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Mark Your Calendar

How Polls Are Conducted Will Be Topic For October 25 Meeting at Way Library

Have you ever wondered how political polls are taken? What do they mean to candidates and voters?

For our Tuesday, October 25 meeting, Dr. Sam Nelson will speak on *How Polls Are Conducted*. Dr. Nelson is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Toledo.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at Way Library and is sponsored by the Perrysburg League of Women Voters in conjunction with Way Library's Topical Tuesday program.

Dr. Nelson has been at UT since 2001. He is affiliated with the Program in Law and Social Thought and serves as a pre-law adviser in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences.

He received his B.A. degree from Northwestern University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Nelson is the author of *Beyond the First Amendment: The Politics of Free Speech and Pluralism*. In this book, he argues that First Amendment law places limits on broader political debates over the meaning and value of freedom of speech. He teaches courses such as Constitutional Politics, Civil Liberties, Contemporary Issues in Law, Principles of Political Theory and Principles of Law.

The meeting is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



Dr. Sam Nelson

No 'Rigged Election' Worries in Ohio?

Three things protect your vote in Ohio. Click here to read more:

[Protecting Your Vote](#)

Go Vote!

On Tuesday, November 8

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Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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President's Letter

Dear League Members,

It looks as though we will be having a beautiful fall season as compared to our hot and dry summer. Who would ever suspect that Harrison Rally Day on September 17 would be a total wash-out. Carol Shepard reports that her gang of workers were marvelous. They set-up the tent and table in the pouring rain at 9 a.m. and took it down about 1pm in the pouring rain. It never stopped! Thank you volunteers!

I enjoy my daily readings by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. This is one of her wise offerings — “In the rush to keep up with the busyness of our lives, we often lose track of what we’ve already done — and the little things that can make each day joyful, if we only stop to notice them.”

Please check the League website, read the Voter on line, and/or check the Messenger Journal for our up-coming programs. Carol Russell, Program Chair of the LWVPA, and Natalie Diehlman from Way Library have some very interesting, worthwhile programs planned.

Nancy Kelley

Board Supports Senior Citizen and School Levies

The Perrysburg League Board has voted to support both the Senior Citizen levy renewal and the Perrysburg Schools levy renewal.

Senior Citizen Levy

The Wood County Committee on Aging provides services to older adults and their families throughout Wood County. These services support independence and encourage community involvement and enhance dignity.

Passage of the 0.7-mill renewal levy on November’s ballot will continue to provide these services, including senior meals, transportation, health and wellness services, information and referral, civic engagement, life enrichment programs, and collaborative efforts between Wood County agencies, business and organizations on behalf of senior citizens.

This five-year levy will cost \$19.31 per year for a home with a market value of \$100,000. Homeowners who qualify for the Homestead program will pay even less — \$14.48.

The LWVPA Board voted to endorse this levy.

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, Oct. 9 — 7 p.m.

Candidates Forum. First United Methodist Church, Bowling Green

Tuesday, Oct. 25 — 7 p.m.

How Polls Are Conducted. Dr. Sam Nelson, Assoc. Prof. Political Science and Administration, University of Toledo

Tuesday, Nov. 22 — 7 p.m.

Concussions. Dr. Andrea Cripps, Licensed Athletic Trainer, BGSU

Thursday, Dec. 15 — Noon

Holiday Luncheon. Dr. Sharon Gaber, President, University of Toledo

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — 7 p.m.

Economic Ramifications in Raising Minimum Wage. Dr. Peter VanderHart, Dr. Andrea Schneider, Dept. of Economics, BGSU

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — Noon

Annual Program Meeting. Luncheon

Tuesday, Feb. 28 — 7 p.m.

Lucas County Land Bank. David Mann

Tuesday, March (TBA) —

7 p.m. *Refugee Resettlement in Toledo Area.*

Sunday, March 26 — 2 p.m.

Stranahan Award. 577 Foundation

Tuesday, April 25 — 7 p.m.

Perspectives on Declaring Lake Erie "Impaired." Karl Gebhardt, Ohio EPA

Tuesday, May 9 — TBA

Tuesday, May 23 — 11 a.m.

Annual Meeting. Noon Luncheon. Speaker TBA

* All programs will be at Way Library, unless otherwise noted.

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School Levy

Perrysburg Schools is an excellent school district and the major reason property values are higher in Perrysburg than elsewhere in Northwest Ohio. This year the schools are seeking a renewal of a levy and not a new tax. Passage of this levy will preserve the district's current programming.

