

July 9 LWV ABC Meeting: Sandy Hook Promise



Mary Cook and Jefferson Fietek, Sandy Hook Promise Ambassadors from Sandy Hook Promise Anoka-Hennepin Branch, will address the issue of the epidemic of violence in our schools at the July Program Meeting on July 9 at 6 p.m. at the Andover City Hall's Senior Center 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW, Andover.

Ms. Cook and Mr. Fietek will talk about programs offered by Sandy Hook Promise that address issues of student isolation, de-escalation of students in crisis, suicide prevention and knowing the signs to look for when a student is considering hurting themselves or others. They will also address the new initiatives recently rolled out by Sandy Hook Promise that help students better report warning-sign incidents and also how to start clubs in their school that promote inclusive environments. The presenters will talk about action steps community members can take to help address this national crisis.

The public is invited for light supper at 6:00 pm. At 6:30 we will move down the hall from the Senior Center to City Council chambers, and the program starts at 6:40 p.m. QCTV will be recording the event for future cablecast.

August 13 at 5pm

Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve



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Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve is a University of Minnesota biological field station with many ecosystems and species found throughout the forests and grasslands of North America. Faculty, staff and students who work at Cedar Creek are dedicated to understanding how human activities, such as agriculture and fossil fuel combustion, are changing ecosystems.



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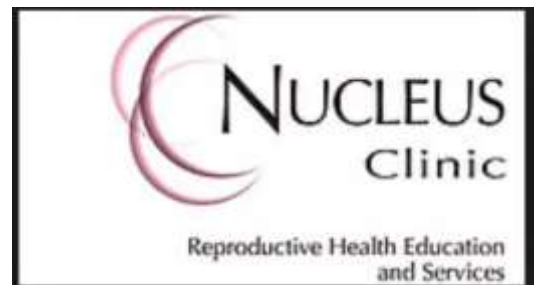
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Our August 13 picnic – a fun tradition of LWV ABC – will be held at [Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve](#) in East Bethel. We will meet on site at 5PM (**ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN USUAL**) and get in a short walking tour to visit the bison (yes, bison!) before our picnic. CCESR public outreach director Caitlin Potter will be with us to discuss Cedar Creek's mission, ecosystems and wildlife (not just bison, but also a pack of wolves and other more commonly-found critters). This will be a fun event, so bring your family! The bison have been [in the news](#) a lot lately, this is your chance to see them up close and personal! (No meeting at the Andover Senior Center in August.)

June 11 Meeting Recap: Nucleus Clinic tour and health care discussion. Many thanks to Nucleus Clinic Executive Director and LWV ABC member Becky Fink, who hosted our June 11 meeting at the Nucleus Clinic, 1323 Coon Rapids Blvd NW. About 30 people attended, which was fantastic, and Becky did a great job making us comfortable, well fed and informed. [Here's a link](#) to the Nucleus Clinic website for more information on their work.



LWV ABC Featured in Anoka County Historical Society's Newsletter

Check out the article featuring our Centennial Tea in Anoka County Historical Society's newsletter ("*History 21*", in honor of the 21 cities in Anoka County). LWV member, Sandra Connor, wrote an engaging article about this commemorative League event and the activities enjoyed by all. The article is ON [page 11 of the ACHS newsletter](#), but check out the other enjoyable and informative articles too. Thank you for the article, Sandra, and for the wonderful event led by you and Kathy Tingelstad in partnership with Anoka County Historical Society.

SPECIAL EVENT – July 23 from 11:30 to 2. For our Board meeting on July 23 we will be meeting with Anoka County Elections staff Cindy Reichert and Paul Linnell to discuss local election issues along with our regular business. We will meet in the Philo Room at [Anoka County Historical Society](#) on July 23 from 11:30 to 2. Kathy Annerud is bringing Subway's and Gretchen Sabel is bringing a veggie salad. All are welcome! This is a good chance for an informal chat about election administration in Anoka County – lots of changes!



SPEAKING OF ELECTIONS....

LWV ABC serves many cities in Anoka County and **northern** Hennepin County. **We will be hosting candidate's forums for more than 30 races (whew!). YOUR HELP IS NEEDED WITH THESE!** See the forum schedule on page 6 of this newsletter, printable in a handy one-page format so you can post it on your fridge.

Where can you help? **Plan to come to at least two forums.** We will soon have a chart on our website where you can sign up or contact the Forum Chair listed below to volunteer. We will be sending more appeals soon – the quicker we fill the slots the better! Thanks!

