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Wow! Can we even call it winter? When I meet people from outside Ohio and we get to the subject of weather, I usually quip that Ohio has three seasons; we just don't know which ones each year.

Mother Nature has backed me up again on this one!

Our first program of 2016 is Thursday, February 18 in Council Chambers at Tallmadge City Hall. Both Tallmadge Police Chief Ron Williams and Fire Chief

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[Summit County BOE](http://SummitCountyBOE)

VOTE411.org

Voter Registration Deadline

The deadline to register to vote in Ohio's March Primary is February 16.

*Are You
Registered
TO VOTE.?*

If you have moved, [update your voter registration](#).

Not sure if you're registered? Check your registration at [Voter Search](#).

Statehouse Day



Save the Date!

Statehouse Day will be Tuesday, April 26 in Columbus. More information will be available in next month's newsletter.

Letter to the Editor



The Presidents of the three Leagues in Summit County recently penned a letter to the Akron Beacon Journal's editor. The letter addressed the issue of the absentee ballots that were not counted in November due to the lack of postmarks.

Mike Passarelli will be on hand to update us on our city safety forces and answer your questions. Please join us for an informative evening with our new Chiefs at this informal meet and greet. I promise you'll learn something new.

We are in the thick of a presidential election year! The Ohio primary is Tuesday, March 15. It would be my hope that anyone reading the League newsletter would already be a registered voter, but just in case, you have until February 16 to get signed up if this is still on your to-do list. Ohio is always an important state in the presidential election. The core of the League of Women Voters mission "*...encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government...*" includes you. Our election system needs you to filter through the pool of candidates and to make your choice on March 15.

Please read through the rest of this newsletter and catch up on the League news. We always welcome your comments and input in keeping our programming relevant!

Helen

League Hosts New Chiefs

-Terry Livergood

Meet the Chiefs

LWV members and the public are invited on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m for a Meet and Greet with Tallmadge Police Chief Ron Williams and Fire



Chief Passarelli

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Chief Mike Passarelli. The event will be held at Tallmadge City Hall Council Chambers located at 46 North Avenue. Both Chiefs will share a presentation and entertain questions. Attendees are encouraged to invite neighbors and friends to join. The Tallmadge League of Women Voters is proud to host this event.

Preceding the event, a reception will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. to welcome our new members.

Ready, Set, Vote Ohio

Ohio could play a key role in determining the nominees for the two major political parties. Without same day registration, Ohio voters must register to vote by February 16 to be eligible to vote in the March Primary Election.



"Ohio is always a 'must-win' state in the general election, but the Buckeye State may also have an important role in the spring primary given how close the presidential primaries appear," said Carrie Davis, executive director of League of Women Voters of Ohio.

"With no clear front-runner in either party right now, the March 15 winner-take-all primary states could tip the scales. Ohio could play a key role as a tie-breaker," she said. "But you can only have your say in the primary if you're registered to vote by the Feb. 16 deadline."

[Ready, Set, Vote Ohio Press Release](#)

Summit County Voters' Guide



The Leagues of Women Voters of Akron Area, Hudson and Tallmadge are working together to provide Summit County residents with comprehensive information about the candidates running for office in our communities. The three Leagues are participating in VOTE411, a national online voters' guide sponsored by LWV Education Fund.

Voters will be able to see the races on their ballots and make side-by-side comparisons of the candidates. Letters have been sent to all of the local, state and national candidates inviting them to participate in this effort to educate voters about those seeking public office. The goal is to have responses from the candidates by February 15 in order to "go live" in time for Early Voting.

Check out the VOTE411 website in advance at vote411.org and then visit again before you vote in the March Primary Election.

Observer Corps

Planning and Zoning Commission

A public hearing was held on February 4, and the commission reviewed site plans for Pavlak Enterprises, Inc. to construct a car wash at the corner of Southeast Avenue and Erie Road. Although there are slight modifications needed to show Erie Road as the main egress point, the Commission voiced their overall approval for the plan. There was no opposition by the community voiced to this plan.

Plans were submitted by Faith Bible Fellowship Church on Overdale Drive to more than double the size of their building. Community members voiced no opposition at this public hearing and the Commission granted them approval to continue their plans as presented.

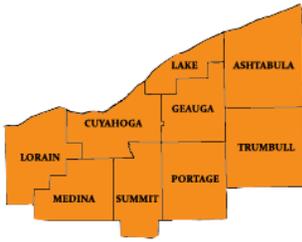
No other new business was presented at the February meeting.

[Notes from January's Planning and Zoning meeting](#)

Board of Elections

At the February 8, 2016 meeting of the Summit County Board of Elections a public hearing was held to investigate a complaint by attorney Edward Gilbert and his son Hayden of racial bias at their Bath polling location during the November 2015 election. The four precinct officials and Mr. Gilbert and his son had been subpoenaed and were present at the hearing. [Read more](#)

[Notes from Board of Elections meeting held on December 28, 2015](#)



Area League Activities

Akron Area

A Burning River No Longer

Water quality in Ohio is a hot-button issue with direct impacts on everyone's quality of life. On Friday, February 26 Northeast Ohio residents will have an opportunity to learn more about issues facing our water-ways.

Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Deputy Director of Watershed Programs at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, will lead a conversation about the health of Lake Erie, the Cuyahoga River, and other hot topics about water quality in the Cleveland-Akron area. Come early (6:00 pm) to chat with other experts and activists about solutions and how you can get involved. There will be a panel discussion after the lecture.

This program is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Akron Area and will be held at Happy Days Lodge, 500 W. Streetsboro Road, Peninsula. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The lecture begins at 7:00 p.m., with the discussion beginning at approximately 8:00 p.m.

For advance sale tickets visit
<https://www.conservancyforcvnp.org/events/lyceum>.

Kent

The Kent League of Women Voters will host a candidate forum on Saturday, February 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ located at 1400 E. Main Street, Kent. The public is invited to attend **Face 2 Face**, where they may address questions directly to the candidates in small groups.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Our newly elected and re-elected city officials and school board members were sworn in on December 6 at the the Historic Tallmadge Church on the Circle. The League hosted a reception for the officials, their friends and families, and

the public in The Old Town Hall immediately following the ceremony.



League Board Members
L to R: Leslie Zaynor, Nancy Treichler, Barb Mattern and Terry Livergood



City Officials after taking the Oath of Office



Important Dates!

February 16 - March Primary Voter Registration Deadline

February 17 - Early Voting Begins

February 18 - Meet the Chiefs

March 15 - Primary Election Day

March 17 - General Meeting

April 21 - General Meeting

April 26 - Statehouse Day

May 7 - Annual Meeting

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