



# The Brown County Voter

**APRIL 25, 2017**

## CALENDAR

- Saturday-Sunday, April 29-30      State League Convention at South Bend
- Monday, May 8                      10:00 am Board meeting downstairs at the Library  
Everyone is welcome!
- Thursday, May 18                  6:00 Annual Meeting (see below)

### **BC League Annual Meeting Thursday, May 18**

The Annual Meeting will take place at 6:00 pm Thursday, May 18, at The Seasons. Please let Shari Frank ([shari.r.frank@gmail.com](mailto:shari.r.frank@gmail.com) or 949-235-2171) know if you are coming, and remember: guests are welcome! We need to provide The Seasons with a headcount no later than May 15, so please get your responses in by then. The price will be \$15 per person for dinner. Most folks like to pay their dues at the same time, and those are \$45 per individual, \$75 for a couple, and \$25 for a student. In any event, dues will be due (!) no later than July 1 of this year.

Dinner will be a buffet, featuring baked ham or cod, fried chicken or fettuccini Alfredo, green salad, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, fried biscuits and apple butter, fruit cobbler and coffee, iced tea or milk.

The program will be a presentation on water and air quality by League members Clint Studabaker and JoAnne Himebaugh.

Following the program, a short business meeting will be held to elect 2017-2018 board officers and consider issues for our attention in the coming fiscal year. You should all have received drafts of Budget, Nominations and Program Julie Winn sent you on April 18. Membership input is desired.

## Observer Reports

**Nashville Town Council Meeting***by Mary Perez*

I attended the Town Council Meeting of March 27, 2017. Susan Armstrong, the new Emergency Management told Council about resolutions to be adopted. They thanked her for this information.

The annexation of Firecracker Hill, the wooded property just east of the fair grounds off Old 46, was discussed. Two gentlemen from Indianapolis presented the fiscal plan for the annexation and explained it to the Council. The residents of the area petitioned to be annexed by the town and were in 100% agreement. It is 93 acres and its predicted assessed value would be 3 million dollars. The town would benefit by about \$15,000 in property tax. The development of the property is to begin this summer. The timing of the annexation is important for the taxation. There needs to be a final public hearing on the petition. This and the questions brought up by the Council were to be discussed at the April 6 meeting.

Jan Harker informed the Council of the April 23 Volksmarch and gave out the brochures. They had no questions for her. She did mention that the League of Women Voters was involved.

A discussion was held about the sidewalk that was put in behind the Old School Way property by a business owner without a permit. A permit would not have been granted in any case. The Council agreed to send a letter stating that the property be restored to its original state. This means the sidewalk must be dug up, the curb which was taken out which was there for proper drainage replaced, and the area that was taken away from a parking spot replaced. The town cannot allow town property to be encroached upon.

There were 7 audience members.

**Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission with CBV Report****Thursday, April 13, 2017***by Heather Nicholson*

- A&E approved funds for 1000 business-size schedule cards and posters that businesses hang in their establishments. These schedules are of the summer pavilion music series. The schedule cards are to handout during the Lions Club Blossom Parade.
- The CVB is developing several data bases that are in categories related to 'likes'. These will soon be used for targeted-population email blasts for upcoming events.
  - The CVB's social media will now be event driven.
  - To submit an event to the CVB go to the website : [browncounty.com/events](http://browncounty.com/events)
  - To hear what events are going on 'this' day, dial 7303 (automated) and press 1
  - The remodeled Comfort Station on Village Green will soon get description plaques for the Holenberger photos already on display
  - The children's play space at Village Green has two project submittals by local artists. The project design selection should be decided in May.
  - The A&E Commission is still deciding on where to move the public art sculptures.
  - The A&E approved applying for a "Quick Impact Play Based" OCRA grant. They are asking for a \$5,000 matching grant to paint designs on the crosswalks at the Village Green intersection.

BCLWV member Pam Raider, and Bloomington Flying Fish Volksmarching club members Linda Woods, Carol Parkinson and Linda Mongold staff the start and end station at the YMCA/

Photo by Judith East



### League offers its first Volksmarch through Nashville

by Judith East

The Brown County League offered its first Volksmarch on Sunday, April 19. Volksmarching is an international pastime where people walk 5K or 10K routes in beautiful and/or interesting places, collecting documentation of their walks on “passports.”

The Bloomington Flying Fish Volksmarching Club partnered with the League to make arrangements in keeping with Volksmarching procedures. The League mapped the most interesting routes through Nashville and created commemorative buttons for walkers who collect them, using Bill Lloyd’s “Peaceful Valley” logo in the design. Our purpose was simply to promote wellness, one of the National League’s goals.

Forty-six walkers participated, all but seven from out of town. They had a spectacular April day, and experienced Volksmarchers rated the walk a great success. Walkers were from the following cities:

- Auburn, IN (2)
- Bedford, IN (3)
- Bloomington, IN (5)
- Brookville (1)
- Corydon, IN (2)
- Evansville, IN (2)
- Fairland, IN (1)
- Fishers, IN (2)
- Indianapolis, IN (4)
- Jeffersonville, IN (2)
- Mitchell, IN (1)
- Nashville, IN (7)
- New Haven, IN (1)
- New Palestine, IN (1)
- Noblesville, IN (3)
- Plainfield (1)
- South Bend, IN (1)
- Warsaw, IN (1)
- Cincinnati, OH (1)
- Lagrange, KY (2)
- Louisville, KY (1)
- Oswego, IL (2)