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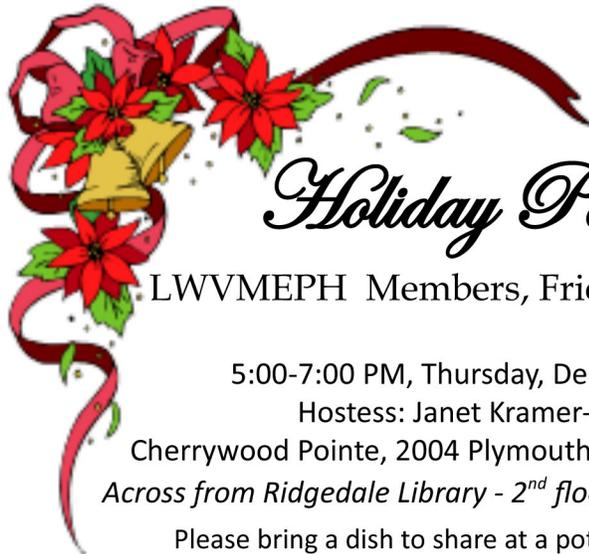
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## Holiday Party



## Holiday Party

LWVMEPH Members, Friends & Prospects

5:00-7:00 PM, Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

Hostess: Janet Kramer-Barr

Cherrywood Pointe, 2004 Plymouth Rd, Minnetonka

*Across from Ridgedale Library - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor community room*

Please bring a dish to share at a potluck gathering  
 for conversation and good cheer this holiday season.

Group discussion topic: Fired up? How LWVers make a difference!

RSVP to Janet Kramer at 952-686-4642

*League of Women Voters Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins*

## LWV MEPH Program: Ranked Choice Voting on January 12, 2019

Liz Johnson from [FairVote](http://FairVote.org) will be discussing Ranked Choice Voting. You can get a sneak preview on November 28, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm by visiting [Unmapped Brewing Co.](http://UnmappedBrewingCo.com) at 14625 Excelsior Boulevard, Minnetonka to “elect” a favorite beer using Ranked Choice Voting.

## Action Committee Update (Did you even know we had an Action Committee?)

Hello, Defenders of Democracy!

Yes, just by being a member of the League of Women Voters, you are taking action in defending the democracy of the United States of America. Well done!

Want to do more? Want to do more but you aren't quite sure how or who or when or what? Watch this space to build your toolbox for effective action. The Action Committee is looking forward to learning from you as we also try to bring you the information you need to take action on issues that are critical to you.

The first thing is to understand how your government works, beyond those high school civics lessons on [how a bill becomes a law](#). What's going on in your city? Who seems to have control of what? Where do the decisions get made – in council, in committees, or by the city manager or mayor?

An easy place to start finding answers to these questions is the government website. Check out the website for your city, given below, and explore it a bit. You can find city council and commission agendas and minutes, and you can even find recordings of past meetings. You can keep tabs on what is going on by signing up for notifications for topics about which you are passionate – just click the links given below to get started learning the down low about your city government!

### Minnetonka

- [City website](https://eminnetonka.com/) (https://eminnetonka.com/)
- Agendas and Minutes
  - [City Council](https://eminnetonka.com/agendas-minutes/council-meetings) (https://eminnetonka.com/agendas-minutes/council-meetings)
  - [Planning Commission](https://eminnetonka.com/agendas-minutes/planning-commission-meetings) (https://eminnetonka.com/agendas-minutes/planning-commission-meetings)
  - [Other committees and commissions](https://eminnetonka.com/agendas-minutes) (https://eminnetonka.com/agendas-minutes)
- [Sign up for Notifications](https://eminnetonka.com/2016-03-22-15-23-56) (https://eminnetonka.com/2016-03-22-15-23-56)

