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### Meeting – Huntington’s Innovative Project

The League will host Margaret Mary Layne to talk about Huntington’s Innovative Project, the winner of America’s Best Communities competition. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 6:30 pm at the Woodlands Retirement Community. Ms. Layne, a consultant on the project, will explain the plans for the different communities in Huntington, the current status of the projects, and how the public has been involved and will continue to be involved. The program is free and open to the public.

The grant has been broken up into initiatives in three areas -- the West End, Fairfield, and Highlawn. All three include projects appropriate to their locations and were developed by input from the people who live in those areas. The America’s Best Communities monetary prize will help leverage the completion of the ambitious plans that will have a major effect on Huntington.

An example of community input is described here by League member Wendy Thomas. Wendy is a member of the Fairfield Alliance which is composed of Fairfield residents and business, educational, and community leaders who helped to assess, plan, and write the comprehensive revitalization plan for the area. Through two community meetings, residents were invited to give their feedback on the proposed plans before being finalized and submitted. Former City Councilwoman Sandra Clements and Kevin Fowler, CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital Co-Chair the Alliance.

### The League of Women Voters Board Congratulates

Family Court Judge Patricia Keller, Fire Chief Jan Rader, and Necia Freeman for being featured in the Netflix documentary Heroin(e). The drug scene afflicts far too many people in our community. Keller, Rader, and Freeman are working from different angles to change the lives of addicts. Because Heroin(e) will be seen by viewers around the country, we hope the efforts of our Huntington women will be models for communities around the country.

Woodlands will host all three ladies from the Heroin(e) documentary on Wednesday, October 18 at 11am. The presentations will be open to the public.

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you would like to be kept up to date on events and opportunities for Advocacy between the publishing of our bulletins, please send your email address to [gibbins@frontier.com](mailto:gibbins@frontier.com). Also please keep us up-to-date on changes in your phone number and email address.

## UPcoming EVENTS

**October 18, 11 am** – Huntington women in the *Heroin(e)* documentary will talk about their efforts to stop drug addiction in our area. Woodlands

**October 23, 6:30 pm** – Huntington’s Best Community presentation by Margaret Mary Layne. Woodlands

**October 30, 10 am** – League Board Meeting. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church

**November 9, 7 pm** – Amicus Curiae Lecture. Marc Hetherington. “Fixed World View or Fluid? Understanding Why Republicans and Democrats hate Each Other.” MU Foundation Hall

**November 12, 10 am** – Solid Waste Authority’s Board Meeting. 800 Virginia Street

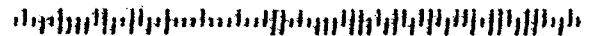
**November 20** – League Meeting. Election laws and voters service opportunities

*The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$45 individual, \$60 for two in one household and \$24 for students. To join, send your check to: Ann Speer, Treasure, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701. Check is to be made out to the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area.*

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### REDISTRICTING

On October 3, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in the redistricting case *Gill v. Whitford*. This is promising to be a landmark case that could shape the national landscape for partisan gerrymandering. The League filed an amicus brief in *Gill v. Whitford* arguing that partisan gerrymandering violates the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The League believes that the decision of the Court could be as important for democratic government as the "One person-one vote" decision that brought fundamental change to state legislatures and revolutionized American politics.

For a detailed recap of the Supreme Court's hearing visit the LWVUS staff member Lloyd Leonard's blog on the LWVUS website. Link to "Maybe Yes Maybe No: Our Democracy Hangs in the Balance".

The LWVUS's position on Redistricting - "Support(s) redistricting processes and enforceable standards that promote fair and effective representation at all levels of government with maximum opportunity for public participation." A more extensive explanation of the League's position may be accessed on the League's website.

### RECYCLING UPDATE

Due to a lack of adequate funds the Cabell County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) is providing a downsized recycling program. The new recycling center is located at 800 Virginia Avenue, Huntington, at the old National Guard Armory. In order to be self-sustaining, recycling at the center will be paid for by "memberships", \$75/year (not to be bundled with other households). Passes purchased after October will be prorated. Members will pay to purchase key fobs that will allow them to access the

gated and fenced recycling site during the hours of operation. See the CCSWA's website for the hours of operation, how to obtain the key fobs, and acceptable items for recycling. Free-to-Recycle Mobile Recycling sites will also be available, but the recyclables must be separated because the mobile sites are "source separated" trailers. Items that may be recycled at the mobile sites are: cardboard (broken down), aluminum cans, tin cans, paper (newspaper, office paper, junk mail), but NO PLASTICS at this time. The recycling trailers will be made available for the general public to drop off recyclables once per week at various locations throughout the county. All sites will be monitored by an attendant. The trailers will be parked at the Water Works Plant in Milton; Big Red's Trading Post, intersection of Big Seven Mile & Route 2; and 6<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge and Veterans Memorial Blvd., in Huntington. Check the CCSWA website for the schedules.

Barboursville continues its recycling program, 536 Depot St. Wednesday - 1-6 pm; Saturday - 8 am -1 pm. Free for residents (ID required); \$3/drop off for non-residents.

### PURGING VOTERS FROM VOTER ROLLS

The LWVUS and LWVOhio submitted an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *Husted v A. Philip Randolph Institute*. The Supreme Court will hear the case on Nov. 8. The amicus brief argues that the process used by Ohio to purge voters from voter rolls is illegal, inaccurate and unreasonable under the provisions established by Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act.

Also see the LWVWV's recently published VOTER that explains the Purging issues and requirements for taking voters off the voting rolls.

The VOTER is available on the LWVWV's website.