

Legislative Director Report: North Cook County/Lake County

Gerri Songer – March 2019

Saturday March 2, 2019

Attended [Legislative Breakfast](#) in Hoffman Estates and participated in discussions on new revenue streams, collective bargaining, mandates/waivers, education funding, and pensions.

Resolution: Ensuring the Public's Right to Know

Began work on Resolution to include school personnel, and parents of students attending schools that could be negatively impacted, in the dissemination of information related to the transport and storage of hazardous materials including petroleum oil and high-hazard flammable trains (HHFTs). In order for school personnel to manage a hazardous materials incident safely and successfully, they too must take part in effective pre-incident planning, preparedness, training, exercises and implementation of an incident management system.

Consolidated Election Information

Below are races in the upcoming consolidated elections that impact District 214. Races highlighted in red are those featured in LWV forums.

Mt. Prospect– 4 races (Park Board, D26, D57, Village Trustee)

PHS – 801 W. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Mount Prospect Village Trustee– Augie Filippone, Colleen Saccotelli, Paul Hoefert, Richard Rogers, and Yulia Bjeckic

Mount Prospect Village Library Trustee– Sylvia Fulk, Therese Gens

Mount Prospect Village Library Board (Unexpired 2 Year Term) – Marie Bass

Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Board – Catherine Boetcher, Gary Holcomb

William Leonard Public Library District Board – Loretta Moore, James Richardson

Harper Community College Trustee D512– Gregory Dowell, C. Johnson

Harper Community College Trustee D512(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Walt Mundt

D214– William “Bill” Dussling, Alva J. Kreutzer, F. Daniel Petro

D25– Brian Cerniglia, Chad Conley, Scott Filipek

D26– Samuel Bae, Frank Fiarito, Janine Freedlund, Donna Johnson, Robert Rognstad

D57– Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Kristine O’Sullivan, Rachael Rothrauff

Mount Prospect Park District Commissioner– Bill Klicka; David V. Perns, DC; Lisa Tenuta; Michael Murphy; and, Timothy J. Doherty

Pleasant Dale Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Patrick Gierut

Pleasant Dale Park District Board – Todd Davis

River Trails Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Nancy Parra

River Trails Park District Board – Jack Cerniglia

Veterans Park District Board(Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Diane Sampson

Veterans Park District Board – Ronald Boscaccy, Orlando Velasquez

Prospect Heights– 2 races (Ward 3, Mayor)

Prospect Heights City Mayor – Lawrence E. Rosenthal and Nicholas "Nick" Helmer

Prospect Heights City Alderman Ward 1– Michelle Cameron
Prospect Heights City Alderman Ward 2– Kathleen Quinn
Prospect Heights City Alderman Ward 3– Elizabeth "Betty" Cloud and Wendy Morgan-Adams
Prospect Heights City Alderman Ward 4– Patrick Ludvigsen
Prospect Heights City Alderman Ward 5– Matthew Dolick
Prospect Heights City Clerk– Joanna Prisiajniouk
Prospect Heights City Treasurer– Richard Tibbits
Prospect Heights Public Library District Trustee– Timothy Bochula, Merete Penick
Prospect Heights Public Library District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term) – Marianne Kerr
Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Board – Catherine Boetcher, Gary Holcomb
William Leonard Public Library District Board – Loretta Moore, James Richardson
Harper Community College Trustee D512– Gregory Dowell, C. Johnson
Harper Community College Trustee D512(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Walt Mundt
D214 – William “Bill” Dussling, Alva J. Kreutzer, F. Daniel Petro
Prospect Heights School District 23 Trustee– Jim Bednar, Brian Greidanus, Carol O’Brien
 Botwinski, Gonca Paul, Mari-Lynn Peters
Prospect Heights Park District Commissioner – Ellen Avery, Vicki Carney, Terry Curtis, Robert Loranger
Pleasant Dale Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term) – Patrick Gierut
Pleasant Dale Park District Board – Todd Davis
River Trails Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Nancy Parra
River Trails Park District Board – Jack Cerniglia
Veterans Park District Board(Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Diane Sampson
Veterans Park District Board – Ronald Boscacey, Orlando Velasquez

Rolling Meadows – 2 races (Mayor, Alderman)

