



The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) is a volunteer nonpartisan political organization which promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any candidate for public office; it is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after serious member study and consensus.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SCARSDALE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September/October 2008

LWV of Scarsdale 2008-2009 Calendar

September

Monday	8	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
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Please remember to vote in the Primary on Tuesday, September 9, 2008!

**Reminder:
Annual Food For Thought Luncheon is on Friday, October 24, 2008 at Scarsdale Golf Club. More information on page 7 of this Bulletin.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

One of the things I love about the summer is having more time to read. During the summer, I came across a quotation from Margaret Mead, the famous American anthropologist, that reminded me of the League of Women Voters and all that we do. Ms. Meade said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful concerned citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has".

The League is that citizen; providing information, educating voters and making sure that voters have the information they need to make informed decisions. For example, the Voters Service Committee worked throughout the summer to collect candidate information for the Voters Guide that Scarsdale households will soon receive in the mail. In addition, an ad hoc committee, comprised of League Board members, updated voting and local election information which now appears on the League website. You just have to look at the LWVS calendar on page three to see that we have a busy year ahead with events such as the Candidates' Forum and consensus meetings.

Also, being a member of the League shows that you are concerned citizen. We appreciate your continuing support and hope that you will consider helping out whenever possible. Please read through the Bulletin to find out about where help is needed or go to the League website www.lwvs.org and click on the Help Wanted tab.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas. By working together, we can change the world!

Best regards,

Adie Shore

Tribute to Irving Sloan

Irving Sloan, long-time Scarsdale resident, inspirational teacher, village historian, author, volunteer extraordinaire and active League member, passed away on July 31st.

With his sharp mind, and passion for history, politics, the law, the theatre, cars and most importantly people, he was a man of ideas and a mentor and friend to many. Irving would often urge us to "*Think critically, live generously and stand up for what you believe in.*" This was a credo by which he lived and he challenged us to live by as well. Armed with his wit and his wisdom, he was a vital addition to many a League meeting, offering a unique perspective and a historical context. We will miss him, and he will not be forgotten.

We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Esther, son Philip, and granddaughter Ali.

--submitted by Michelle Lichtenberg

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November

Tuesday	4		Election Day	
Monday	10	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Thursday	20	TBDPM	Capital Budget Consensus Meeting	
TBD		9AM-3:30PM	UN Day	United Nations, NYC

December

Monday	8	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
		10:30AM	General Membership Mgt: Elec System Village	

January

Monday	12	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Friday	23	9:00AM	General Membership Mgt: School Elec System	
Saturday	31	5-7PM	Winter Fund Raiser	TBD

February

Monday	9	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
		10:30AM	General Membership Mgt: Local & County Program	
TBD		9:00AM	Breakfast w/ Co Executive	White Plains Library

March

Monday	9	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Monday	23	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
		10:15AM	General Membership Mgt: School Budget	
Monday	30	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
		10:15AM	General Membership Mgt: Village Budget	
TBD		1:00PM	Naturalization Court	

April

Monday	13	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
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May

Monday	4	9:00AM	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Thursday	14	11:00AM	Annual Meeting/Spring Luncheon	Scarsdale Golf Club
Fri.-Sun.	15-17		LWVNYC Convention	Syracuse

June

Monday	8	9:00AM	Joint New/Old Board Mtg	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
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*Off-board, non-voting

**Call first

How Much Time Does It Take To Be Active in the LWVS?

Do you have an extra 5 minutes once a year? In 5 minutes you can pay your dues.

Do you have an extra 30 minutes once a month? In 30 minutes you can read what your dues pay for: The LWVS Bulletin, NYS Voter and the National Voter.

Do you have an extra 1-2 hours here and there? Look at all the things you can do with that time: vote, make phone calls, write letters, attend a League meeting, or join a study committee.

If you do any of these, you are being active!!

LWVS Wants You!



