

Wait... didn't we just get this newsletter? No, this is the August issue with new content. We just started out with a reminder for the August 12 meeting so that looks similar. Read on!

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August 12 – Picnic at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve for our summer pot luck get together!

Join LWV ABC for a walk to the bog and followed by a talk by LWV ABC member, citizen scientist and former Minnesota Senator Gene Merriam. Gene will share his experiences observing Red-headed Woodpeckers at Cedar Creek and talk about his work as a citizen scientist with the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis' Red-headed Woodpecker Recover Project. Gather at Lindeman Center at Cedar Creek at 4:45 if you want to do the hike (highly recommended, about 2 miles RT of easy walking), dinner and talk starts at 6.

Please remember a dish to share!

Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve
2660 Fawn Lake Drive NE
Bethel, Minnesota 55005-9718

For detailed map and directions, follow this link:

<https://www.cedarcreek.umn.edu/about/directions>



The hike to the bog is about a mile and leads through prairie and woods. The bog is the birthplace the science of ecosystem science and the path to it is a beautiful exhibition of two of Minnesota's three biomes. But if walking is a problem for you, you will want to skip this part of the evening and just join us at 6pm for dinner.

If you want to try to spot the bison out in the oak savannah, that's a different part of the reserve and not part of this tour. But you can do it on your own on a Saturday morning or the first Wednesday of the month. Details at this link:

<https://www.cedarcreek.umn.edu/conservation/bison>

Bring your pot luck dish to share and join LWV ABC at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve Monday, August 12 at 5 (for the hike) or 6 (for the meeting). See you there!

Drafts and Discourse

Thanks to those who have supported this event. We are going to take a short hiatus from this series of events and pick it up again in the fall. Stay tuned!

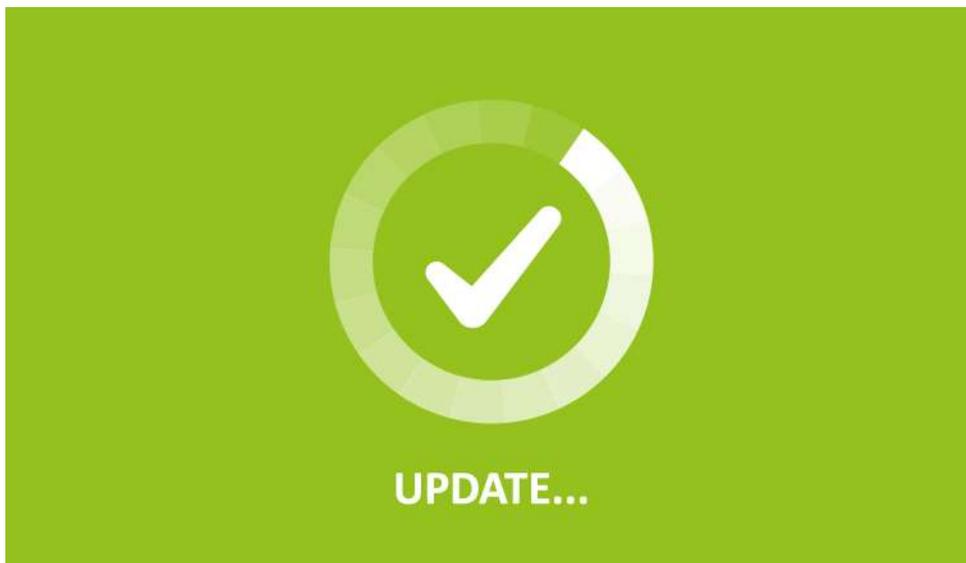
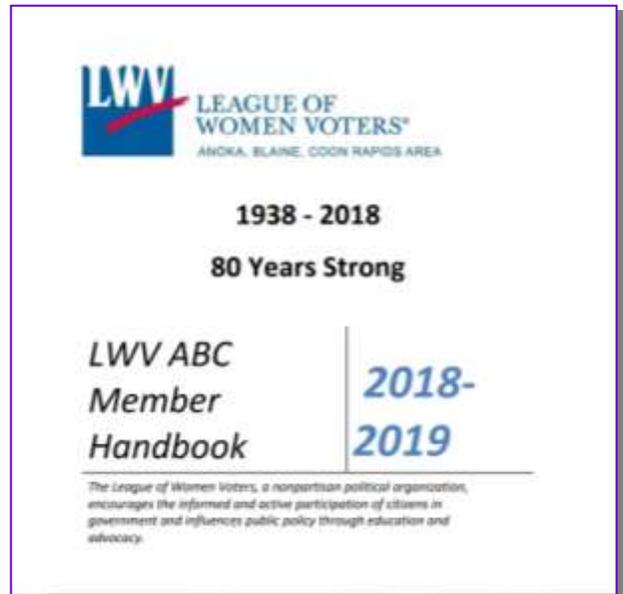
Special Event – August 15

