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League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter

HAPPY (day after) EARTH DAY OPEN HOUSE BY TERRY PARKER, VICE PRESIDENT

Saturday, April 23 from 11 am to 2 pm
LWVLC Office, 380 Q Street, Suite 250, Springfield OR

Inspired by Earth Day 2022 we want to get together to:

- Recycle - **Plastics Round-Up** (for Code #2, #4, #5 plastics by appointment only; details below)*
- Meet and Greet New Members
- See You in Person (we will be both inside and out)
- Volunteer Sign Ups - Voter Service & Membership
- Visit with Local Officials
- Dance in the parking lot (well, only if you bring the music)

* No Drop and Go - All plastics will be screened. Bring plastics pre-sorted by code (sometimes these are hard to find) and shape (tubs, lids, bottles and jugs). Check out and print these picture labels as the best guide: [Plastic Labels - PRINT](#)

Come with these four pre-sorted bags:

1. **#2 Tubs and Lids** (Example: Nancy's yogurt often comes in a #5 tub)
2. **#2 Bottles and Jugs** (Example: Shampoo often comes in bottles and liquid laundry soap in a jug)
3. **#4 Tubs, Bottles and Lids** (not many #4's; most are lids)
4. **#5 Tubs, Bottles and Lids** (Example: Rx bottle, cottage cheese and salsa tubs)

Need more information: [Lane County Public Works - Recycling/Community Plastics Collection](#)

Prepping Your Plastics: In the days leading up to your appointment, please review the plastics you have collected and make sure:

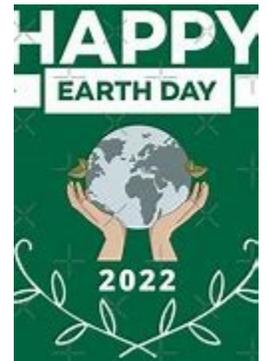
- Items are both clean and dry.
- There can be no leftover food residue or dirt on either plastics or bags.
- To prevent mold, allow stackable items to fully dry before stacking.
- All labels and residual adhesive are removed.

For removing residue or stubborn paper labels: Put a few drops of any cooking oil onto the residue and spread it around any remaining adhesive. Set the container off to the side for a few hours or even overnight. (You will then be able to scrape off the adhesive easily.) Wipe off any excess oil.

If you have not watched the [short video on the Community Recycling Program on the Lane County website](#), it reminds all of us, participants and collectors, that correct and consistent preparation is key to successfully recycling these materials.

For a LWVLC Plastics Collection Appointment: Appointments will be made for every 10 minute interval past the hour between 11:10 am and 2:50 pm.

To get an appointment time EMAIL: action@lwvlc.org with three appointment times that will work for you. You will get a return notification for your appointment.



**SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MAY 14, 9 am to NOON
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

UNITS

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APRIL

By LINDA FERDOWSIAN, PROGRAM CHAIR

Our April topic for units is *Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act 2020 and the Treatment Courts*. The measure was passed by voters in November, 2020, with the purpose of making health assessment, treatment, and recovery services for drug addiction available to all those who need access to services.

With Covid restrictions being eased, there are some changes in the conducting of some of our unit meetings.

BRIEFING

April 5, 2 pm

For Zoom link contact
Mary Keating

myrnalouise@hotmail.com

Friday, April 8, 2 pm

Cascade Manor, in-person,
Contact: Carol Hildebrand,
541-434-4254.

Monday, April 11, 10 am

Zoom contact: Nancy Mills,
nmills@trinity.edu

Monday, April 11, 2 pm

Zoom contact: Mary Keating,
myrnalouise@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, April 12, 10 am

Hybrid meeting, in-person in the
League office and by Zoom.
Contact: Linda Ferdowsian,
lferdowsian@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, April 13, noon

Cottage Grove
Zoom, Contact Cynthia Sharp,
cynthiasharp01@gmail.com

UNIT CHOICE RECAP

For our March Unit Choice meetings, there were a total of 42 attendees, 33 members, six guests, and three guest speakers.