Do you and/or a friend have two hours to spare? Consider representing the LWVS at **Naturalization Court on Wednesday, October 29th at 1PM** at the White Plains Courthouse. Be part of this moving ceremony by welcoming new citizens and providing voting information. If interested, please contact Adie Shore at 472-5175 or absnyny@aol.com.

Check out the **Help Wanted** listings at www.lwvs.org.

LWVS Plays Presidential Pursuit with 6th Graders

With the November elections around the corner, LWVS will be playing the fast action trivia game "Presidential Pursuit" in each of the 6th grade classrooms. Students will pair up in teams and answer questions about the current election, the electoral process and historical events. We are currently seeking volunteers to lead the games in one hour time slots sometime in October. Please contact Jennifer Love at jloves@att.net if you are interested in participating.

REMINDER: LWVS dues are due!

Please mail your check to:

LWV Scarsdale

PO Box 495

Scarsdale, NY. 10583

Individual: \$55

Household: \$75

For questions, please call Jane Vernon at 472-2933

Membership forms are available on the website

Welcome to New Members:

Wendy Beizer, Marion Borko, Andrew Feldstein, Leanne Freda, Marylou and Michael Green, Alice and Peter Herman, Howard Pack, Ann and Bill Sacher, Bill Squadron, Ann Starer and Beth Zadek.

Thank You ! Thank You !

The following members joined as Friends or Suffragists for 2007-08:

FRIENDS (\$250 and above)

Renee Baylor, Sally Durdan, Mary Beth Gose, Walter Handelman, Debra and H. Robert Miller, Marjorie and Morgan Miller, Amy Paulin and Ira Schuman, Evelyn and Jerome Seidman, Judy and Robert Soley, Evelyn Stock, Barbara and Peter Strauss.

SUFFRAGISTS (\$150 - \$250)

Nancy Cardozo, Noreen and Robert Fisher, Barbara Fogel, Laura Fratt and Michael Isby, Lois and Richard Garwin, Ruth and Bud Goldstein, Janet and Mark Hershey, Barbara and Eric Jaffe, Daney and Lee Klingenstein, Bette Landes, Joann and Todd Lang, Robin and Stanley Levin, Michelle and Frank Lichtenberg, Susan and Greg Milmoie, Eda Newhouse, Harriet and Lawrence Rader, Deborah and Gary Raizes, Ann Rose and Henry Simon, Margaret and Laurence Smith.

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LWVUS Convention June 13-17, 2008 - Report

Almost 700 voting delegates from 49 state Leagues and the District of Columbia gathered in Portland for the 2008 national convention. The days were filled listening to distinguished speakers, decision making during the plenary sessions and meeting League members from all over the United States.

Convention speakers included the Honorable Barbara Roberts, the first woman governor of Oregon who spoke about Woman as Political Leaders - Our History and Experience. The Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of Oregon, 1994-2002, discussed the Unfinished Business of the Baby Boom Generation: Health Care for the 21st Century. A panel discussion on global climate addressed the state of global climate change- What We Know and What We Don't and Climate Change Disparities-The Effect on the Developing World. An interesting fact mentioned by one of the panelists is that 65% of the soot in the air comes from home cooking devices in India and China, and not from large industrial factories. A pilot project was recently begun in an Indian village to replace traditional cooking methods with solar cooking devices.

LWVUS President, Mary Wilson, spoke about the progress the League has made and the challenges ahead. She stated that the League of Women Voters is a premier example of a grassroots organization at work and there are very few nonprofits left that have a vibrant, active well-organized grassroots organization in every state.

President Wilson told the delegates that the LWVUS Board is committed to leadership training as a way to further strengthen the grassroots of our organization. In March, the Board voted to establish a Leadership Fund with 5% of every bequest the LWVUS receives from the estates of deceased members. Other contributions they receive designated for Leadership Development will also be added to this fund. The LWVUS believes that there is no better way to honor the memory of lost members than by investing some of their bequests in the future of the League.

The National Program for the 2008-2010 biennium, as approved by the delegates, will be as follows: Retain all current LWVUS Positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy.

