

# TAXPAYER TO TAXPAYER

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## Accessing County Board Information:

Go to McHenry County's website at [www.mchenry.co.il.us](http://www.mchenry.co.il.us) and click on "County Meetings" at the top of the page. All agendas and committee "packets (supporting documents & minutes)" can be viewed.

## Issues before your McHenry County Board Members include:

These few examples directly affect our pocketbooks as well as the enjoyment of our homes and properties.

The county's *Facilities Committee* is recommending major building projects, costing multi-millions in tax dollars, by adding to the county government center campus on Rte 47 in Woodstock. It is called the "Capital Plan."

*Management Service Committee* currently plans to hire a consultants to tell them whether or not they should prepare plans to lock down McHenry County government buildings with heavy security. From all indications, this is slated to be a "part-time" security measure. Must ask: why proceed with costly half-measures?

*(affecting you & your taxes)* "Noise" - *Planning & Development Cmte (P&D), Board Of Health (BOH), Health & Human Services Cmte (HHS), and the Sheriff's Dept. via the Law & Justice Cmte (L&J)*. have for years, wrestled with noise issues. Neighbors being harrassed by neighbors; devaluation of properties by neighboring properties owners; and, a lack of a process to protect our rights. We're told that these are "Civil" matters we (individually) must to settle in court. Never mind the county writes rules intended to prevent the problems yet, they rarely enforce these rules. Dogs running at large and attacking is a current issue.

## Will YOU... Promise To Be An Informed Voter...

One way to become an informed voter will be to attend "Candidate Forums."

In January and February, the League of Women Voters will conduct open meetings where candidates, on the ballot for local, state & federal elected offices, will respond to a variety of questions provided by League member and the public.



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These candidates will be asking for your vote in the March 15, 2016 Primary Election.

The calendar below includes forums for candidates for all 6 county board districts and all contested offices. It is suggested that you attend all forums. Aside from your local county board members, there are 2 candidates running for McHenry County State's Attorney; 3 running for McHenry County Recorder; ,From what you learn, you may want to tell your friends and neighbors what you have learned as all candidates for these offices affect each of us.

All forums will be held at: McHenry County College on Rte 14, Crystal Lake Building B in the Conference Center.

Program begins at 7 PM.

You are encouraged to provide written questions to the League moderator.

**P.S.** This is an excellent opportunity to meet your candidates. They will be available before and after the forum. Most would love to talk with you.

## Calendar for Candidate Forums...

Thursday, January 21, 2016 Congressional District 6 & 14

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 McHenry County Board Districts 4, 5 & 6

Thursday, January 28, 2016 McHenry County Board Districts 1, 2 & 3

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 McHenry County Board Chairman; McHenry County States' Attorney; and, McHenry County Recorder

Thursday, February 4, 2016 State House Districts 63 & 66

## See You There...