



THE VOTER

President's Podium

Dear Members and Friends,

Voter Awareness Night was a huge success thanks to the hard work and dedication of many people, especially Sue Yatsu and Carmen Thompson who planned and organized the event. Leslie Zaynor did a splendid job of moderating the local candidates for school board, city council and the mayor's race. Peggy Manson arranged for refreshments with Dunkin Donuts who provided enough donut holes to satisfy the hungriest of the high school students who were there, in force, accompanied by their government teacher, Jon Shomo. This year, Chamber of Commerce members Craig Ray, Jerry Feeman and Alan Powers joined with League member, Helen Fire, to screen audience questions to the candidates to avoid personal attacks and duplication. Roseann Crawford and Melanie Wasson, with stop watch and time cards, kept everything moving along and Kim Ray provided membership material and displayed League throws for sale. Many, many thanks to everyone for a job well done!

We are delighted that Dr. Stephen Brooks, Associate Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics will be our guest speaker at the November 17th general meeting. Dr. Brooks has talked to our league before and always has a though provoking message based on many years of research in the field. This time he will be commenting on the results and ramifications of the November 8th election for Ohio.

Prior to the meeting we have made arrangements with Erie Station Grill to hold an optional dinner at 5:00 for all those who care to join for an informal discussion about league. This would be a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend to enjoy fun and good fellowship. Make your reservation with Marlene Fire at 330-633-3829 or email:mgfire@gmail.com by November 14th. I look forward to seeing you there!

Warm Regards,

Nancy Treichler

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Tallmadge Library Meeting Room

Dr. Steve Brooks, Associate Director

University of Akron Ray C. Bliss Institute

**will provide a stimulating analysis of
the November 8th General Election.**

*At 5 p.m. there will be an optional dinner at Erie Station for members and friends. We encourage new members, especially, to join us and learn more about League in this comfortable, informal setting
Marlene Fire awaits your dinner reservation at 330-633-3829, or you may email: mgfire@gmail.com*

Save the Date!

Holiday Express

December 10, 2011

10:30am

Brunch

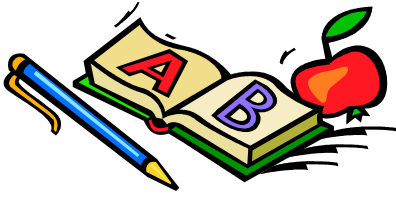
Rose's Car at Erie Station Grille

Favors, games and fun!

Bring non-perishable items

for Good Neighbors.





BOARD BYTES

By Christine Cipa, Tallmadge Board of Education

The Board approved the naming of the stage area in the new High School Auditorium as Frank Chaff Stage for his years of dedication and service to the drama program and students of Tallmadge High School.

November 13–19, 2011, was proclaimed by the Board to be American Education Week in Tallmadge. The resolution includes the proclamation that it is the responsibility of the public schools to prepare students to successfully meet emerging challenges and opportunities and states that this responsibility lies with the entire community. The purpose of American Education Week is to focus our attention on the important role education plays in our country and its future.

A draft of the proposed amendments for the NEOLA Replacement Policy – No. 7110 “Naming of District Facilities” was given to the Superintendent to develop administrative guidelines in furtherance of this policy.

The Tallmadge School administration and core team sent a letter to over 100 citizens inviting them to the Community Engagement Meeting to participate in the review of the Master Plan. The Master Plan involves determining the needs of our buildings and properties.

Munroe Elementary School will have its trailer up and running by the end of the month. The trailer will house the library and a computer lab.

Courtney Davis and Staff at Dunbar Elementary wrote a grant along with Akron University professional development and were awarded money to purchase I-Pads for the classroom. Children are using these I-Pads to learn to read and in other areas of their education.

November 2011 City Council Report

By Linda Poinar, Ward 1 Councilperson

City Council will hold public hearings on November 10th in regard to plans to alter the boundaries of the Design Control District. The Heritage and the Planning and Zoning Commissions have discussed and forwarded their recommendations to City Council. This ordinance would update the zoning code to downsize the boundaries of our Historic District closer to the Tallmadge Circle. This change should make the city more “business friendly” to new economic development.

The City Council must adopt the 2012 budget by the end of the year. Due to the slowly rebounding economy, we are looking at a conservative budget. The city is applying for multiple federal grants for road repair in the coming years, thus possibly expanding our street maintenance and repair budget.

The city leaf pick up program is in full swing, our road department is readying for winter weather and the Circle is being decorated for the fast approaching holiday season.