RMHS – 2901 Central Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Rolling Meadows City Mayor– John D’Astice, Joe Gallo, Len Prejna, David Whitney
Rolling Meadows City Alderman, Ward 1– Michael Cannon
Rolling Meadows City Alderman, Ward 3– Deborah Banach, Laura Majikes, Kevin O’Brien
Rolling Meadows City Alderman, Ward 5 – Glenn Adams, Jon Bisesi, Joseph Szafran
Rolling Meadows City Alderman, Ward 7 – Lara Sanoica, Robert Williams
Rolling Meadows City Council – Ward 2 (Unexpired 2 Year Term) – Nickey “Nick” Budmats
Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Board – Catherine Boetcher, Gary Holcomb
William Leonard Public Library District Board – Loretta Moore, James Richardson
Harper Community College Trustee D512– Gregory Dowell, C. Johnson
Harper Community College Trustee D512(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Walt Mundt
D214 – William “Bill” Dussling, Alva J. Kreutzer, F. Daniel Petro
Community Consolidated School District 21 Trustee – Staci Allan, Stacy Goetz, Jessica Riddick
Rolling Meadows Park District Commissioner – David Andrejek, Donna Bisesi, Bill Cooley, Stephanie Ennis, Emily Ford
Pleasant Dale Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term) – Patrick Gierut
Pleasant Dale Park District Board – Todd Davis
River Trails Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Nancy Parra
River Trails Park District Board – Jack Cerniglia
Veterans Park District Board(Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Diane Sampson

Veterans Park District Board – Ronald Boscacay, Orlando Velasquez

Buffalo Grove– 2 races (Trustee, President)

BGHS – 1100 W. Dundee Rd, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089

Buffalo Grove Village President– Beverly Sussman, and Mike Terson

Buffalo Grove Village Trustee– Adam Moodhe, Carolyn Pinta, David Weidenfeld, Eric Smith, Gregory Pike Jr., Larry Steingold, Rachel Hasuman Masse, Sooje Lee, and Tim Kobler

Buffalo Grove Village Clerk – Janet Sirabian

Indian Trails Public Library District Trustee– Vicki Baba, John Chu, Donald Roalkvam

Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Board – Catherine Boetcher, Gary Holcomb

William Leonard Public Library District Board- Loretta Moore, James Richardson

Harper Community College Trustee D512 – Gregory Dowell, C. Johnson

Harper Community College Trustee D512(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Walt Mundt

D214– William “Bill” Dussling, Alva J. Kreutzer, F. Daniel Petro

Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner – Richard Drazner, Adrian Johnson, Larry Reiner

Buffalo Grove Park District Commissioner (Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Tracy Bragg

Pleasant Dale Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term) – Patrick Gierut

Pleasant Dale Park District Board – Todd Davis

River Trails Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Nancy Parra

River Trails Park District Board – Jack Cerniglia

Veterans Park District Board(Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Diane Sampson

Veterans Park District Board – Ronald Boscacay, Orlando Velasquez

Elk Grove Village– 2 races (Trustee, D59)

EGHS – 500 W. Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Village Trustee – Jeff M. Ziemann, Julee E. Mortensen, Nancy J. Czarnik, Sam Lissner, Scott Saxe, and Stephen F. Schmidt

Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District Trustee - Dawn Jablonski, Steven Kosinski, Heather Maldonado

Elk Grove Village Library Trustee- Bruce Barnett, Joann Shafar

Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Board- Catherine Boetcher, Gary Holcomb

William Leonard Public Library District Board- Loretta Moore, James Richardson

Harper Community College Trustee D512 – Gregory Dowell, C. Johnson

Harper Community College Trustee D512(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Walt Mundt

D214– William “Bill” Dussling, Alva J. Kreutzer, F. Daniel Petro

Community Consolidated School D59 Trustee– James Goranson, Lisa Griffin, Courtney Lang, Daniel Naumowicz, Patricia Petrielli, Randall Reid, Barbara Somogyi, Randall Reid, Barbara Somogyi

Pleasant Dale Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term) – Patrick Gierut

Pleasant Dale Park District Board – Todd Davis

River Trails Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Nancy Parra

River Trails Park District Board – Jack Cerniglia

Veterans Park District Board(Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Diane Sampson

Veterans Park District Board – Ronald Boscacay, Orlando Velasquez

Arlington Heights– 2 races (Village Board, Park Board)

JHHS – 1900 E. Thomas St. Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Arlington Heights Village Trustee– Joh Scaletta, Laurie Taylor, Mary Beth Canty, Robin LaBedz, and Tom Schwingbeck

Arlington Heights Village Library Board – Anne Ruhl, Greg Zyck

Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Board– Catherine Boetcher, Gary Holcomb

William Leonard Public Library District Board– Loretta Moore, James Richardson

Harper Community College Trustee D512 – Gregory Dowell, C. Johnson

Harper Community College Trustee D512(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Walt Mundt

D214– William “Bill” Dussling, Alva J. Kreutzer, F. Daniel Petro

D23– Jim Bednar, Brian Greidanus, Carol O’Brien Botwinski, Gonca Paul, Mari-Lynn Peters