There are some other Voter Service volunteer opportunities listed on the next page. **Remember – everyone in LWV ABC is on the Voter Service Committee!**



**Highlights of June 25, 2018 LWV ABC Board Meeting
submitted by LWV ABC Secretary Arlene Gillett**

The LWV ABC Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month, usually at the [Davanni's in Coon Rapids](#) (see earlier story for info on the July 23 meeting which will be held at the Anoka County Historical Society). All members and invited to attend; we gather at 11 and order lunch, then eat while we meet, ending around 1pm. At each meeting, we review the treasurer's report and discuss matters relating to upcoming meetings, projects and more. At the June 25 meeting, the need for volunteers to assist with Voter Service activities was discussed. As Geri Nelson always says, "Everyone in LWV ABC is on the Voter Service committee, so we all need to pitch in!" Here's what's needed now (in addition to all the forums):

Voter Service has many exciting volunteer opportunities for members this summer and fall. Look them over, and let Geri Nelson or Arlene Gillett know which ones interest you, and we will get more information to you about them. Reply to lwvabc@lwvmn.org if you are able to help with any of these important and fulfilling volunteer opportunities.

1 - Fair Vote. This is a state-wide project to look into the possibilities of Rank Choice Voting. Members are asked to work at the Fair Vote MN booth at the Anoka County Fair. League is doing a study on Rank Choice Voting, and we are currently for it as a choice if the community wants it.

2 - League will be participating in the **Secretary of State's Mock Election** in state high schools again this fall. We coordinate with the state office to sign schools up for it, and then offer our assistance in setting it up, helping with the actual voting in the schools and in some cases, totaling the results. Many volunteers are needed in order to cover as many schools as possible.

3 - High School student voter registration. League goes to area high schools in the spring and fall to offer on-site voter registration to eligible students. We contact the social studies teachers or guidance counselors, tell them about it and set up a date for our visit. We usually need 2 - 3 volunteers per high school, and we try to go to every high school in Anoka County. Enthusiasm for voter registration was high last spring, and we anticipate it will continue to be high this fall. Consider doing this - it is a lot of fun, and very satisfying to be a big part of the whole election process.



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Save the Dates:

Monday, July 9 – **LWV ABC Meeting** – Sandy Hook Promise - Meet at 6pm for light supper, meeting to follow. Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd, Andover. All are welcome!

Monday, July 23, 11am – **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Anoka County Historical Society, 2135 N 3rd Ave, Anoka, MN 55303. Featured guests will be Cindy Reicher and Paul Linnell from Anoka County Elections, who will chat with us about administering the upcoming election. All are welcome – email lwvabc@lwvmn.org to let us know you'll be coming!

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Monday, August 27 – **LWV ABC Board meeting** at Davanni's, Coon Rapids. 11am to 1pm. All are welcome!

NO LWV ABC membership meeting in September – we will be busy with candidate's forums! Check the forum schedule on page 6!

Staying in Touch with LWV ABC

Visit our public website: www.lwvabcmn.org. If you need a refresher on accessing the Members Only section of the website, send an email to lwvabc@gmail.com. We will reply with the link for you to bookmark.

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.

Do you have Information to share with LWV ABC?

Email your information to lwvabc@gmail.com for inclusion in one or more of the above



Date/Time/Location (as of 7-4-18; subject to change)	Name of Race/Contest	Forum Chair
Th July 12 7 PM Columbia Heights City Hall North Metro TV Ch 16	Columbia Heights Mayor Anoka County Commission Dist 4 Primary	Veronica Johnson
M July 23 7 PM Anoka City Hall QCTV	Anoka Mayor Primary	Jodi Anderson
W Aug 29 7 PM Champlin City Hall QCTV	Champlin Mayor & Council W1 & 2 MN House District (HD) 36A	Geri Nelson
Th Aug 30 7 PM Fridley City Hall	Fridley Council W 1, 2, & 3 MN HD 41	Bruce Pomerantz
W Sept 5 7 PM Andover City Hall QCTV	Andover Mayor & 2 City Council at large members HD 31A & B, 35B	Gretchen Sabel
Th Sept 6 7 PM Sandburg Bldg School Board QCTV	Anoka County Commission Districts 4, 5, 7 Soil & Water	Jodi Anderson
W Sept 12 7 PM Anoka City Hall QCTV	Anoka Mayor & 3 Anoka Council at large members HD 35A	Jodi Anderson
Th Sept 13 7 PM Coon Rapids City Hall CTN	Coon Rapids Mayor & Council W3 & 5 (all unopposed) HD 37A & B, HD 36A & B	Lonni McCauley
Tues Sept 18 7 PM Ramsey City Hall QCTV	Ramsey Mayor & Council 1, 3, 4, & at large	Kay McCulley
Th Sept 20 7 PM Columbia Heights City Hall North Metro TV Ch 16	Columbia Heights Mayor & 2 City Council members Anoka County Commission Dist 4	Veronica Johnson
Th Oct 11 7 PM Majestic Oaks Golf Club No Cable	Ham Lake Mayor & Council Members 2 at large East Bethel Mayor & Council Members 2 at large HD 31A & B	Kathy Aanerud & Arlene Gillett LWV Shanna Schmidt & Mel Aanerud Chamber
Th Oct 18 7 PM Mounds View	City races if needed	Lonni McCauley