



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF RICHARDSON**

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VOTER

CALENDAR		
Aug 2	10am-2pm	“Maximizing the Talents of LWV-Richardson” Orientation by LWV-TX Casa Milago, 1403 E. Campbell, Suite 110, Richardson
Aug 20	Noon-1pm	Women’s Equality Day Celebration, Dallas City Hall Flag Room
Aug 23	9am-noon	CHIP Health Fair; St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church; 1220 W Belt Line, R75080
Aug 26		19 th Amendment passes in 1920 Women’s Equality Day Texas Women’s Independence Day
Sept 1		Deadline to apply for COR City Charter Commission
Sept 5		First day to apply for ballot by mail for the Nov. 4 election
Sept 10	7pm	LWV-R Public Meeting on Water; Richardson Civic Center Parks Room
Sept 23		National Voter Registration Day
Sept 25	6:30pm	Gendercide Awareness Project Documentary Film ‘The Day My God Died’; Angelika Film Center; \$10; Buy tickets at www.gendap.org



FROM THE PRESIDENT’S PEN

Your League of Women Voters of Richardson is excited to announce it is co-sponsoring a public event with the Richardson Environmental Action League. The event is titled “Are YOU Water Wise?”



Lynette Weisheit, LWV-Richardson's 1st Vice President Citizen Education/Advocacy Coordinator has done a great job lining up an impressive panel:

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

The speakers will make a presentation on water issues confronting North Texas. The panelists should answer questions such as

- How did we get into this predicament?
- What are our current problems?
- What are possible solutions?

They will also answer questions submitted in writing from the audience.

Mark your calendar for **September 10**. The event will be in the **Parks Room at Richardson City Hall**, 411 W Arapaho Road in Richardson.

- A **reception** begins at **6:30pm** with light refreshments.
- The **panel discussion** begins at **7:00pm**.



Plan to join us...and bring your friends!



The League of Women Voters of Richardson has long held a position (*LWV-R Position I.B.3*) that the City of Richardson should review the Charter at least every ten years by a charter commission of citizens.

The city has not appointed a commission to undertake a comprehensive review of the charter since 1987, over 25 years ago. **I encourage each of you to consider applying to be on this commission.** As Nancy Wilson, longtime member of the Richardson League said, "Serving as a Charter Review Committee member could be one of the most important and personally rewarding experiences for you."

The qualifications needed to apply for the commission are found later in this *VOTER*. September 1, 2014, is the deadline for submitting your application.

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Are YOU water wise?

How did we get in this predicament?

What are our current problems?

What can we do?

To find answers to these and other questions,
come to a panel discussion sponsored by

The League of Women Voters of Richardson
and
Richardson Environmental Action League



Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m. Reception (light refreshments)
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Panel
Location: Richardson Civic Center, Parks Room
411 W. Arapaho Road
Richardson 75080

Panelists:

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

Do you have a question you want the panelists to answer at the event? Email it to program@lwvrichardson.org
Questions that are emailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the event.
Questions will be screened according to League of Women Voters of Texas Guidelines.



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Follow the League on Twitter @LWVRichardson

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Richardson Charter Review Commission

from www.cor.net

The City is accepting applications for the Charter Review Commission through Sept. 1. The commission will be appointed by the City Council in September and October and is expected to meet twice a month for six to nine months to examine the City Charter and recommend changes, if necessary.

Applicants should be able to commit the required volunteer time for board service as well as show an interest in the specific workings of the commission. Board members must

- be qualified voters of the City
- have been residents of Texas for a least one year
- have been residents of the City for at least six months
- hold no elected public office
- not be in arrears in taxes or other liability due to the City

History

Richardson's Home Rule charter was adopted June 23, 1956. Four Charter Study Commissions have been appointed: in 1960, 1966, 1973, and 1987. No council action was taken as a result of the reports from the first 3 commissions. The amended charter recommended by the 1987 commission was approved by the voters in 1989. The charter was also updated by a vote of the citizens in 2007 and 2012, but these updates were brought forward by action of the city council and by a citizen petition, respectively, and not from a charter review.

For more information:

[Current Charter](#)
[Charter review history and progress](#)
[Proposed timeline](#)

[Online application](#)
[Print application](#)



WOMEN'S ISSUES NETWORK

Women's Issues Network

Dear Friends,

Women's Issues Network (WIN) invites you to support and attend Women's Equality Day at **Dallas City Hall in the Flag Room on Wednesday, August 20, 2014**. The event celebrates the 94th Anniversary of the US Constitution giving women the right to vote and honors those who have contributed to improve the status of women.

Our program will include a Proclamation for Women's Equality Day by the Mayor, City Council members, and other elected officials, followed by a program honoring the history and aspirations for full equality of women and girls.

Your support of Women's Equality Day helps to ensure equality for women every day.