- Amend the Principles by adding, "The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial;"
- Develop a Health Care program to educate members and communities in order to be better prepared to do health care advocacy as needed.
- Increase PMP (per member payment) rate as follows: \$28.00 for FY2008-2009 and \$29.20 for FY 2009-2010.
- Create a "Multi-Level Education and Advocacy" Campaign to promote solutions to global climate change" as an amendment to the proposed program and,
- Initiate a study entitled "The advisability of using the National Popular Vote compact among the states as a method for electing the President." **(The Scarsdale League will be participating in this study. Please contact me if you are interested in joining this study committee).**

Additionally it was decided that:

- A resolution procedure shall be proposed by LWVUS for discussion at Council 2009 to determine rules for Convention 2010 and,
- Within 12 months, the LWVUS will redesign its fundraising requests so they cannot be misconstrued as membership recruitment or dues notices. LWVUS will enlist the help of representative state and local Leagues to review or revise any fundraising or recruiting letters.

If you would like more information, please go to LWVUS website at lww.org. Click on the For Members tab, and then on the Council and Convention tab.



You are cordially invited:

Scarsdale League of Women Voters Annual Food For Thought Luncheon

Friday, October 24, 2008

11:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Featuring : Jeanne Zaino

Chair, Department of Political Science, IONA College

Topic: TBA

Jeanne Zaino is currently Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science at Iona College where she teaches courses in American government, presidency, courts, voting, elections, public opinion, political parties, and research methods. Her most recent research focuses on post-2000 electoral litigation, the import of poll workers, and the pedagogical benefits of metaphors. Professor Zaino frequently comments on political and electoral issues in the media and is a regular contributor to Bob Marrone's show "Good Morning Westchester" on WVOX radio in New Rochelle. She is working on a book for Prentice Hall, tentatively called "Countdown."

Yes, I would like to attend the LWVS Fall Food For Thought Luncheon on Friday, October 24, 2008 at the Scarsdale Golf Club. My check for \$40 per person (\$45 after October 12th) payable to the LWVS is enclosed.

Name _____

Name of Guest(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Please RSVP and send check to :

Anne Lyons, 82 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583.

For questions, please contact Adie Shore at absnyny@aol.com or 472-5175

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee ballots are available to those registered voters who will be absent from the County because of duties, occupation, business studies (including college students) and vacation or to those who are ill or disabled. For more information or questions about absentee ballots, please contact the Westchester County Board of Elections at (914) 995-5285 or go to http://www.westchestergov.com/citizenparticipation_absenteevote.htm.

Some dates to keep in mind:

- Sep 2 Last day to postmark application for **absentee ballot** for *primary election*, if mailing
- Sep 8 Last day to submit application in person for **absentee ballot** for *primary election*
- Sep 8 Last day to postmark **absentee ballot**, if mailing in ballot for *primary election*
- Sep 9 Last day to deliver **absentee ballot** in person to board of elections for *primary election*
- Oct 28 Last day to postmark application for **absentee ballot** for *general election*, if by mail
- Nov 3 Last day to apply in person for **absentee ballot** for *general election*
- Nov 3 Last day to postmark **absentee ballot**, if mailing in ballot for *general election*

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SCARSDALE

LWVS Comments on the proposed 2008-09 Scarsdale School Budget

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) appreciates members of the Board of Education and District Administrators coming to our meeting of March 17, 2008 and answering our questions on a number of items pertaining to the proposed 2008-2009 Scarsdale School Budget. We commend the Board members for their responsiveness to community concerns and their amendment of the initial budget proposal. We believe that the program enhancements recommended in the current proposal have been appropriately scaled back yet will still enhance the quality of education in the District.

Whenever there is the opportunity for the exchange of in depth information, the evaluation process will be enhanced. The information that was ultimately provided to the League helped us to recognize the added value of an additional assistant principal. As such, we are now able to endorse the position. Some of the responsibilities of this new administrator will be to address the needs of a larger student body, additional special education reporting requirements, and quality of life issues. We stress the importance of the Board's commitment to reviewing the added value of this position on an annual basis.

