



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

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VOTER

CALENDAR		
Oct. 1		LWV-R Board Meeting; 7pm; PM Realty Board Room
Oct. 6		Last day to register to vote – Nov 4 election
Oct. 8	7pm	Forum – HD 102 (Koop v Clayton); small gym Westwood JH, 7630 Arapaho Road, Dallas 75248
Oct. 9	6pm	CHIP Health Fair at Spring Valley elementary School – you can help!
Oct. 9	6:30pm	“The Day My God Died” Gendercide Awareness Project; FunAsia, 1210 East Belt Line Road, Richardson; \$10 Cancelled
Oct. 14	7pm	Forum – SBOE D12 (Miller v Parrot v Wester); Richardson ISD Administration Building auditorium, 400 S. Greenville Avenue, Richardson 75081
Oct. 18		CHIP Help Session @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W. Belt Line, R75080; 9am-noon – you can help!
Oct. 20-31		Early voting in person – November 4 Uniform Election
Oct. 24		Last day to receive application for ballot by mail – Nov 4 Uniform Election
Oct. 25-26		Huffhines Art Trails – you can help staff the LWV-Richardson table
Nov. 4		Uniform Election; Last day to receive ballot by mail
Nov. 15		CHIP Help Session @ St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W. Belt Line, R75080; 9am-noon



Ellen Steger, *President*

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

It's October. That means the Texas State Fair, the World Series, football, ...**and forums!**

Texas House District 102 is being contested by (*in ballot order*) Linda Koop, *Republican*, and George M. Clayton, *Democrat*. These two candidates will participate in a forum



sponsored by LWV-Richardson and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 7pm, in the small gym at Westwood Junior High School (7630 Arapaho Road in Dallas 75248).

State Board of Education District 12 is being contested by (*in ballot order*) Geraldine “Tincy” Miller, *Republican*, Lois Parrott, *Democrat*, and Mark Wester, *Libertarian*. These three candidates will participate in a forum sponsored by LWV-Richardson, LWV-Collin County, and the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7pm, in the auditorium of the Richardson ISD Administration Building (400 S. Greenville in Richardson 75081).



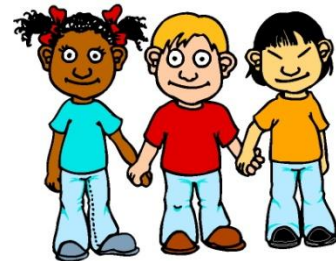
Informed Voter

Mark your calendars to attend these forums.

Be an informed voter!

Martha Dorris and Susan Majors have been busy working with families in the Richardson ISD at **Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** events. They could use some help at the:

- October 9th Health Fair at Spring Valley Elementary School, (13535 Spring Grove Avenue in Dallas 75240), 6-8:30pm
- October 18th regularly scheduled event at Saint Barnabas Presbyterian Church (1220 W. Belt Line in Richardson 75080) , 9am-noon



More details about each of these exciting events appear in the rest of this VOTER, as well as information about the upcoming November 4, 2014, General Election.

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Texas House District 102 Candidate Forum

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
7:00pm

Westwood Junior High School
Small gym
7630 Arapaho Road
Dallas, TX 75248

Candidates

Listed in ballot order



Linda Koop
Republican



George Clayton
Democrat

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

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RICHARDSON ISD COUNCIL



State Board of Education District 12 Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 14, 2014
7:00pm

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

Candidates

Listed in ballot order



Geraldine "Tincy" Miller
Republican



Lois Parrott
Democrat



Mark Wester
Libertarian

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November 4, 2014, is a General Election in Texas.

The State of Texas is conducting a General Election on November 4, 2014. The uniform election date in November of even-numbered years, by statute, is the general election date for federal, state, and county officers. Note that counties will also be conducting a constitutional amendment election on November 4, 2014.

