



The Voter

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2018 Candidate Forums Hosted by LWV MEPH

The League of Women Voters of Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins will host three candidate forums to provide voters with candidate information for Eden Prairie school board, Eden Prairie municipal, and MN House Districts 48 A/B elections on November 6, 2018. All events are free and open to the public. For more information please see the website www.lwvmeph.org.

MN House Districts 48 A/B Candidate Forum

Candidates: 48A Ellen Cousins & Laurie Pryor; 48B Jenifer Loon and Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn

7:00-8:30PM, Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Eden Prairie Council Chambers, 8080 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Eden Prairie Mayor and City Council Candidate Forum

Candidates: Mayor Brad Aho & Ron Case; Council Mark Freiberg, Andrew Moller, PG Narayanan & Kathy Nelson

7:00 -8:30PM, Thursday, September 6, 2018

Eden Prairie Council Chambers, 8080 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Eden Prairie SD272 School Board Candidate Forum (Special election for one seat)

Candidates: Lauren Crandall, Fadumo Hassan & Sue Ellen Toppings

7:00 - 8:30PM, Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Eden Prairie Council Chambers, 8080 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

The candidates will answer questions from the public during the three moderated, televised candidate forums, following the non-partisan, unbiased and impartial format established by the League of Women Voters Minnesota. The questions will be taken in writing from both the live audience and questions submitted earlier online at www.lwvmeph.org. After the forum, audience members are invited to meet and greet the candidates in the lobby outside the council chambers. For those who missed the live candidate forums, rebroadcast schedules and streaming video links will be posted at www.lwvmeph.org.

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Barb Westmoreland
 Candidate Forum Chair - LWV Minnetonka/Eden Prairie/Hopkins
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Volunteer for LWV MEPH Voter Service Events

2018 is a big election year, and our voters are depending on LWV's Voter Service for information on voting and candidates. Your help is invaluable! Please volunteer at a candidate forum or voter registration drive. You can let us know by signing up on our website at www.lwvmeph.org. You will see a list of all fall events, and a short signup form.

Any little bit helps. Invite friends, students, anyone who wants to serve! You do not need to be an LWV member to help with this important community service. Voter Service is a great community engagement opportunity for LWV.

The volunteer positions are:

Timekeeper: Sitting in front of the room, time the candidates' responses and raise the 15 second and STOP signs.

Greeter: Sit or stand in the foyer to welcome attendees and distribute paper, pencils and LWV information.

Question Sorter: In a seated team of two, consolidate questions on the same topic. Pass them up to the moderator.

Question Collector: Quietly roam the floor to collect questions, then pass them to the sorters.

Voter Registration - paper: Assist voters in completing paper voter registration forms

Voter Registration - online: Using a computer, assist voters in completing voter registration online.

Thank you! Barb Westmoreland and Nancy Gooch, Voter Service Co-Chairs

LWV MEPH Membership Renewal for 2018/19

We value your membership and hope that you will continue to support our work during the 2018-2019 year of programs and service.

Heading into the 2018 election season, we will be very busy with events such as candidate forums and voter registration. Watch for program listings in THE VOTER or check the website / lwvmeph.org / for opportunities to join other league members in hands-on work providing accurate, objective, non partisan information to voters. Purposeful work with league friends is important and fun. We need your presence and the energy you can bring to our League with your participation and financial support.

LWV MEPH offers anonymous scholarships to members who need assistance with dues. If have any questions please contact us at lwvmeph@lwvmn.org.

**Please send this form with your check payable to LWV MEPH LLC,
or use the "Buy Now" button online at <https://www.lwvmeph.org/join.html>
\$65.00 individual / \$100.00 household membership
(All-inclusive local, state, and national 2018 - 2019 LWV dues)**

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

LWV MEPH, LLC is a 501(c)3 organization and your dues are tax-deductible. Checks to **LWV MEPH LLC** and mailed to:
Barbara Link, 8505 Flying Cloud Dr. #303, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

More Voter Events on the LWV MEPH Calendar

Upcoming Voter events such as candidate forums in overlapping districts and speaking engagements are being announced nearly every week. Please see the calendar on our website for details: www.lwvmeph.org. Click any event's title for more information and often even a map!

LWV MEPH October 13: Sex Trafficking 101 and Community Advocacy

9:30-11:00 AM, Saturday, October 13, 2018

Minnetonka City Council Chambers

14600 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55345

Presented by Breaking Free



This program was originally scheduled for last April, but a blizzard interfered. We hope the weather will be fine at this new October date. Invite your friends to learn about this hidden issue in our community.

Breaking Free is a non-profit agency helping women and girls escape sexual exploitation through advocacy, direct services, housing and education. Breaking Free will present an introduction to the services and programs for victims and survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation, an overview of sex trafficking in Minnesota, and ways to help. We will learn more about community advocacy and how we can be involved in prevention and intervention of sex trafficking.

Free and open to the public. Hosted by LWV Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Hopkins.

November 17 LWV West Metro Meeting: Equal Rights Amendment

Mark your calendars for West Metro's meeting on the morning of Saturday, November 17th at the Minnetonka City Council Chambers, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka. A panel of legislators will speak on the new ERA amendment planned for the 2018 MN Legislature.



Eden Prairie Library

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Voter Registration Drive

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

It's National Voter Registration Day! Drop in anytime to get help registering to vote.

How to Vote in Minnesota

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

New to voting? Non-partisan League of Women Voter volunteers will explain Minnesota voter registration requirements and voting methods, including early in-person voting, absentee voting and Election Day voting.

Collaborator: League of Women Voter's Minnetonka-Eden Prairie-Hopkins

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Minnetonka Eden Prairie Hopkins
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Eden Prairie, MN 55344

You are Cordially Invited to Legacy Lunch 2018

Saturday, September 15, 2018
The Woman's Club of Minneapolis
410 Oak Grove Street
Minneapolis, MN 55403

There is a dedicated parking lot adjacent to the building and an accessible entrance to the left of the main doors on Oak Grove Street. Take the elevator to the registration area (4th floor).

10:00 am – Registration and Social in the Lounge. Enjoy coffee, pastries and mimosas

11:00 am – Brunch in Dining Room

12:00 pm – Program

Announcements

Introduction to Centennial celebration events

Speaker Kathryn Haddad: "More than Camels and Hummus:

Arab American stories and the importance of community building"

COST: \$35 per person*

*Legacy Circle members and their spouses are complimentary and can RSVP by emailing Grace at info@lwvmn.org

Purchase Legacy Lunch Tickets by Friday, September 7 at 4PM, at <https://lwvmn.org/media-and-events/events?tdburl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww3%2Eethedatabank%2Ecom%2Fdpg%2F601%2Fmtglistproc%2Easp%3Fformid%3DCalendar%26caleventid%3D3628>

FEATURED SPEAKER

Kathryn Haddad is a writer, teacher, speaker, and community organizer whose work explores contemporary Arab American experiences and reflects on the political reality of life for Arab and Muslim Americans.

She founded Mizna – one of the few Arab American arts and literary organizations in the United States, where she served as its artistic and executive director for twelve years. Kathryn is a 2004-2005 recipient of an Archibald Bush Leadership Fellowship for her work with the Arab American community.

As a writer, she received three Playwright's Center Many Voices Fellowships as well as awards from the Jerome Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board, and Intermedia Arts, and was the recipient of the 2018 Kay Sexton Award from the Minnesota Book Awards. She is the current artistic and executive director of New Arab American Theater Works and teaches high school in Bloomington.