Time to Update Our Handbook

C'mon -- it'll be fun! Gretchen is hosting a gathering at her house on **Thursday, August 15 at 1:00** to update our LWV ABC Handbook. for 2019-20 This is a useful document for new and veteran members alike, and we want the information to be current. Join us – Gretchen's address is 3540-153rd Ave NW in Andover.

Click here to see the current handbook: http://lwvabcmn.org/files/handbook_2018.pdf

- We particularly need to review/update the job descriptions for officers, board members, and committees. Check out pages 20-25. **If you're not going to be at the gathering**, send a note with your observations, updates, questions to lwvabc@gmail.com, and use "Handbook Reivew" in the Subject line.
- Bonus points to any and all for your review and notations on all other handbook content -- in person on August 15 or via email as noted above.



LWV Election News

Submitted by Geri Nelson, Voter Service Co-chair

Three School Board seats are up for Election this fall along with special elections in Anoka County and Ramsey.

Filings close August 13th for Anoka-Hennepin School Board Districts 1, 2, and 5, now held by Tom Heidemann, Marci Anderson, and Nicole Hayes, respectively. District 1 includes the cities of Anoka and Ramsey. District 2 covers the east side with Northdale Middle School and Blaine High School. District 5 includes the southern end of Coon Rapids and the Anoka-Hennepin parts of Fridley, Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center.

LWV ABC will have a candidate forum in early October for the school board in the school board room in the Sandburg Building in downtown Anoka. We hope to include the Ramsey Ward 3 candidates, Josh Fuhreck and Dan Specht as well in this forum.

The special election to fill the Anoka County Board District 6 seat left vacant by the resignation of former commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah will be held November 5. If more than two candidates file, this will be a primary election and the special election will be held February 11, 2020. Filings close August 13th for this position. Anoka County District 6 covers Linwood Township, Columbus, Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington and Lino Lakes, as well as precincts 17, 18 and 38 in the city of Blaine.

LWV ABC plans to have a forum in Blaine in October.



LWV ABC September Meeting

2020 Census Concerns

Many thanks to Matt Brown, City Planner for the City of Coon Rapids, who will be our speaker on September 9. Rumor has it that this meeting will be held at Coon Rapids City Hall – more details will be provided in our September newsletter.

Now's a good time to do a little homework – check out the LWV Action Kit on the Census. Here's some of the information – you can read the whole thing [at this link](#).

Tools & Templates

- [5 Actions Toward a Better Census](#)
Please use this document for education purposes in your communities. The quarter-sheet flyer can be printed front and back to make a postcard-sized handout.
- [LWVUS Webinar on LWV involvement in the 2020 Census](#)
This is a recording of a webinar that occurred on July 30, 2019 and covered basics of the U.S. Census and a three step campaign for action for LWV's.





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Save the Dates:

Monday, July 22, 11am – **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni’s in Coon Rapids (Hwy 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Monday, August 12, 5pm – **LWV ABC Picnic at Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve and Climate Change discussion.** **Note early start time.** Bring a dish to share, and wear walking shoes if you plan to do the mile walk up to the bog! Link to Cedar Creek [here](#) for map and direction – story on page 1.

Monday, August 26 - **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni’s in Coon Rapids (Hwy 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Monday, September 9 – **LWV ABC Meeting on the Census** – Details in the September newsletter

Monday, September 23 - **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni’s in Coon Rapids (Hwy 10 frontage road just south of Round Lake Blvd exit). Order food at 11, meeting commences at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn more about what LWV ABC is up to!

Do you have Information to share with LWV ABC?

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We’re on Facebook: Just search for “LWV ABC Facebook”.

Our monthly newsletter, *The Voter*: Members and other interested persons receive our newsletter by email in the early part of each month. Issues are also available on our LWV ABC website, www.lwvabcmn.org.