Monday morning

Celeste Meiffren-Swango spoke on Environment Oregon's findings of microplastics in Oregon waterways and the organization's work to diminish their presence. There is a link on our website for those wishing to view the presentation.

Monday afternoon

Barbara French put on an excellent video and PowerPoint presentation about the Riverfront Development. Those attending inquired about the planned housing and the impact on the environment.

Tuesday morning

Jess Campbell, executive director of the Rural Organizing Project, spoke about the need for more and better Internet access in the rural parts of the state. She emphasized the importance of rural post offices and the essential role they play in communication.

Wednesday noon

Richard Meyers, Cottage Grove City Manager, spoke about the community's projects to address homelessness. He addressed the municipal codes that have been and will be revised, the shelters being planned, and services provided for the unhoused. There is a link on our website for anyone wishing to view this presentation.

Linda Ferdowsian

ACTION REPORT

Ukraine, Land Use and Miss Seeing You in Person BY TERRY PARKER, ACTION CHAIR

Ukraine

The horrific tragedy of war in Ukraine is shocking. It puts many of our own day-to-day “hassles” into focus and has certainly crystallized why I volunteer for the League. As stated by the national League of Women Voters:

For 100 years [1920 to 2020], we have been a nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy....The League of Women Voters has evolved from a mighty political experiment designed to help 20 million newly enfranchised women vote in 1920, to a nonpartisan organization that is a recognized force in molding political leaders, shaping public policy, and promoting informed civic participation.

There is no better time than NOW to work for democracy here at home while standing in support of the Ukrainian people. Please step up and volunteer with us, your League. We need you all.

Local Land Use Code Amendments Coming Down to the Wire

In summary, starting with House Bill 2001:

House Bill 2001 aims to provide Oregonians with more housing choices, especially housing choices more people can afford. The law, passed by the 2019 Oregon Legislature, expands the ability of property owners to build certain traditional housing types, like duplexes, in residential zones. These housing types already exist in most cities but were outlawed for decades in many neighborhoods. These limitations contribute to increased housing costs and fewer choices. House Bill 2001 will require updates to local laws that currently limit the types of housing people can build.

[Oregon.gov - Housing Choices](#)

Because Eugene and Springfield are among the large cities that must comply with state rules or have the code automatically applied after June 30, discussions have ramped up. Both cities have code updates.

It is important to understand that Middle Housing, the focus of these changes, is not affordable or subsidized housing. It is a housing type that is now “missing” and would be in the range of monthly housing costs “between \$1,400 and \$2,510. That would mean renting at those rates or buying a home between \$250,000 and \$450,000,” as mentioned in a *Register Guard* article by reporter Megan Banta. Her January 26 report goes on to say that, “While middle housing is different from affordable housing, Bump [Tyler Bump, a project director with ECONorthwest] heard from affordable housing developers that changes to allow for middle housing help them increase supply as well.”

[RG: Eugene/Springfield Approach to Middle Housing under HB2001](#)

We are hearing ardent opinions about whether the City of Eugene should stay with the minimum standards established by the state and/or where to exceed minimum standards to encourage or incentivize development of middle housing as proposed under the Planning Commission recommendations. There are several “Hot Topics”; tree preservation, for example, has often been misunderstood or misrepresented. For detailed information about what has been recommended, go to the City’s website.

[City of Eugene - Planning Commission Recommendation Guide](#). Know your sources and “think before you ink.”

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting materials will be posted when available.

Work Session - City of Eugene City Council- April 11, 2022, 12pm ([watch live](#), meeting materials)

Public Hearing - City of Eugene City Council-April 18, 2022, 7:30pm

The City of Eugene recently introduced the **Willamette River Greenway Code Amendments** (City File: CA 22-1). These proposed code amendments are administrative and do not propose changes to what can or cannot be built in the Greenway but would create a review process that is more definitive and less subjective. There are several levels or types of review, some more robust than others. The current process would still be available.