While we support the initiatives and programming contained in the proposed budget, we reiterate our reservations about an expanded fitness center at this time.

With a budget to budget increase of 2.91% and tax increases of 4.94% in Scarsdale and 13.73% in Mamaroneck Strip, the Board has worked diligently to recognize economies while continuing to fund programs and projects that will keep our schools at the highest levels.

The budget work/study sessions are a valuable opportunity for the community to become familiar with the budget and we commend the Board and administration on the comprehensive and well-organized presentations. We applaud the Board on the openness of the budget process, the Board's willingness to listen to community feedback and to incorporate community suggestions into the proposed budget. This year's budget process was an inclusive endeavor.

In conclusion, we thank all the members of the Board of Education, Dr. Michael McGill and the administration for the help they have given the League of Women Voters this year in its study of the proposed school budget. We hope that you will consider our suggestions and recommendations as you continue to revise and finalize the budget. We look forward to the continuation of the open budget process again next year.

We recommend that the community support the school budget and vote yes on May 20th.

Sincerely,

Anna Decker
LWVS School Budget Chair

Adie Shore
LVWS President

Kudos Korner

- **Renee Baylor, Debbie Miller, Susie Rush and Florie Wachtenheim** for updating voting and local election information for Scarsdale residents. *The results of their efforts may be found on the League website www.lwvs.org by clicking on the Voting and Local Election Information tabs.*
- **Ruth Goldstein** for processing membership envelopes, updating the database and for conducting "How to Run a Study" training for Board members.
- **Nancy Michaels** for creating the Bulletin.
- **Pam Meisel Rubin** (Voters Service Chair) and **Ann Sacher** for working throughout the summer to obtain information for the Voter's Guide and to Pam for submitting a "Countdown to Election 2008" article to the Inquirer.
- **Sara Werder** for keeping the LWVS in the news.
- **Renee Baylor** for bringing LWVS inserts to Village Hall for Scarsdale's New Resident Welcome Kits.
- **Lauri Carey** for her letter to the editor regarding ceasing the construction of coal-fired power plants.

To: Mayor Noreen Fisher
Members of the Village Board of Trustees
From: The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS)
Re: The 2008-09 Village Budget
Date: April 8, 2008

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (the "League") held its annual membership meeting on March 28, 2008 to evaluate the tentative Scarsdale Village budget for 2008-09. We commend the Mayor, Village Trustees and management for their thorough job in formulating this year's tentative budget. We thank Mary Lou McLure, Al Gatta, Dan Sarnoff and Mayor Fisher for participating in the public briefing sessions and the League's general membership meeting and for providing thoughtful answers to our questions.

The League applauds the Village staff and the Board of Trustees for strong fiscal management of the Village Budget. The annual tax increase for 2008-09, projected at 5.39%, compares very favorably to our neighboring villages and towns. The Village has been very successful at soliciting funds through grants for storm water management, downtown improvements and the development of recreational facilities. For instance, grants funds made a significant contribution to the \$910,000 that was allocated to address storm water flooding in 2007-8. We encourage the Village staff to continue to research and apply for grants to supplement the budget and enhance our programs and projects.

The League commends the Village for its efficiencies that resulted from excess revenues due to conservative budgeting and tight control over spending in addition to unclaimed assets from last year's budget. As a result, the Village was able to transfer funds into the 2008-09 budget to finance capital improvements.

The League is pleased to learn that Village water consumption has dropped 12% since the Village encouraged limitations on water use and the rate increase went into effect. We hope to see this trend continue in 2008-09.

The League approves of the Village's decision to continue to support the Scarsdale Teen Center with \$87,500 in funding. We believe the Teen Center is a valuable Village asset and we are pleased that it will continue to be available to Scarsdale teens.

