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League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter

A CALL FOR ACTION

BY NANCY MILLS, CO-CHAIR - VOTER SERVICES

As you know, the purpose of the League of Women Voters is to help develop an educated electorate and then make sure that they are registered and know when to vote. While that is the goal for much of what we do, the Voter Services Committee is tasked with much of the implementation of that goal. So, here is a report of upcoming elections and a call for action.

This fall is basically an off-year election, which means no elections for federal or state elections, but that doesn't mean that there is nothing to vote for.

There are two Lane County measures on the ballot:

1. to dissolve the fire districts of Pleasant Hill and Goshen and ultimately consolidate them into one district
2. to renew the local tax option to fund the River Road Park and Recreation District.

There may be an initiative to amend the Eugene City Charter to use STAR voting for election of municipal officers and a run-off election for Ward 7 of the Eugene City Council. And there may be special recall elections for State Representative Paul Holvey and also for three city councilors in Cottage Grove, depending on signature gathering.

But, and this is where we need your help, election year 2024 is fast approaching and promises to be intense. Voter services needs folks interested in identifying places where people may need to update their voter registrations (think independent or assisted living organizations where room changes, addresses may affect voter registrations) or youth who have turned 18 and are now eligible to vote. If you have thoughts about how to reach people about registration, you are welcome on the committee. I am particularly interested in folks who have recently joined and are interested in learning more about how the League works. And looking forward, we are interested in someone who is interested in organizing candidate forums. There is a place for everyone on this committee, and I welcome the opportunity to talk with you about these activities, voterservices@lwwlc.org.

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 , 1:30 pm
 Via Zoom and in the office.
 For the link contact - nmills@trinity.edu

TABLING THIS SUMMER

Ready to educate and advocate at the Pride and Asian events. Thanks to all who staffed the table like Jeanne Taylor and Jen Allison-Keim (below) at the Pride Celebration. Photos by Audrey Alvarado and Katie Loughary.



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DON'T FORGET - DUES ARE DUE!

BY FREDDI WEISHAHN, DEVELOPMENT AND GARY HARMON, TREASURER

Please remember that our fiscal year begins July 1st. We count on you, our dedicated Leaguers, to renew your memberships at that time. If you have any questions about your membership, please call our office at 541-343-7917. We thank you for your contributions above and beyond the dues level, which help fund our operations and activities. Your donations, including your invaluable volunteer time, help sustain our League. Thank you!

THE RIVER ROAD/SANTA CLARA NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN PROJECT

BY BETH GEROT

Our League is lucky to have Beth as a member. She is a resident of the River Road area who serves on the Community Advisory Committee. This article is the beginning of a series to explain how this varied and complicated population worked together with others to craft the resultant plan.

Charlcie Kaylor, Editor

Launched in the fall of 2017, the River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan Project has been a collaborative effort among community members, River Road and Santa Clara Community Organizations, the City of Eugene, Lane County, and other stakeholders throughout both neighborhoods. The process had six phases: Reaching Out, Neighborhood Visioning, Neighborhood Priorities, Policy Development, Action Planning, and Adoption, with opportunities for community and stakeholder feedback along the way.

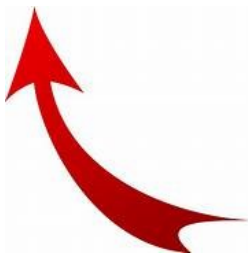
The Community Advisory Committee (CAC), comprised of representatives nominated by the boards of each neighborhood and appointed by the Eugene Planning Commission, has worked with City of Eugene staff during the last two years to incorporate additional concerns and develop the draft plan and implementation tools while adapting to meet evolving state requirements. The two community organizations have voted to recommend forwarding the draft plan with additional recommendations for further work. This is intended as a long-range plan for growth and will go to the Joint Planning Commission next month with public hearings before final approval.



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1. It helps the recipient keep separate League mail from personal mail.
2. When someone else takes over a position, folks inside and outside the League don't have to find out who the new person is and their personal email address.
3. **Most importantly**, it helps to make the League less vulnerable to the spread of viruses.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICHARD CUNDIFF, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

In August the League shared information about our missions, hoping to garner more interest in voting information and the League at the Asian and Pride celebrations. Next chance to do the same is....

Unions and the League share many of the same values: health care, childcare, a living wage, equality, the right to vote, to mention just a few. We will need six to eight volunteers to table for this event.

The Labor Day Burger/Hot Dog and Potluck held on Monday, September 4th this year.
Noon to 3:30 PM
Splash Pool Picnic Shelter
6100 Thurston Rd
Springfield, OR 97478

If you can help, call the office at 541-343-7917 and leave a message. We'll get back to you with more details.

ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 5:30 pm
Via Zoom and in the office.
For link contact - action@lwvlc.org

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 2PM
Via Zoom and in the office.
For link contact - membership@lwvlc.org

HELP WANTED
Someone who loves to balance a checkbook and is tenacious about details (Virgo personality type). Gary Harmon treasurer@lwvlc.org, current Treasurer for the LWVLC, is hoping to find a replacement. Starting ASAP, he will gladly train and guide the new treasurer to take the job starting July 1, 2024.
He is a kind and gentle soul and will do everything he can to ensure a successful transition. Good news - the League works with a CPA.
Sharon Amasha

LWVLC FALL WORKSHOP
Save the date - **October 7 - 10 am to 2 pm** at the **Campbell Center**.
Our Youth Council will be holding a workshop. Molly Woon, State of Oregon Director of Elections, will be speaking.
The agenda is still being determined. Registration links are coming soon.
Freddie Weishahn

Thank you, Leaguers, for all you do to further our missions to EDUCATE and ADVOCATE.

REMEMBERING MARGARET BENNETT

Margaret ("Margie") Bennett passed away June 30, 2023 at the age of 97 in Portland, Oregon. In 1986 she was chair of the LWVLC group on LWVOR's mental health study. She served on the Board of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Lane County. Her obituary suggested remembrances to League of Women Voters of Lane County.





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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 4 - **Noon**, Labor Day Picnic - tabling event (page 3)
- 6 - **5:30 pm**, Action (page 3)
- 12 - **2 pm**, Membership (page 3)
- 10 - **1:30 pm**, Voter Service meeting (page 1)
- 19 - National Voter Registration Day
- 20 - **1:30 to 3:30 pm**, Board meeting
- 22- **Midnight**, *Argus* deadline

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL LUNCHEON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**
We will be meeting at The Shedd in downtown Eugene.

**LWVLC Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
(except holidays)
11 am - 1:30 pm**

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