
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| Date | Event |
| Nov 3 | Last day of early voting |
| Nov 7 | Election Day |
| Nov 13 | LWV-R members to attend City Council meeting |
| Nov 16 | CHIP registration event |
| Nov 17 | City Charter Restudy Committee meeting |
| Nov 18 | CHIP registration event |
| Dec 11 | Filing deadline for March Primary candidates |
| Jan 10 | Mid-year party |

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From the President

By Jean Richards

For most of the year, our members concentrate on the work the League does in our community – candidate forums, VOTERS GUIDEs, educational programs, and advocacy. Once a year, however, it's time for us to concentrate on how we will fund our activities, through our annual Finance Drive.

Please take a moment to contribute whatever you can to the League so that we can continue the work we do in Richardson and the RISD. A donation form is reprinted on page 3 below.

Also, remember to vote in the November 7th election. Early voting ends on Friday, November 3rd. Be sure to look at the pro-con VOTERS GUIDEs provided by the League to help you learn enough about the issues on the ballot so that you can vote responsibly. For more election information, see pages 4 – 7 below.

Finally, many thanks to the members who keep things going so that the League can remain a vital force in the community. We all appreciate your efforts.

Long-time LWV-Richardson member Philip Gray passed away on September 9, 2017. Our sympathies go to his wife Gloria and his family at this sad time.



Membership Minute

By Nita Thomason

Know Your Town II outing

The LWV-Richardson membership increased the past month with several new members and several long-time members (who didn't get around to paying their dues last year) rejoining! Yea!

Our League Board decided to plan regular events as part of our "Know Your Town" initiative; so about half a dozen of our members attended the RISD Board of Trustees meeting October 2.



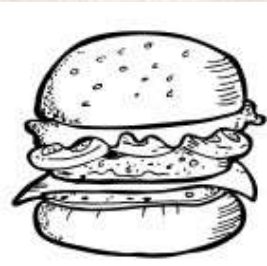
Going to public meetings together not only helps us better understand our community, but also provides the opportunity to get better acquainted with one another.



We plan to attend the Richardson City Council meeting together Monday, November 13. The City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting begin at 6:00 pm at the Richardson Civic Center. Please consider attending with us.

The City Charter Restudy Committee

By Jessica Hook



Six League members and a guest met for an informal get-together at Burger Edge on Wednesday, October 18 to discuss the City Charter Restudy. A core group of members will begin meeting monthly starting in November. Larger focus groups will be convened as needed to get additional input as the committee works toward developing consensus questions.



The committee is still seeking members. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17 at 9:30AM at 1211 Cherrywood Drive in Richardson (Jessica's home). We will briefly review the League's current position and the 14 amendments that were identified as having the potential for a major impact on our city. We will begin delegating research assignments, draft a timeline for the next few months, and begin scheduling additional meetings. If you are interested in the committee but unable to attend the meeting on November 17, please let me know!

Thank you to everyone who made it out to Burger Edge. We had a productive discussion about the work of the committee, enjoyed some good food, and listened to some good music!

Jessica Hook
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- Checks written to **LWV-Texas Education Fund-Richardson** are tax-deductible. The League may only use these funds for educational activities, including VOTERS GUIDES and forums.
- Checks written to **LWV-Richardson** are not tax-deductible. The League may use these funds for any League activity.

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Texas Constitutional Amendment Election

November 7, 2017

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Texas Constitution

In 2017, the Texas Legislature approved seven proposals to go to all voters in the State of Texas to be considered for inclusion as amendments to the Texas Constitution. These seven proposals cover a wide variety of issues.

- To see a VOTERS GUIDE that contains arguments for and against each of the propositions, including the official ballot language, [click here for English](#); [click here for Spanish](#).

Printed copies of this **VOTERS GUIDE** are available at the Richardson Civic Center, the Richardson Library, Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers, the Richardson Senior Center, Fretz Park Branch Library, Audelia Road Branch Library, and the Forest Green Branch Library.

Other sources of information on the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution include:

- An *Analysis of Proposed Constitutional Amendments* published by the Texas Legislative Council is available on their website ([click here](#)).
- A *Focus Report* on the proposed Constitutional Amendments, prepared by the House Research Organization, can be found on their website ([click here](#)).

Dallas County School Board Special Election

Voters who reside in Dallas County will vote on whether the governmental entity that provides bus transportation to some school districts in Dallas County will be continued or disbanded.

- To see a VOTERS GUIDE that contains arguments for and against the proposition to continue Dallas County Schools Student Transportation Services, including the collection of the Dallas county school equalization ad valorem tax, click [here](#).

City of Dallas Bond Election

Voters who reside in the City of Dallas will vote on ten bond items.

- To see a VOTERS GUIDE that contains arguments for and against the 10 bond propositions, click [here](#).

WHERE AND WHEN TO VOTE

Dallas County

If you are a registered voter in Dallas County, you may vote in this election. Complete information, including early voting locations, Election Day polling places, and sample ballots are available on the [Dallas County Elections Department website](#).