During our consensus meeting several areas of concern were identified:

Village Infrastructure:

Long Term Planning: When major infrastructure systems, like storm water and sanitation, need to be updated, we ask that the village assess the extent and expected expense so that plans can be made to fund this work. We encourage the Village to consider green initiatives that will have long-term benefits in conserving water and energy.

Road Resurfacing: The League believes that the Village's current policy on resurfacing 2-3 miles per year is inadequate. We suggest that the Village accelerate the schedule to repave. Increased traffic volume, larger cars and trucks, along with weather related issues have all contributed to the deterioration of our roadways, and a more aggressive maintenance schedule is needed.

Open Space: We are concerned about Village development and its impact on open space and the Village's infrastructure. We ask the Village to consider various methods of maintaining open space such as financing the buy-back of private land to prevent future development. Grants, tax abatements and private funding should all be pursued as potential funding sources.

Recreation Fees: We understand that an increase of 10% for recreation fees was needed in order to keep the recreation programs self-funded at a 60% level. However, as camp enrollment is unpredictable, we ask that the Village staff monitor camp enrollment to insure that staffing is commensurate with demand.

Availability of Budget Copies for Review: Although the proposed budget is available online, it is quite lengthy. We suggest that the Village provide information on its website to let residents know that additional hard copies are available for distribution upon request.

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale supports the 2008-2009 Village budget.

We hope that you will consider our suggestions and recommendations in your future planning.

Sincerely,

Joanne Wallenstein
Village Budget Chair

Adie Shore
President

Summary of Proposed Scarsdale Village Tree Ordinance
Chapter 281 of the Village Code

The information provided here is an attempt to enlighten and engage LWVS members in the ongoing discussion about the proposed local law designed to regulate trees throughout the Village. The Mayor and Village Trustees are seeking public comment on September 23, 2008. The League will hold a consensus meeting prior to this date. The League will hold a consensus meeting on Monday, September 15, at 8PM at the Crossway Firehouse. In addition to this summary, you may find information on the League website at www.lwvs.org by clicking on the Tree Ordinance Study tab.

This proposal will impact every homeowner in Scarsdale. Please make every effort to attend the upcoming consensus meeting. Please contact Lauri Carey at lauricarey@hotmail.com with any questions or comments.

ARTICLE I details the proposed tree law relating to non-public (private) property. A summary of each section of ARTICLE I is provided below:

Intent

The intent of the proposed statute is to protect health, safety, the environment, to help reduce runoff into the storm system, which would mitigate flooding, and to generally enhance the quality of life in Scarsdale Village.

Prohibited Acts, Removal of Trees on Non-Public Property

The statute outlines what would and would not be allowed by private property owners. No one will be allowed to destroy any tree exceeding 6 inches in diameter at a height of 4.5 ft, within 5 ft of any property line, or remove prescribed trees in a 12-month period without a Tree Removal Permit.

The private property owner would be able to remove 3 trees or less in a 12-month period provided they are not protected trees, and that replacement trees are planted. An emergency removal is allowed, as is removal of a dead, hazardous, or diseased tree as determined by a Tree Expert.

A person or party, who has received a permit for development of any kind that includes removal of trees, must comply with the terms of the permit, and in addition, apply to the Village Engineer for a Tree Removal Permit. If a tree has been designated to be saved by the Planning Board, Board of Appeals or Board of Architectural Review, a Tree Removal Permit will not be issued, unless there is due cause as indicated above.

Tree Expert and Permits and Applications

The Village will employ or retain a Tree Expert. Permits will be granted by the Village Engineer, or designee if the property owner submits a report from the Tree Expert indicating: hardship or endangerment; a tree is substantially interfering with permitted use of the property; the tree is infested; the tree is located near improvements; the tree is to be removed due to storm damage. The Village Engineer will have the final determination, and can override other notices if there is an emergency situation.

There is a requirement that replacement trees be planted at the owner's expense. If this is not possible, the permit applicant may be required to make a payment to the Tree Preservation Fund in an amount comparable to replacement.