Tallmadge League Members Attend Meeting

LWVUS President In Ohio To Discuss Clean Air Promise

Kim Ray, Sue Yatsu and Nancy Treichler joined league members from all over northeast Ohio at a breakfast meeting with League of Women Voters of the U.S. President, Elizabeth MacNamara, in Independence, Ohio on October 29th. Ms. Mac Namara was in Ohio to meet with elected officials and the media about the [Clean Air Promise](#). The League is asking elected officials, community leaders and citizens around the country to promise to protect the health of children and

families from air pollution. For too long, the debate has focused on overregulation and featured false assertions that environmental protections hurt our economy. Clean air saves lives, and we need to ensure clean air for our children and families in the future.

League members will be meeting with elected officials and others regarding the Clean Air Promise which states *"I promise to protect America's children and families from dangerous air pollution. Because toxins and pollutants such as mercury, smog, carbon, and soot cause thousands of hospital visits, asthma attacks, and even deaths, I will support clean air policies and other protections that scientists and public health experts have recommended to the EPA to safeguard our air quality"*

November Speaker Profile:

Dr. Stephen Brooks

Dr. Stephen Brooks, Associate Director, University of Akron Ray C. Bliss Institute will speak about the results and ramifications of the November election. As Associate Director of the Bliss Institute, Dr. Brooks serves as advisor for Applied Politics students, assists in the Bliss Internship program and coordinates the academic programs of the Institute. With his work on local elections, he is a frequent speaker on local politics and campaign advertising including commentary on radio, television and newspapers.

The Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics is a bipartisan research and teaching institute dedicated to increasing understanding of the political process with special emphasis on political parties, grassroots activity, and ethical behavior. The Institute was established in 1986 to promote citizen knowledge and participation in the political process in which Bliss strongly believed.

October Meeting Report

Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce

By Rose Strebler

Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce met on October 19th at the Community Center. After a catered lunch and an introduction of guests, the program was turned over to Mayor David Kline and Assistant Law Director Megan Raber. who explained each of the proposed City Charter amendments in detail. The proposed amendments were recommended by the 2011 Charter Review Commission. The Commission consists of eleven residents who met over several months to review and discuss the Charter and all the meetings were open to the public. After discussion and review the Commission proposed several recommendations to be voted on at the polls on November 8th.

**Tallmadge
League of Women Voters**

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Leslie Zaynor, Secretary 2011–2013
Barb Mattern, Treasurer 2010–2012

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Nancy Wack 2011–2013
Peggy Manson 2011–2013
Helen Fire 2011–2012
Carmen Thompson 2010–2012

Appointed Board

Sue Yatsu 2011–2012
Susan Schunk 2011–2012
Sue Ellen Hughes 2011–2012

Ex Officio Members

Kim Marfy
Kim Ray
Julia Spiker

LWV of Ohio Liaison

Meg Flack

*The Board of the TLWV meets on the
first Saturday of the month.*

*General membership meetings are on
the third Thursday of the month
September thru November and February
thru April. December and May meetings
are held on Saturday.*

*No meetings are scheduled in
June, July, August or January.*

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are always welcome.
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We're on the Web!!
For more information, visit
www.lwvtallmadge.org

What is the Lake Erie Basin Committee?



The League of Women Voters Lake Erie Basin Committee (LEBC) was organized in 1963 for the purpose of studying, discussing and coordinating action on critical issues concerning Lake Erie and its watershed. It is a multi-league group of 32 state and local Leagues located within the Lake Erie Basin which includes approximately 20,900 square miles in the states of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. The Tallmadge League is a proud member of this group.

The goals of the LEBC are:

- To preserve and restore Lake Erie and its tributaries through pollution control, abatement & prevention;
- To improve planning and management of water and related land resources; and
- To achieve the objectives of the 1987 U.S. – Canada Water Quality Agreement

The LEBC publishes the *Lake Erie Letter* to inform the Leagues and the community about important Lake Erie Basin topics. Most recently, information includes researched reports on Aquatic Invasive Species and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. A report on fracking will be distributed before the end of the 2011–2012 fiscal year. For more information contact Eboni LaMar at ebonilamar@gmail.com.

Looking for a uniquely Tallmadge Christmas gift?

The League throws with pictures of historic homes are for sale for \$50 in navy blue, cranberry and a limited number in wedgewood blue.

To place your order, contact one of the following:
Contact Barb Mattern at blmattern@att.net,
Karen Morgan at kmorgan@tallmadge-ohio.org or
Nancy Treichler at nancyt@neo.rr.com

