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**LEGISLATIVE NEWS**  
**KEEPING THE HOUSE STRONG AND STANDING**

*My name is Linda Carter, newly appointed, legislative director. My goal is to inform you of different news events and laws that will have an effect on our jobs as Postal Workers. Occasionally I will inform you of events taking place that may not directly involve our jobs but our lives. The gun control, is one that has affected many our lives in some ways through family or friends. I sincerely give my condolences to all everywhere that have directly or indirectly suffered through the tragedy of any loss. It is so important that we appreciate each other from day to day, because no one knows what can be expected. Violence is not a way to solve any problems and, we don't want this to be a last conscious thought on our mind. We must take this issue into consideration when we are choosing candidates, keep this in mind, better gun control laws and laws that will affect our lives. I'm putting together committee members to join me in this fight. This is the opportunity to enlighten the employees on decision made by Congress. When your passion for change is causing your jaws to inflate in and out or your hair becomes less from pulling, here is the place of relief. Join me in forming a team of action workers by contacting me at the Carol Stream Union Office at 1-630-260-5169 or scanner room at 1-630-260-5197. We will meet as needed to prepare for different events and situations occurring concerning legislative issues. It is also a must that we keep our jobs as a focal point when thinking about our choices. There is a fiscal budget for 2019 that continues to attack Postal and Federal Workers. Postal and Federal Workers are being reintroduced to the same failed attacks last year on our pay and benefits. This budget increases employee FERS contribution 1% a year for each of the next 6 yrs.*

- A) Eliminate FERS cost of living (COLA) adjustment and reduces CSRS by 0.5% Special Retirement Supplement.
1. Reduces retirement benefits by using high five salary average formula, rather the current high 3 average.
  2. Lower G-Fund interest rate to provide worse returns on Thrift Saving Plan (TSP).
  3. Increase the share Postal and Federal Workers pay for care undo (FEHBP).

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- B). Slashes Postal Service personnel cost and reduces mail service to the American people to achieve \$44 billion dollar in Postal specific savings.
- C). Decease FECA compensation for injured workers and institutes a new waiting period before they can receive benefits.

*Each of these proposals would be severe cuts to us as Postal workers both active and retired. These cuts are no joke. They are constantly trying to devalue our worth and the hard work we put in for years. Whenever we, our family and friends can get out to a rally, or have the time to support the fight please help us STAND by participating. Find out your senators, Representative or Congress, etc. and make the call against these bills. It definitely not the time we can sit back and not get involved, because now it's between us and whomever we choose to select on that ballot in the upcoming election March 20, 2018 and November 6, 2018.*

*If you not sure of a representative in your area I have the listing available. The house that is divided by anything that produce negativity and miscommunication weaken the structure and eventually falls. We come to our work places from weeks, months, years to perform various duties that will serve our community to the best of our abilities. We have to start enforcing the mindset. "WE MUST TAKE CARE OF OUR PLACE". This is one source that gives us the support to use in our life and this support is our jobs. These jobs help meet the needs in which we enjoy outside of here: Children Educational cost, Homes, Cars, and others enjoyable necessities. Since the job source meets our purpose lets in return meets its purpose, by continually meeting the needs to every operation. A house that is not maintained sometimes comes with an "Eviction Notice". We don't want to see any signs of closure or moving to another area or Privatization. But we can stand assure if we work it together, it becomes a place that we enjoy coming back to with a peaceful mindset. So, let's do this together while we still have facilities to come to. So, keep continuously maintaining the house by obtaining outside help that will help us keep what we have worked hard for. Please exercise your right to vote and select officials that will help us and provide the benefits we look toward the future, to meet our needs of service. SO, GET OUT AND VOTE FOR THOSE THAT SUPPORT OUR CAUSE.*

*Linda Carter*

*Legislative Director*

## Election Calendar - LWVIL

| Primary Election - March 20, 2018 |  |
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| September 5, 2017                 | Candidate petitions may start circulation.   |
| November 27 - December 4, 2017    | Petition filing dates.   |
| December 11, 2017                 | Last day to file objections to nominating petitions.   |
| December 20, 2017                 | First day to apply for mail ballot.*   |
| January 2, 2018                   | Last day for local governing board to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow binding public questions to appear on the ballot.   |
| January 11, 2018                  | Last day for candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers.   |
| January 17, 2018                  | Ballot certification by local election authority.  |
| January 18, 2018                  | Last day to file notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate election authority.   |
| February 8, 2018                  | First day for early voting at the office of local election authority. <i>Each election authority can establish locations, dates and hours for early voting.*</i>                                 |
| February 20, 2018                 | Last day for voter registration by deputy registrars.  |
| February 21 - March 20, 2018      | Grace period registration and voting. <i>Contact your local election authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in your polling place on Election Day.*</i> |
| February 23, 2018                 | Last day for election authorities to post schedule for early voting.   |
| March 4, 2018                     | Last day for voters to register through the State Board of Elections website.  |
| March 6, 2018                     | Last day for State Board of Elections or the election authority* to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution.   |
| March 19, 2018                    | Last day for early voting.   |
| March 20, 2018                    | <b>General Primary Election: Polls open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.</b>   |

| General Election - November 6, 2018 |  |
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| March 27, 2018                      | Petition may start to be circulated for independent and new political campaign parties.  |
| June 18 - June 25, 2018             | Filing dates.  |
| July 2, 2018                        | Last day to file objections to nomination papers filed above.  |
| August 8, 2018                      | First day to apply for mail ballot.*   |
| August 20, 2018                     | Last day for local governing board to adopt a resolution or ordinance to allow binding public questions to appear on the ballot.   |
| August 24, 2018                     | Last day for candidates to file withdrawal of nomination papers.   |
| August 30, 2018                     | Ballot certification by local election authority.  |
| September 6, 2018                   | Last day to file a notarized Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the appropriate election authority.   |
| September 27, 2018                  | First day for early voting at the office of local election authority. <i>Each election authority can establish locations, dates and hours for early voting.*</i>                                 |
| October 9, 2018                     | Last day for voter registration by deputy registrars.  |
| October 10 - November 6, 2018       | Grace period registration and voting. <i>Contact your local election authority to determine the availability of grace period registration and voting in your polling place on Election Day.*</i> |
| October 12, 2018                    | Last day for election authorities to post schedule for early voting.   |
| October 21, 2018                    | Last day for voters to register through the State Board of Elections website.  |
| October 23, 2018                    | Last day for State Board of Elections or the election authority* to have pollwatcher credentials available for distribution.   |
| November 5, 2018                    | Last day for early voting.   |
| November 6, 2018                    | <b>General Election: Polls open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.</b>   |

View Upcoming Election Schedule and Registration Deadlines on the Illinois State Board of Elections website.

(<http://elections.il.gov/UpcomingCalendarEvents.aspx>)

For more information about voting in your jurisdiction, contact your local election authority. (<http://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionAuthorities/ElecAuthorityList.aspx>)