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Calendar	
Date	Event
April 23	Last day to register to vote in Primary Runoff
May 5	Local election date
May 9	LWV-R Annual Meeting
May 11	Last day to apply by mail (received; not postmarked)
May 14 - 18	In-person Early Voting in Primary Runoff
May 22	Last day to receive ballot by mail
May 22	Primary Runoff Election

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From the President By Jean Richards

This is a busy time of year for our organization. Despite the fact that the Primary Elections are over and the Runoffs are not until late May, our board is busy getting ready to finish out the League's fiscal year.

In preparation for the League's May 9th Annual Meeting, our Budget Committee met this week to begin the process of presenting a 2018-19 budget to the membership. Many thanks to Brenda Boston for chairing the committee, and to Treasurer Keith Burgess for his work.

Nancy Wilson recently conducted and compiled the results from our online Local Program Planning meeting. She followed up with an in-person meeting to discuss the results and plan for next year's activities related to study and advocacy. We had good attendance, and a great discussion.

The board will be meeting one last time in early April. Among the items to be discussed will be recommended changes to our Bylaws and Local Policies in anticipation of the expected conversion of LWV-TX from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) organization. This item will be voted on at the LWV-TX State Convention in late April. Although both types of organizations are exempt from federal taxes under IRS laws and regulations, contributions and dues paid to 501(c)(3) organizations are tax-deductible.

Speaking of the LWV-TX State Convention, thanks to members Susan Majors and Evan Thomas for attending as delegates for LWV-Richardson. We hope that they will learn a lot and report back to those of us who cannot attend.

At our May 9th Annual Meeting we will also be electing a new slate of board officers and directors. Members, please consider how you want to contribute to the work of the League in the coming year – we would like everyone to be involved, especially in this important election season.

May 5, 2018 Local Elections

The first Saturday in May is the date on which local governmental entities typically hold elections.

- The **Richardson ISD Board of Trustees** was scheduled to hold an election for Places 1 and 2. Both incumbents filed for re-election. Because no candidates filed to run against either of them, the election has been cancelled.
- This is not an election year for the **Richardson City Council**. City Council elections are held in May of odd-numbered years. Council members serve consecutive 2-year terms and will all face re-election in 2019.
- This is not an election year for the **Plano ISD Board of Trustees**. PISD trustees serve overlapping 4-year terms and will have another election in 2019.
- **Dallas County Community College Board of Trustees** will be holding an election for District 7. The Dallas County portions of the City of Richardson are represented by District 1. The incumbent for District 1 is not opposed, so there will not be an election for that place.
- Many other municipalities in **Dallas County** (including Garland) will be holding elections on this date. Click here to see a [sample ballot](#) listing all contested races in Dallas County.
- The **Collin County** Elections Department has published sample ballots on their [website](#), and it appears that there are no county-wide elections that will be voted on by Collin County residents of the City of Richardson.

The League of Women Voters of Collin County has been asked to moderate a candidate forum for Sachse City Council, hosted by The Sachse News.

LWV-Collin President Janice Schieffer will moderate.

Thursday, April 17
7-8:30 p.m.,
Chase Oaks Church, Woodbridge Campus,
2709 Third St., Sachse, TX 75048.

Primary Elections in Texas March 6, 2018 Results



The Texas Republican and Texas Democratic political parties held open primaries on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, to determine who will be on the ballot in the Mid-Term Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

[For a complete list of results statewide, click here.](#)

Dallas County

There are 1,286,783 registered voters in Dallas County.

For the Primary Election results in Dallas County

- [for the Democratic Party, click here](#)
- [for the Republican Party, click here](#)

Early Voting

- 96,525 people voted early in person in Dallas County. (33,115 in the Republican Election; 63,410 in the Democratic Election)
- The total vote count at the Richardson Civic Center was 5,178 (2,337 in the Republican Election; 2,841 in the Democratic Election), making the Richardson Civic Center the 3rd busiest early voting polling location in Dallas County. There were 37 early voting polling places in Dallas County.

Cumulative Voting

- 132,288 votes were cast in the Democratic Primary in Dallas County. (10.28%)
- 82,522 votes were cast in the Republican Primary in Dallas County. (6.45%)

Collin County

There are 551,004 registered voters in Collin County.