November 4, 2014, General Election <i>Important Dates</i>		
Oct. 6		Last day to register to vote – Nov 4 election
Oct. 20-31		Early voting in person – November 4 Uniform Election
Oct. 24		Last day to receive application for ballot by mail – Nov 4 Uniform Election
Nov. 4		Uniform Election; Last day to receive ballot by mail

Besides voting for candidates, there is a proposition on the ballot:

Proposition 1

"The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads."

(Proposición 1)

("La enmienda constitucional que establece el uso y dedicación de ciertos fondos transferidos al Fondo Estatal de Carreteras para ayudar a finalizar la construcción, mantenimiento y rehabilitación en relación con el transporte, no incluye caminos de peaje.")

Don't forget: you must have valid government-issued photo ID to vote!



CHIP/Medicaid for Children

Martha Dorris



We are off to a great start this year. On August 20 at the St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) annual health fair, we helped about 20 families fill out application forms and distributed information to at least 50 additional families. On Sept. 20, we helped 6 families apply for insurance for their children and talked to one other family about the Health Insurance Marketplace.

On Sept. 25 at the RISD Professional Development Center, I talked to the RISD nursing staff about the newly revised application form, distributed at least 500 pieces of printed information and applications, and offered volunteers to be on hand for any of the RISD events that would present opportunities to help our families with CHIP/Medicaid.

We were invited to be with families at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Elementary School for a CHIP session and O. Henry Elementary School for their picnic on Sept. 25. Susan Majors attended the Hamilton Park meeting, and I was with the families at O. Henry. The Community Council of Greater Dallas (CCGD) graciously arranged for CHIP outreach specialists who are bilingual to be with us.

We are invited to be at Spring Valley Elementary School on Oct. 9 at their Health Fair from 6 to 8:30 pm. **If you are interested and available to help that evening, please give me a call.** The CCGD has volunteered to be with us then. I will be representing our local CHIP Coalition at the Molina Healthcare of Texas' Community Champions Awards dinner at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center that evening.

Our next regularly scheduled event at St. B is Oct. 18 from 9 am until noon. **If you are interested in assisting families with filling out the applications, or if you would just like to visit a session to see what happens and meet some of the families, please call me.** . If you would like to follow some of the legislative advocacy efforts to help our Texas families access medical care, the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) is a good starting resource for information.

Thank all of you for your continued support for this effort to get our children enrolled in affordable insurance programs.

Martha Dorris

CHIP@lwvrichardson.org

Successful Water Wise Panel

Lynette Weisheit

Water and its issues were the main topics in a full room on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at the Richardson Civic Center. The League of Women Voters of Richardson (LWV-R) and Richardson Environmental Action League (R.E.A.L.) co-sponsored this public meeting.



Don Magner, Clint Wolfe, Mike Rickman, and Lynette Weisheit at the Water-Wise public meeting.

LWV-R 1st Vice President Lynette Weisheit moderated the program. The panelists were:

- **Mike Rickman**, Deputy Directory, North Texas Municipal Water District,
- **Clint Wolfe**, Program Manager Urban Water, Texas A & M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Dallas, and
- **Don Magner**, Assistant City Manager, Richardson,

These panelists, all very experienced in the area of water problems & solutions, each made an informative 20 minute presentation. The audience was then able to ask questions of the panelists. Questions were submitted online prior to the meeting and by the audience members. The meeting was closed by Ed Curran, President of R.E.A.L.

A big thanks to the City of Richardson for their support, cooperation, and facilities; to Marcin Wawrzyczek for taping and editing the video, and to Ultimate AVT, Inc. for setting up the sound. We also want to thank Brenda Boston and Mary Lou Hoffman, members of LWV-R, and Mark Brown, R.E.A.L. board member, for serving as question screeners.

A videotape of the panelists' presentations, the Question-and-Answer session, and the closing is available on our website at: www.lwvrichardson.org/water.