### Eden Prairie

- [City website](http://www.edenprairie.org/home) (http://www.edenprairie.org/home)
- Agendas and Minutes
  - [City Council](http://www.edenprairie.org/city-government/city-council/city-council-meetings) (http://www.edenprairie.org/city-government/city-council/city-council-meetings)
  - [Planning Commission](http://www.edenprairie.org/city-government/commissions/planning-commission/planning-commission-meetings) (http://www.edenprairie.org/city-government/commissions/planning-commission/planning-commission-meetings)
  - [Other committees and commissions](http://www.edenprairie.org/city-government/commissions) (http://www.edenprairie.org/city-government/commissions)
- [Sign up for Notifications](http://www.edenprairie.org/i-want-to/sign-up-for) (http://www.edenprairie.org/i-want-to/sign-up-for)

### Hopkins

- [City website](https://www.hopkinsmn.com/) (https://www.hopkinsmn.com/)
- Agendas and Minutes
  - [City Council](https://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council) (https://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council)
  - [Planning Commission](https://www.hopkinsmn.com/360/Planning-Zoning-Commission) (https://www.hopkinsmn.com/360/Planning-Zoning-Commission)
  - [Other committees and commissions](https://www.hopkinsmn.com/AgendaCenter) (https://www.hopkinsmn.com/AgendaCenter)
- [Sign up for Notifications](https://www.hopkinsmn.com/list.aspx) (https://www.hopkinsmn.com/list.aspx)

**CALL TO ACTION:** Go to your local government website and watch/listen to a past meeting of your city council or a commission.

Ellen Silva

Action Committee Chair, LWV Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins

## LWV MEPH Voter Service Complete!

Our MEPH League is now wrapping up a great year of Voter Service activities. Many thanks to all who helped. We couldn't have done this without you! This year, we also had many non-members as well as members lend a hand. We hope to see you again, non-members!

Here's a brief summary of what we accomplished:

- 4 Candidate Forums (spring special election for Minnetonka Ward 3, and fall special election for Eden Prairie School Board, as well as Eden Prairie Mayor & City Council, and MN House Districts 48A & B.
- Voting in Minnesota Presentations at the Eden Prairie and Hopkins Libraries
- Voter Information table at the Hennepin Technical College Resource Fair
- Voting in Minnesota Presentation to an Eden Prairie Somali Women's group
- Voter Registration Drives at Eden Prairie and Hopkins Libraries
- Voter Registration Drives in April and October at Hopkins, Minnetonka and Eden Prairie High Schools
- Voter Registration Drives at Minnetonka and Hopkins Farmer's Markets
- Voter Registration Drives requested by communities: Pax Christi and Oberlin Park Night for Neighbors

Our candidate forums were video recorded for streaming and cable rebroadcasts. Our website, [LWVMEPH.org](http://LWVMEPH.org) has the links posted, and shows approximately 1000 visits per month this fall. Voters count on these events to inform their voting decisions!

I think everyone enjoys providing Voter Service, and I know from all the thanks I hear that our community enjoys it as well! Great job, everyone!

Peggy Kvam  
 President, LWV Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins

## MAIA Attracts Women-conscious Consumers

Did You Know? If each female in the U.S. spent just \$20 a month at a woman-owned business, the females of the U.S. would drive \$37.7 billion more to women-owned companies than all Venture Capital funding did in 2017. MAIA is a community of women-conscious consumers. MAIA is a movement that demands women's perspective equally in the products and services that we purchase. This movement comes in the form of a free-access directory that allows consumers to find and spend their money with businesses that have proven gender equality at the highest levels of leadership. Every business in the MAIA directory is 50% or more woman-owned. Sign up for free at [maia.community](http://maia.community) and follow MAIA on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter @maia.community.

## More Civic Events

November 12	<a href="#">Gun Violence in America: A Moderated Forum and Panel Discussion</a>
November 15	<a href="#">Outnorth MNLGBTQ History</a>
November 15	2020 Census Importance for Minnesota
November 15	<a href="#">Election 2018: What Happened? A Conversation with Dr. Kathryn Pearson</a>
November 27	<a href="#">Unconventional Jobs, Unstoppable Women featuring Justice Anne McKeig, the first American Indian justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court.</a>
November 28	<a href="#">FairVote Minnesota at Unmapped Brewing Co.</a>

See the calendar on our website (<https://www.lwvmeph.org/>) for more information on these events.



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