An application for a Tree Removal Permit must be done in writing to the Village Engineer, who will have the right to ask for detailed, drawn plans, require that a Tree Expert be retained by the applicant, and/or require a performance bond or cash deposit be held that would cover the planting and restoration work that would follow any tree removal. The Village Engineer would have 90 days to approve or deny a Tree Removal Permit, and would also be able to issue a Stop Work Order if the work was not proceeding

according to the requirements of the permit.

Restoration and Replacement

All persons who remove trees or cause trees to be removed are responsible for replacement whether they received or Tree Removal Permit or not. If replacement is not possible, a payment to the Village will be required. Tree stumps have to be removed. All restoration work must be completed within one year from the date the Tree Removal Permit was issued, unless the Village approves an extension.

Enforcement

If a person violates the provisions set forth, a fine of not less than \$250 shall be levied, and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 15 days will be enforced. In addition the Village may impose a civil penalty of \$100 for each day of the violation for each tree.

The additional Articles II (new), III (existing), IV(existing), V, and VI address rules and rights related to public right of ways. The articles talk about distributions lines for utilities, the contribution that tree removal has on stormwater and drainage, infestations, harmful plants, protected trees, the interfacing of private property owners with trees in public areas, dumping of deleterious substances. Rules apply in all of these situations with potential fines and jail time applied for violations.

For a detailed report of all articles, please of the Village Scarsdale website at www.scarsdale.com

News from the State League

Access to Information Improves

Three new websites provide the taxpayer with information about where their tax dollars go. Some of this information was previously available only by filing an F.O.I.L. request.

www.SeeThroughNY.net features searchable databases of NYS governmental employees, including job titles and salaries. It also includes teachers' union and superintendent contracts for nearly every school district in the State, the Legislature's pork-barrel "community projects" spending for 2008-2009, and internal operations expenditures for both the Assembly and the NYS Senate.

Open Book New York, from the office of the NYS Comptroller (www.osc.state.ny.us/openbook/), gives taxpayers unprecedented access to financial information of our State government. This includes spending by 113 State agencies and public authorities and display of more than 60,000 state contracts. You can even search State contracts to see who is doing business with the State.

Project Sunlight provides a prototype for how government should make information available to citizens in the digital age (www.SunlightNY.com). It includes information about individual elected officials, campaign finance activities, legislation, lobbyists, state contracts, and registered corporations and charities. This website also offers educational videos and materials about the basic laws governing official conduct.

Links to these websites can be found on the LWVNYS website.

PROCEDURE COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES

The Procedure Committee for the Citizen's Nominating Committee is actively looking for candidates for the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2011. If you know anybody who might be interested in serving the Village in this rewarding volunteer position, please contact Carolyn Mehta at 723 4739 or by cell phone at 584 5903. Resumes and petitions for the Citizen's Nominating Committee are due on September 30th.

Under the nonpartisan resolution, candidates for the Citizens Nominating Committee must (1) be a qualified voter, (2) have lived in Scarsdale for at least two years, and (3) must not currently serve on the School Board Nominating Committee or its Administrative Committee, the Scarsdale Board of Education, the Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees or the Procedure Committee.

Prospective candidates must file a nominating petition with the Procedure Committee and a candidate must submit a biographical form. These forms are available at WWW.SCARSDALEPROCEDURECOMMITTEE.ORG Biographical form can be submitted electronically, the petition must be submitted in the original. The election for the Citizen's Nominating Committee will be held on Wednesday Nov 12th 2008. The run off election will be Tuesday November 18th if needed.

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Noreen Fisher, Mayor (CP)
term ends Apr. 2009
Miriam Levitt Flisser (CP)
1st term ends Apr. 2009
Dan Hochvert (CP)
2nd term ends Apr. 2010
David Irwin (CP)
1st term ends Apr. 2009
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2nd term ends Apr. 2010
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jeffrey Blatt
2nd term ends June 2010
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2nd term ends June 2009
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2nd term ends June 2011
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