Collin County

If you are a registered voter in Collin County, you may vote in this election. Complete information, including early voting locations, Election Day polling places, and sample ballots are available on the [Collin County Elections Department website](#).

Texas Voter ID Requirements for the November 7, 2017, Election *In-person Voting*



What do I have to do in order to vote?

To vote in-person (early or day of voting), you must

- be registered **-AND-**
- provide identification

What kind of identification?

If you have one of the following government-issued photo IDs*, use it.

- ✓ Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- ✓ Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- ✓ Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- ✓ Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- ✓ U.S. Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph
- ✓ U.S. Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph **-OR-**
- ✓ U.S. Passport

**With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, the approved photo ID must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.*

If you are not able to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID listed above, on the day you go to vote in-person (early or on Election Day), you will vote a regular ballot and you will have to

1. sign a declaration at the polls explaining why you are unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID **-AND-**
2. provide one of the following forms of supporting documentation for identification:
 - a. certified birth certificate (must be an original)
 - b. valid voter registration certificate
 - c. copy or original of a current utility bill
 - d. copy or original of a bank statement
 - e. copy or original of a government check
 - f. copy or original of a paycheck **-OR-**
 - g. copy or original of any other government document that shows your name and address

**Government documents which include a photo
must be original and cannot be copies.**

Registering Voters

What are the requirements to be registered?

In order to register to vote, you must be

- a U.S. citizen.
- a resident of the Texas county in which application for registration is made.
- at least 18 years old on Election Day
- not finally convicted of a felony, or, if so convicted, must have
 - (1) fully discharged the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
 - (2) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and
- **and** not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be
 - (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - (2) (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Contact LWV-Richardson at
voterservice@lwvrichardson.org
if you want to register to vote.



I am registered to vote, but I have moved. What do I need to do?



If you moved within the same county in Texas where you are currently registered, you must file the new address information

- ❖ in writing with your county voter registrar (see *below*) or
- ❖ online at <http://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>

If you moved to a new county in Texas, you must re-register in your new county of residence.

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| <p><u>For Collin County:</u> Registrar of Voters 2010 Redbud Blvd, Suite 102 McKinney, TX 75069</p> <p>972-547-1990 Phone 972-547-1995 FAX</p> <p>www.collincountytexas.gov/elections web page</p> | <p><u>For Dallas County:</u> Elections Administrator 2377 North Stemmons Fwy, Suite 820 Dallas 75207</p> <p>(214) 819-6300 Phone (214) 819-6301 FAX</p> <p>www.dallascountytexas.gov/elections web page</p> |
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For the November 7, 2017, election, you had to be registered by
Tuesday, October 10, 2017



Huffhines Art Trails

Your League of Women Voters of Richardson sponsored a table at the City of Richardson's Huffhines Art Trails on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, 2017. Both days were beautiful! About 260 VOTERS GUIDES were distributed.

Many thanks to the following League members for working a shift at the LWV-Richardson table:

- Brenda Boston
- Keith Burgess
- Linda Grigsby
- Andrea Hamblin
- Mary Lou Hoffman
- Jessica Hook
- Diana Lace
- Susan Majors
- Joan Pask
- Jean Richards
- Ellen Steger
- Nita Thomason



CHIP | Children's Medicaid

By Martha Dorris

Federal CHIP funding expired on Sept. 30, 2017. If Congress fails to fund CHIP, care for thousands of children is at risk. CHIP has strong bipartisan support in both Congress and in the Texas Legislature. **Please urge your elected representatives to support fully funding the Children's Health Insurance Program at the current rate.**



CHIP has been very well received by the working families in Texas and is helping to ensure that our children have adequate preventative care in addition to coverage for more complex medical care. It is much more cost effective to provide immunizations, check-ups, and early intervention in childhood illnesses than to wait for a problem to develop into an emergency situation.

Children are among our most vulnerable citizens and are our most valuable assets. Please be their advocate by supporting full funding for CHIP and for contacting your Congressmen to urge them to quick action. Contact information is in the Guide to Elected Officials and I list some here for quick reference. For a more in-depth discussion of the importance of this issue, [the Center for Public Policy Priorities \(cPPP\) has a fact sheet](#) that is very useful. The Dallas Morning News published [an article on Oct. 12, 2017 on funding disagreements putting CHIP at risk.](#)

- Senator Ted Cruz: www.cruz.senate.gov DC phone: 202-224-5922
- Senator John Cornyn: www.cornyn.senate.gov DC phone: 202-224-2934
- Representative District 3 Sam Johnson: www.samjohnson.house.gov DC phone 202-304-0382
- Representative District 32 Pete Sessions: www.petesessions.house.gov DC phone 202-225-2231

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy for this very valuable program. We have had five events in October to help families with the application process and have two scheduled for November (Nov. 16 and Nov. 18). If you would like to volunteer to help or to attend one to meet our families, you are most welcome.

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