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**Our Program on Monday, March 11:  
Recycling in Anoka County**



A not-to-be-missed program with **Maggie Yauk, Planning and Policy Specialist with Anoka County’s Recycling & Resource Solutions** and **Colleen Sinclair, Recycling Coordinator for City of Coon Rapids**. Their experience and leadership will bring us up to date on current issues with recycling, how cities and the county work together, new programs, funding, composting, and more. Come learn the latest with reduce, reuse, recycle.

Join us at 6 pm on Monday March 11 in Andover City Hall’s Senior Center for a light supper provided by our scheduled volunteers. Then we’ll migrate up the sidewalk to Council Chambers at 6:30 for the program. The program will be video recorded by QCTV and made available on-demand at their website, QCTV.org.

**LWV MN Day at the Capitol and Open House – March 6**

This event is intended for current LWV Minnesota members, but members are welcome to bring guests. Coffee and light refreshment will be provided.

- 9:30 AM: Check-in at State Capitol Room 316
- 10 AM: Nick Harper, Civic Engagement Director, kicks off with some advocacy tips
- 10:30 AM: Members can start going to legislative hearings or meetings
- 11:30 AM: Check out - We encourage you to have lunch in the area after and then come [visit the new LWV Minnesota office during our Open House!](#)

**If you are interested in carpooling to St. Paul for this event, contact Gretchen Sabel at [lwvabc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvabc@gmail.com).**

LWV MN asks that we please register by February 27 (yes, we missed this, but come anyhow). LWV MN encourages members to schedule appointments with their legislators for this time if possible.

## Water Action Day

*April 10, 2019 – State Capitol, Senate Office Building, State Office Building and environs*

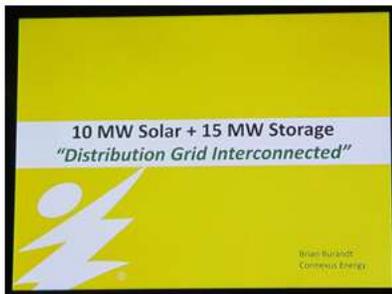
Minnesota's 2019 Water Action Day has been set for April 10. Last year, more than 700 people came to the State Capitol for Water Action Day. These citizen lobbyists took the message of water protection to their legislators through 145 legislative meetings, touching about 70% of the legislature.



This year's all-day event includes free breakfast and briefings in the morning, both on how to actively engage legislators and on the water issues that we face in Minnesota. Throughout the day, attendees will meet with legislators to urge them to protect our water, and the Clean Water Rally will be held in the Capitol Rotunda at 2:00 pm. **Register now [at this link](#) so meetings with your legislators can be set up! The threats to Minnesota's waters are real this session - make your voice heard!**

## Solar Energy Development in our Area - Brian Burandt, Vice President of Power Supply and Business Development for Connexus Energy

**February 11 at Andover City Hall** Our February meeting featured Brian Burandt, Vice President of Power Supply and Business for Connexus Energy. Missed it? Watch the video [at this link](#) or google QCTV/LWV ABC.



*From our February 11 program: Gretchen Sabel, President of LWV ABC welcomed Brian Burandt, Vice President of Power Supply and Business Development for Connexus Energy for his presentation on solar energy development. Introductions were provided by Susan Butler, LWV ABC Program Committee.*

**Save the dates – April 27-28**

**State Convention of League of Women Voters Minnesota**

**St. Paul, Minnesota**

Join in the Centennial celebration for League of Women Voters at this every-other-year State Convention event. Training, plenary sessions, keynote speaker, and meet-ups with fellow LWV members from across the state. The \$225 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. And – our local LWV ABC has budgeted to pay registration fees for several members. Let President Gretchen Sabel know if you're interested in attending – email us at [lwvabc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvabc@gmail.com).

LWV St. Paul is hosting an evening reception from 5-7:00pm at the Landmark Center, kicking off both the centennial traveling exhibit's stay at Landmark Center and LWV Minnesota's 2019 Convention. The convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28 at the Saint Paul Hotel. Below is an overview of the event. Registration is now open. Read all about this very special event at:

<https://lwvmn.org/news-events/convention-2019>.

Friday, April 26 -- optional FREE events!