Arlington Heights Park District Commissioner– Charles Mclaughlin, Rob Nesvacil, Brian Owen

Pleasant Dale Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term) – Patrick Gierut

Pleasant Dale Park District Board – Todd Davis

River Trails Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Nancy Parra

River Trails Park District Board – Jack Cerniglia

Veterans Park District Board(Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Diane Sampson

Veterans Park District Board – Ronald Boscaccy, Orlando Velasquez

Wheeling– 2 races (Trustee, CCSD)

WHS – 900 S. Elmhurst Rd. Wheeling, IL 60090

Wheeling Village Trustee– Asher P. Horcher, Dave Vogel, Deborah L. Wilson, Joe Vita, Maryann Rodriguez Liguori, and Ray Lang

Indian Trails Public Library District Trustee – Vicki Baba, John Chu, Donald Roalkvam

Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District Board– Catherine Boetcher, Gary Holcomb

William Leonard Public Library District Board– Loretta Moore, James Richardson

Harper Community College Trustee D512 – Gregory Dowell, C. Johnson

Harper Community College Trustee D512(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Walt Mundt

D214– William “Bill” Dussling, Alva J. Kreutzer, F. Daniel Petro

Wheeling Park District Commissioner– Mike Burns, Cheri Klumpp, James Whittington

Pleasant Dale Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term) – Patrick Gierut

Pleasant Dale Park District Board – Todd Davis

River Trails Park District Board(Unexpired 4 Year Term)– Nancy Parra

River Trails Park District Board – Jack Cerniglia

Veterans Park District Board(Unexpired 2 Year Term)– Diane Sampson

Veterans Park District Board – Ronald Boscaccy, Orlando Velasquez

CCSD21 – Marni Slavin Masur, Ellyn Ross, and Nathan Libbey

Candidate Forums

The **League of Women Voters** (nonpartisan, not-for-profit) is scheduled to host the following upcoming candidate forums:

March 16: Arlington Heights - 2 races - *Village Board* 9:30a-10:20a; *Park Board* 10:30a-11:20a at the Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd.

March 17: Wheeling - 2 races - *Park Board* 1p-1:50p; *Village Board* 2p-2:50p at Indian Trails Public Library, 355 Schoenbeck Rd., Wheeling, IL 60090

Come Stand In Solidarity With Rail Workers' Union

Come stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the Rail Workers' Union at the United Auto Workers' Hall in Lincolnshire beginning at 7p. Bruce Campbell, author of *The Lac-Megantic Rail Disaster: Public Betrayal, Justice Denied* will be speaking about one of the most deadliest railways disasters in Canadian history. Members of the Rail Workers' Union will share their stories regarding their unsafe working conditions, and I (*Gerri Songer*) will be discussing the local impact and the need for school personnel to be included in comprehensive oil spill response plans, so they are able to effectively manage incidents involving hazardous material.

U.S. Transportation Department recently issued final rules requiring railroads to develop oil spill response plans and to disclose details of shipments to states and tribal governments after a series of high-profile incidents. Compliance with amendments adopted in this final rule is required beginning [August 27, 2019](#).

[Senate Bill 24](#), recently proposed by *IL Sen. Terry Link*, would require freight trains to be operated by a crew of at least two individuals until a federal rule or law is adopted that addresses how many crew members should operate a freight train.

Currently, there are several major rail projects underway, the [Amtrak Hiawatha proposal](#), [CREATE](#), and the [Union Pacific Metra West Line](#). *US Rep. Brad Schneider* spoke out against the Amtrak Hiawatha proposal during a town hall meeting in Glenview addressing a crowd of more than 1,000 concerned residents.

Do You Live In, or Work In, An Oil Train Blast Zone?

VIEW: <http://blast-zone.org>

Date: April 3rd, 2019

Location: United Auto Workers' Hall
680 Barclay Blvd, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Time: 7:00p

Building Democracy Together

25th Anniversary Fundraising Dinner

<https://www.citizenadvocacycenter.org/25anniversary.html>

DATE: [Saturday, March 23, 2019](#)

TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Carlisle Banquets 435 E. Butterfield Rd., Lombard, IL 60148

Featuring: The Honorable Patrick J. Quinn, 41st Governor of Illinois.

The Citizen Advocacy Center invites you to support its 25th Anniversary by becoming an event sponsor, purchasing tickets, placing an advertisement in the program book, or making a donation. Your support will assist CAC to strengthen democracy through community lawyering, community organizing, coalition building, legal advocacy, and civic education.

Reserve your place today!

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RSVP: <https://www.citizenadvocacycenter.org/25anniversary.html>

Event Contact: Susan Wakefield (susan@citizenadvocacycenter.org)

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