



President's Newsletter

We received many comments of appreciation following the forums held October 10 and October 13. Thanks to all who participated and attended. A few photos are attached.

The LWV Lake Michigan Region annual conference, The Craft & Art of Saving Lake Michigan, was well attended, included educational outings and very informative presenters including Amy Lukas and Mary Catterlin who shared their documentary, "Lake Michigan in a Dougout"; Natalie Johnson, whose many responsibilities and loves include helping to reconnect communities to their local waterways; Noel Pavlovic, the Research Ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey at the Lake Michigan Ecological Research Station; and Cathy Martin, a Parks Program Manager who, long with Gia Wagner, Natural Resources Branch Chief at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, shared their expertise on habitat restoration and many other aspects of projects so important to collectively protecting the lake we love and enjoy.

If you would like additional information on any of these individuals or on LWVLMR, please contact me.

Due to technical glitches, the dues-renewal letters did not get sent in October. However, they will be arriving in your mailbox soon. Please take the time right away to get your payment to LWVBCC. Thank you.

Chris



Michigan House 59th District Forum



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Calendar

November 15th (Tue) Regular Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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Board Meeting/Minutes

Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of most months. Members are encouraged to attend. The next meeting is November, 15 (Tue) at 1:00 pm at the Lakewood Estates Community Center, 8000 Warren Woods Rd, Three Oaks.

We apologize for being so far behind in making Minutes available. Minutes will be updated and made current in the October newsletter.

Minutes are posted after they are approved by the Board.

- [March 15, 2016](#)
- [February 15, 2016](#)
- [January, 15, 2016](#)
- [November, 17, 2015](#)
- [October 20, 2015](#)

Movie/Fund Raiser at the Vickers Theatre, Three Oaks

The Vickers Theatre has graciously agreed to show the documentary, "Great Lake Bad Line" on **Tuesday evening, November 15, at 6:00 p.m.**, allowing us to use the facility as a fundraiser for the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties and to educate us on the history of the pipeline, referred to as Line 5, owned by Canadian firm Enbridge, Inc., to carry oil from Canada, crossing into the UP and "running along" Lake Michigan for over 600 miles before traveling through the lake from somewhere near St. Ignace to Mackinaw City and then southeast through the state until it joins another pipeline near Sarnia.

Please plan to attend to support the League and learn about this issue critical to the health of Lake Michigan.

Great Lakes Heating Joins our Select Advertiser Team

With this edition of the LWVBCC newsletter, we are very pleased to welcome a new advertiser. **Great Lakes Heating, Plumbing, Heating/Air Conditioning and Electrical** is family-owned and has been serving Michiana since 1957 -- 70 years! We know them thanks to their having bailed us out of a jam (no heat, no air conditioning sorts of things) and done so in a quick, highly professional manner.

According to their website, they offer comprehensive service plans for furnaces and air conditioning units (that's what we have) as well as providing traditional service calls when heating and a/c systems aren't working as expected. Their message to us: "When selecting something as important as your family's heating or air conditioning needs, we invite you to try it before you buy it. Since typically these units can last up to 20 plus years, you owe it to yourself to stop by in person and visit with us. Simply fill out the appointment form on our website to schedule a visit."

Great Lakes Heating and Air Conditioning employs their own installation crews and factory-trained service technicians. The company is licensed, bonded and insured and also offers 24-hour emergency service. During working hours, their courteous and friendly office staff will respond to your needs. After hours, they employ an answering service so you can still talk to an actual person. Learn more about them in their state-of-the-art showroom and on the Internet at <http://www.greatlakesheating-ac.com>.

We thank them for their generosity and support of our communications efforts.

John R.

Environmental News

Reports from the Carolinas are not good regarding devastating

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effects of the flooding that occurred as a result of the hurricane on all of the factory farms in that region. The ensuing contamination to all of the impacted watersheds will be felt for a long time and cleanup will be costly. I caution that we all need to be aware of the flooding events in our own region and their relationship to the local factory farms.

Finally, Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 7 and the Two Rivers Coalition Annual Meeting at 7 PM** at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 South Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064. The main event will be the documentary "Shifting Sands" by director/producer Pat Wisniewski. There will also be a presentation on the Paw Paw River Water Trail. This is free to the public and all are welcome.

Bette Pierman

November 2016 Candidates

A Special Thank You

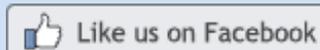
From the League of Women Voters of Berrien and Cass Counties to the candidates who participated in our forums, to our moderators, to Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, and RESA, Berrien Springs for use of their facilities - THANK YOU!!

Voter Guides

LWVBCC board members distributed 2500 copies of the Non-partisan Voter Guide made available through LWVMI. These guides provide a valuable resource and include responses from not only national and state candidates for various offices but responses from candidates vying for State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State Univ. Bd. of Trustees and Wayne State University Board of Governors AND Michigan Supreme Court. If you haven't seen a guide, check at your local public library or clerk's office. There's a clip-out area on the back page where you can mark your choices and take the page with you to your polling location. Just be sure to take the page with you when you leave the voting booth.

Luncheon News

Marcy Hamilton, Senior Planner, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, enlightened us with a splendid presentation at our October 20 luncheon. We're planning to have Marcy back for a general-membership presentation sometime next year. Thank you Ms. Hamilton!



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