- Afternoon Suffrage Tours by MNHS at the State Capitol
- Evening Opening Reception hosted by LWV St. Paul at Landmark Center to kick-off our Traveling Exhibit

Saturday, April 27 -- 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

- Registration/check-in will open at 8:00 am
- Opening session starts at 9:00 am with our **keynote speaker, Virginia Case, CEO, LWVUS**
- The day will include training and plenary sessions
- The plenary sessions will cover rules, by-law amendments, Nominating Committee report, proposed Program for Action, financial report, presentation of the budget, and presentation of the strategic plan priorities
- Breakfast and lunch will be served

Sunday, April 28 -- 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

- Sunday will kick-off with an orientation to our Centennial toolkit and a presentation from the Minnesota History Center about their 2020 exhibit
- Final plenary, with debate and decisions on Program for Action and the budget

**Minnesota Historical Society Event:**

**"Votes for Minnesota Women" Capitol Tour -- Saturday, March 16, 11:00 am**

Hosted by Minnesota Historical Society in honor of the upcoming 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment. Take a special tour of the Capitol that focuses on Minnesota women who played significant roles in securing the right to vote. Plus, learn about the first elected women to take office in Minnesota, what role they played in state government, and how women today participate in elected office. Cost: \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, veterans/active military, and college students, \$8 age 5-17; MN Historical Society members save 20%. **Order tickets at:**<http://www.mnhs.org/event/6800>

## **Drafts and Discourse**

### **- Taking a Break for March, back again in April**

*Usually at Torg Brewing, 8421 University Avenue, Spring Lake Park*

Drafts and Discourse is on the third Monday of the month most of the time, but not in March. We are taking a month off – maybe we'll have better weather by April...

## **LWV US Statement on Pres. Trump's Emergency Order to Build a Border Wall**

WASHINGTON 2/15/2019

The League of Women Voters CEO Virginia Kase issued the following statement following President Trump's declaration of a national emergency:

"By declaring a state of emergency, the president abuses his national emergency powers and undermines Congressional authority—all for a wasteful, ineffectual border wall that will not make our nation safer. The American people expect the president to fulfill his executive responsibility for sound management of public funds, not sidestep Congress in order to force funding for a border wall that the American people have not sanctioned. The League objects to this abusive declaration of a national emergency."

## **Highlights of LWV ABC Board Meeting, February 25, 2019**

We discussed putting together a booklet that might accompany our Anoka History Center exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. A booklet meeting date was set for Monday, March 18th to finalize ideas of what we would like to include, and how much it might cost to produce.

The Nominating Committee reported they are contacting members to see who might be interested in becoming an officer or committee chair to fill positions on the Board that are up for election/appointment this year. Gretchen Sabel has agreed to continue as President, hopefully with many of the President's duties shared with others. Kathy Aanerud has agreed to serve as Vice President, as well as continuing as Communications Committee Chair. Arlene Gillett has agreed to continue as Secretary.

We discussed the plan for our Annual Meeting coming up in April, where we will elect officers, appoint committee chairs, get reports of our activities of the past year, and make plans for the upcoming year. We encourage any member who might be interested in serving on the Board in any capacity, part time or assisting a Board member, to let us know. Also, please let us know if you have any topics you would like to see pursued in the coming year.



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## THE VOTER

March 2019

### Save the Dates:

Wednesday, March 6. **LWV MN Day at the Capitol and Open House**

Monday, March 11. **LWV ABC Meeting – Recycling in Anoka County** - Meet at 6pm for light supper, meeting to follow. Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd, Andover. All are welcome!

Monday, March 18 -**Assembling the Historic Record for LWV ABC** – meet at Davanni’s on March 18, 11am, to develop material for a booklet that will document our history. We will also do final planning for our April 8 Annual Meeting.

Monday, March 25, 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, April 8. **LWV ABC Annual Meeting**. Meet at 6pm for light supper, meeting to follow. Andover Senior Center, 1685 Crosstown Blvd, Andover. All are welcome!

Monday, April 15 – **Drafts and Discourse** at Torg Brewery in Spring Lake Park, 7-8pm; 8421 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park (just south of Northtown on the same frontage road as Key’s Café).

Monday, April 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.

Friday-Sunday, April 26-28 – **LWV MN State Convention**, St. Paul.

### **Do you have information to share with LWV ABC?**

#### **Four ways to stay in touch with LWV ABC**

**Visit our public website:** [www.lwvabcmn.org](http://www.lwvabcmn.org). If you need a refresher on accessing the Members Only section of the website, send an email to [lwvabc@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.lwvabcmn.org).