[For the Primary Election results in Collin County, click here.](#) The results of the Republican Party Primary are listed first, followed by the results of the Democratic Party Primary.

Early Voting

- 61,809 (11.22%) people voted early in person in Collin County.

Cumulative Voting

- 104,465 votes were cast (combined) in the Democratic Party and Republican Party Primaries in Collin County. (18.96%)

Primary Election Runoff in Texas May 22, 2018

To win a place on a political party's November General Election ballot, a candidate must win a majority (more than 50%) of votes cast in that political party's Primary Election. If no candidate for a particular race wins by a majority, the top two vote-getters in that race will run against each other in the Primary Runoff election.



The 2018 Primary Election Runoff will be May 22, 2018.

- If you voted in either the Democratic Party or the Republican Party Primary Election, you may vote in that same political party's Primary Runoff Election on May 22, 2018.
- If you did **NOT** vote in either the Democratic Party Primary or the Republican Party Primary, you may vote in **EITHER** party's Primary Runoff Election on May 22, 2018.

Whether or not you voted in the March 6 Primary or whether or not you vote in the May 22 Primary Election Runoff, you may:

- vote in the November 6, 2018, General Election.
- vote for any candidate on the November 6th ballot, regardless of who you voted for in the Primary.

Statewide races that will be included in the March 6, 2018, Primary Election Runoff:

Democratic Party

- Governor: Runoff between Lupe Valdez and Andrew White
- US Representative District 3: Runoff between Lorie Burch and Sam Johnson (Collin County only)
- US Representative District 32: Runoff between Colin Allred and Lillian Salerno
- State Board of Education: Runoff between Suzanne Smith and Laura Malone-Miller

Republican Party

- Texas House District 107: Runoff between Deanna Maria Metzger and Joe Ruzicka

Sample ballots are not yet available for either Dallas County or Collin County residents of Richardson. We will publish links to sample ballots for the Runoff Elections when they are available.



By **Martha Dorris** (CHIP@lwvrichardson.org)

New federal rules governing the impact that use of a public benefit can have on individual immigrants and their US citizen family members (the so-called “public charge” policy) have been leaked and are expected to be published in the Federal Register soon.

Current policy: Since 1999, official US immigration policy has reassured immigrants seeking a green card (lawful permanent residence) that their previous or future use of public benefits would not be used to deny them a green card, unless they were reliant on the government for their support from cash assistance or institutionalized for long-term care (e.g., nursing home) at government expense. And, the lawful use of public benefits by an immigrant’s family members would never be used to deny a parent a green card.

The proposed change has two major negative impacts:

1. It could deny Permanent Residence status to immigrants who use almost any kind of public benefit, including Healthcare (CHIP, Children’s Medicaid) and a huge number of other programs.
2. Lawful use of benefits by a green-card applicant’s spouse or children—including US citizens—could also be used to deny the spouse/parent a green card.

These changes will force low-income Texas families that include non-citizens – including those with U.S. citizen children – to make choices between the basic resources their families need to thrive, and their family’s future ability to stay together in the United States. It is estimated that as many as one out of every four Texas kids has at least one parent who isn’t a U.S. citizen, meaning this rule change has huge implications for close to 2 million Texas children and their families. The above information comes from the Center for Public Policy Priority (CPPP), one of the centers that tracks issues relating to CHIP.

When this rule is published, the public comment period may be as short as 30 days. Please consider following this policy change and voicing your concern when it is published (probably next month).

We had an application help session at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church (St. B) on March 24. The Community Council of Greater Dallas specialist assisted 5 families apply for insurance on-line. Susan Majors and I greeted family members and visited with the children. We were invited to Liberty Jr. High School on March 26 for a PTA meeting and open house from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Dobie Primary School has requested we attend a morning meeting on March 28. Our next help session at St. B. is April 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you would like to attend any of these events to meet our families or to help with making copies, handing out information, or visiting with the children, you are always welcome. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Do you know a current college student who is interested in leadership development, politics, community engagement, communication, and civic life?

The Texas Civic Ambassadors (TCA) Program is holding a TCA Leadership Summit on August 17-19m, 2018 at the University of Texas at Austin. For more information, including how to apply, go to



<https://moody.utexas.edu/centers/strauss/new-politics-forum/texas-civic-ambassadors-program>