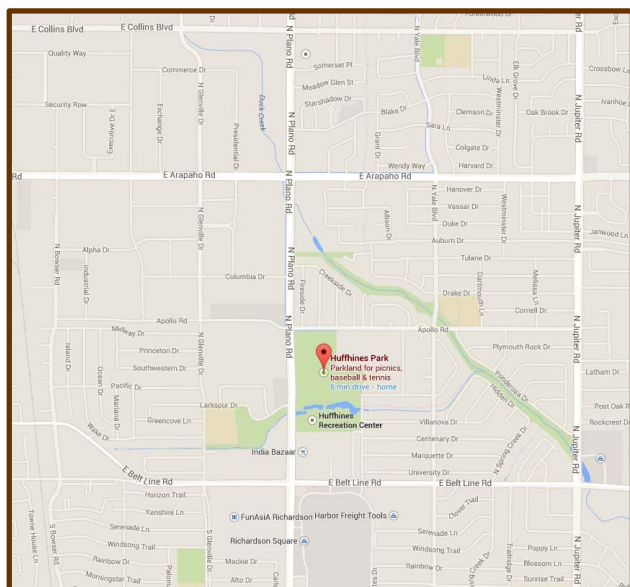


The following are links to the video of the Water Wise Panel Discussion co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of Richardson and the Richardson Environmental Action League on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

Description	Link
Mike Rickman, <i>Deputy Director North Texas Municipal Water District</i>	NTMWD Presentation
Clint Wolfe, <i>Program Manager Urban Water Texas !&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Dallas</i>	AgriLife Presentation
Don Magner, <i>Assistant City Manager City of Richardson</i>	COR Presentation

Description	Link
Question 1:	What is the water district doing about water shortage, drought, and population growth?
Question 2:	Can the water district quit building more reservoirs?
Question 3:	Why is it that industrial operations like hydraulic fracking are taking large amounts of water from area lakes without anyone keeping track of how much? Shouldn't these operations be limited during the times of drought?
Question 4:	Please explain the problem of Zebra Mussels.
Question 5:	Regarding non-potable water for irrigation: How expensive to retrofit? Does the city or the North Texas Water District provide rain barrels for home use?
Question 6:	How much water could we acquire through the Red River if Oklahoma agreed?
Question 7:	When will construction begin on the Texhoma desalination plant?
Question 8:	The once-a-week watering schedule currently in effect through October 31, 2014, is a temporary solution, at best, to making sure chlorine levels in our drinking water meet state standards during the drought in hot, summer months. What is a more permanent solution?
Question 9:	The 2006 and 2011 Region C Water Plan for the Texas Water District Board recommend the Marvin Nichols Reservoir and the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir as major water strategies for Region C. When are these reservoirs scheduled to be operational?
Question 10:	Why was the process of bringing more reservoirs online not started sooner to accommodate the predicted population growth?
Ed Curran, <i>President</i> <i>Richardson Environmental Action League</i>	Closing

The video of the Water Wise panel discussion can be seen in its entirety on the LWV-Richardson website at www.lwvrichardson.org.



The City of Richardson will hold its annual Huffhines Art Trails on:

Saturday, October 25, 2014
Sunday, October 26, 2014

at Huffhines Park
(southeast corner of Plano and Apollo Roads in Richardson).

LWV-Richardson will have a table at the event.

- ☞ We will hand out *VOTERS GUIDES*, published by LWV-Dallas, for the November 4, 2014, General Election.
- ☞ We will have voter registration applications for both Dallas County and Collin County for people to register to vote. It will be too late to register for the November 4th election (deadline is October 6), but there's always another election!

We need 2 people to work each shift on Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26:

10am – 12:30pm
12:30pm – 3pm
3pm – 6pm

If you can help, please contact:

Ellen Steger
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Famous Firsts by American Women



In 1933, [Frances Perkins](#) was appointed Secretary of Labor by President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#), making her the first woman member of a [presidential cabinet](#).

The [United States Cabinet](#) has had 31 female officers. No woman held a Cabinet position before the ratification of the [Nineteenth Amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#) in 1920, which prohibits states and the federal government from denying any citizen the [right to vote](#) because of that citizen's sex.

President Barack Obama has appointed eight women to Cabinet-level positions, the most of any Presidency.

- From Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_female_United_States_Cabinet_Secretaries