The school board has asked for a continuing levy rather than another 4-year levy partly because of changes in state law eliminating certain rollbacks. Currently the state pays a 12.5% rollback (tax exemption) of approximately \$1.2 million to the district that will be grandfathered in if we renew this levy. With a continuing levy we will continue to collect that money from the state. If the levy fails, the community would lose that money and it would be up to local taxpayers to pay it in any future levies.

The current levy, which will expire at the end of this year, provides nearly 27% of the district's operational funds. A levy defeat would negatively and directly affect every Perrysburg student.

The school board in choosing a continuing levy has acted responsibly by not putting the district in risk of financial ruin with the possible loss of nearly a third of its revenue and assuring that Perrysburg taxpayers will not lose over a million dollars each year in state rollbacks.

For these reasons the League board has endorsed the school renewal levy on the November 8 ballot.

Natural Resources Report

Water is always in the news, and with all the issues going on, it should be. Here's the latest in our area and elsewhere.

According to the *Toledo Blade*, a researcher at the University of Toledo received a grant to study algal toxin filtration. A \$224,937 grant from the National Science Foundation has been awarded to Youngwoo Seo, UT associate professor of civil engineering. The grant is to be used "to help make filters at conventional water-treatment plants, including Toledo's Collins Park Water Treatment Plant, operate more efficiently at removing algal toxins by better understanding how bacteria works" (*Blade, page B 1, September 15*). This study will also include plants in Bowling Green, Monroe and Oregon.

According to the *Blade*, there appears to be a new website in the making, a Nutrient Source Inventory, which will provide "a multi-layered tracker of the Lake Erie watershed that has never been done to such detail before. The site shows how the watershed is made from multiple other watersheds across thousands of square miles in northwest Ohio, northeastern Indiana and southeast Michigan" (*B 1, September 8*). The site's developers are getting feedback from numerous groups including, but not limited to: University of Toledo, Lake Erie Waterkeeper, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Toledo Community Foundation.

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This will also provide information about the effects of livestock farms, sewage overflow, and water-quality testing results.

Last, here are several water trivia questions and answers.

Q. What are three ways to conserve water?

1. Use a shower instead of a bath
2. Don't let the water run while you brush your teeth.
3. Install a water conserving toilet.

Q. Who are the three main users of water?

Agriculture - 65%, industry and individual.

Q. What is a watershed?

It is a drainage basin or area which could be a stream, lake, estuary, aquifer or ocean.

(Source for these questions is www.nestucea.k12.or.us.)

September Observer Reports

Perrysburg City Council Meeting, September 6, 2016

- Just prior to the start of the meeting, Nelson Evans was sworn in as the new member of Council.
- Council voted Tim McCarthy to be President of Council.
- Dave Kreps, City Finance Director, reported that the 2017 Budget along with a memo from the Mayor was given to Council. The next step will be to send it to the Committees for their review. The budget will be brought before Council at the first meeting in December, as it must be passed by 12/31/16.
- The meeting minutes of the Service Committee meeting held on 08/24/16 were read for the record. These minutes included discussion on the City's Sidewalk Program. The following is a short summary of this portion of the minutes: The City is currently paying for replacement of sidewalks. They are working from a sidewalk inventory that was prepared two years ago and have identified 54 of the worst areas and giving these areas priority. In 2016, \$75,000 was budgeted for sidewalk repair and the same amount is being recommended in the 2017 budget. Although homeowners are responsible for repairing their own sidewalks, the city took on some of these repairs (as described above) as the notification process to homeowners (that it was their responsibility to repair sidewalks) became too burdensome for the City. The City will be working with state legislators to allow the City to assess property owners for repaired sidewalks.
- Passed Ordinance 79-2016 authorizing the purchase of a fire engine in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

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- Passed a number of ordinances and resolutions authorizing paving projects, purchase of two replacement police vehicles, updated code language, updated zoning map for a specific property and sewer and sanitation projects (Ordinances 78-2016, 80-2016, 81-2016, 82-2016, 83-2016, 84-2016, Resolutions 15-2016.)
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Perrysburg City Council Meeting September 20, 2016

- Passed Ordinance 85-2016 authorizing a Job Creation Grant for the company “A Renewed Mind”.

*Debra Greenley Gorman
Observer*