In order to show your support of women and girls, you may choose one the following options:

Attend the event at no cost on behalf of your organization, have lunch, enjoy our speaker and program, and be recognized as a supporter.

If you are an elected official, please attend our celebration, have lunch, enjoy our program and be recognized as a supporter.

Be a co-sponsor and serve as a host of the celebration. Your organization will pay \$75 to help make this celebration possible. Your organization will be recognized as a co-sponsor, as well as named on our fliers and on our program.

To ensure you are recognized, please attend the celebration and sign the appropriate sign-in sheet. In order to plan properly, please let us know if you will be attending by emailing annwmoy@yahoo.com. Please wear white in honor of the suffragists!

Thank you for supporting women and girls and creating equality every day! We also appreciate your commitment and service to our community.

Sincerely,
Connie Hearn, WIN President

Ann Moy, Equality Day Chair

Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution

The **Nineteenth Amendment (Amendment XIX)** to the [United States Constitution](#) prohibits any United States citizen from being denied the [right to vote](#) on the basis of sex. It was [ratified](#) on August 18, 1920. The Constitution allows the states to determine the qualifications for voting, and until the 1910s most states disenfranchised women. The amendment was the culmination of the [women's suffrage movement in the United States](#), which fought at both state and national levels to achieve the vote. It effectively overruled [Minor v. Happersett](#), in which a unanimous [Supreme Court](#) ruled that the [Fourteenth Amendment](#) did not give women the right to vote.



[Susan B. Anthony](#) and [Elizabeth Cady Stanton](#) drafted the amendment and first introduced it in 1878; it was forty-one years later, in 1919, when the Congress submitted the amendment to the states for ratification. A year later, it was ratified by the requisite number of states, with [Tennessee's](#) ratification being the final vote needed to add the amendment to the Constitution. In [Leser v. Garnett](#) (1922), the Supreme Court rejected claims that the amendment was unconstitutionally adopted.

-from Wikipedia

Full Text of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Did you know?

Wyoming, the first state to grant voting rights to women, was also the first state to elect a female governor. Nellie Tayloe Ross (1876-1977) was elected governor of the Equality State (Wyoming's official nickname) in 1924. From 1933 to 1953, she served as the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

Women's Equality Day is a day [proclaimed](#) each year by the United States President to commemorate the granting of the vote to women throughout the country on an equal basis with men. Women in the United States were granted the right to vote on August 26, 1920, when the [19th Amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#) was certified as law. The amendment was first introduced many years earlier in 1878. Every president has published a proclamation for Women's Equality Day since 1971, when legislation was first introduced in Congress by [Bella Abzug](#). This resolution was passed designating **August 26** of each year as Women's Equality Day.

-from Wikipedia



[Full Text of the resolution:](#)

Joint Resolution of Congress, 1971 Designating August 26 of each year as Women's Equality Day:

- ❖ WHEREAS, the women of the United States have been treated as second-class citizens and have not been entitled the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or institutional, which are available to male citizens of the United States; and
- ❖ WHEREAS, the women of the United States have united to assure that these rights and privileges are available to all citizens equally regardless of sex;
- ❖ WHEREAS, the women of the United States have designated August 26, the anniversary date of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, as symbol of the continued fight for equal rights: and
- ❖ WHEREAS, the women of United States are to be commended and supported in their organizations and activities,
- ❖ NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that August 26 of each year is designated as "Women's Equality Day," and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation annually in commemoration of that day in 1920, on which the women of America were first given the right to vote, and that day in 1970, on which a nationwide demonstration for women's rights took place.



National Voter Registration Day September 23, 2014

Any day...EVERY day is Voter Registration Day!

Are YOU registered to vote? Do you know someone who is NOT registered to vote? Contact the League of Women Voters of Richardson and we'll send you a voter registration card.

Contact: voterservice@lwvrichardson.org

Who can vote in Texas?

To be eligible to register to vote in Texas, a person must be:

- A United States 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
- Not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.



GENDERCIDE AWARENESS PROJECT & LWV Richardson



Present Documentary Film

'The Day My God Died'

Thursday, Sept 25 @ 6:30 pm in Dallas

Thursday, Oct 9 @ 6:30 pm in Richardson



Filmed in Nepal and India, this documentary presents the stories of young girls whose lives have been shattered by the sex trade. The film provides actual footage from inside the brothels of Bombay, known even to the tourists as "The Cages," captured with spy camera technology. The documentary also introduces the heroes of the movement who are working to abolish child sex slavery and who remind us that, "these are our daughters." A short panel discussion will follow.

See film trailer at www.gendap.org.

Buy your tickets now at www.gendap.org.

Tickets are expected to sell out online and may not be available at the door.

Thurs, Sept 25, 6:30 pm @ Angelika Film Center, 5321 E. Mockingbird Ln, Dallas \$10

Thurs, Oct 9, 6:30 pm @ FunAsia Theater, 1210 E. Beltline Rd., Richardson \$10

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