Some of the confusion here seems to arise from a misunderstanding of what lies within the Greenway. The Greenway designation is primarily protection for the Willamette River. While there are setback requirements the Greenway is not designated park land. There are both commercial and residential zones within the Greenway corridor. The Riverfront Project has been through the application process and has its own district not subject to these proposed amendments. Public information sessions are on the horizon. More to come.

Miss Seeing You!

When will we see you again? We long to see you face-to-face or mask-to-face or mask-to-mask, whatever you choose. At the League office we are having an Earth Day inspired OPEN House. And you are the guests! (Find details on page one.)

Get in on the ACTION.

Action Meeting

May 4, 10 am

In the office and via Zoom.

To receive the link contact

action@lwvlc.org

LOCAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

BY PAULA GRISAFI, VOTER SERVICE CHAIR

As the May primary rapidly approaches, candidate forums are being organized by the League and its partners. Springfield City Club already held its first forum for US Congressional District 4 on March 17. It can be viewed on their Facebook page at https://m.facebook.com/SpringfieldCityClub/?_tn_=-C-R

We will partner with SCC for four other forums: Oregon House District on March 31, Lane County Commissioner Springfield District on April 14, Oregon House District 12 on April 21, and Springfield City Council on April 28. All are online live on Thursdays at noon from a link posted on their webpage and will be taped and posted on the SCC Facebook page after the forum

is over. The link will also be posted on the LWVLC webpage.

The League is working on a partnership with the Siuslaw Library District to co-host a candidate forum for the Lane County Commissioner West District. Watch our webpage for further information. There are other candidate forums being organized across the county, so watch for ads for them on the webpages of organizations like City Club of Eugene. And finally, don't forget to go to the State League's Vote411.com webpage after April 11 to get information about all your local and state races and ballot initiatives.

Voter Service Meeting
April 14, 1:30 pm
via Zoom
To receive the link contact
voterservice@lwwlc.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BY KARLA RUSOW, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Welcome New Members:
Jane and Jerry McConnell, and Sara Wolk.

Membership is still working on processes to follow up with new members after they join. As yet, we are not sure what form it will take. An email? Postcard? Personal call? Reinstitute League 101? Hopefully, this will be decided soon.

We will be co-hosting a Meet and Greet with Action on April 23 from 11-2 at the League Office on Q Street. (See page one.)

We will be holding working meetings with them on dates to be announced.

Membership Meeting
April 19, 2 pm
League office and Zoom
To receive the link contact
membership@lwwlc.org

2022 INITIATIVE PETITIONS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

BY MARGE EASLEY, LWVOR GUN SAFETY PORTFOLIO CHAIR

Although the League does not take a stand on initiatives before they qualify for the ballot, the following information may be of interest to members. Two initiative petitions related to gun violence prevention are currently circulating in Oregon, sponsored by the faith-based coalition [Lift Every Voice Oregon](#) and supported by a cadre of organizations and volunteers from across the state:



Initiative Petition 17: Requires permit to acquire firearms; police maintain permit/firearm database; criminally prohibits certain ammunition magazines

Initiative Petition 18: Prohibits manufacturing/possessing/transferring many semiautomatic firearms; criminal penalties; exceptions require firearm registration, restrict use

Detailed summaries and complete texts of the initiatives can be found [here](#). Also on that page is a link to a single-signature petition that can be downloaded and signed from home. If, as an individual and not on behalf of the League, you'd like to help with the signature-gathering effort, you can sign up via the [web-site](#). If needed, online trainings are available. Contact me at marge.easley@frontier.com with any additional questions.

INVITATION FROM



What: AAUW Eugene Lane Branch Social

When: Tuesday, April 5th, 5:00–6:30 pm

Where: Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, 303 Willamette St.
(enter driveway at 3rd and Pearl additional directions below)

RSVP: By FRIDAY, APRIL 1st

Let's get together for an April Social!

The SMJ House has graciously offered to provide the tea. (Thanks, Leah!)

This gathering will serve as a new member recruitment event. We are inviting unaffiliated AAUW national members in Lane County, as well as League of Women Voters and Soroptimist members. You can tour the SMJ House's fascinating new exhibit on vaccinations through history.

Here are parking directions: *At the stop sign at 3rd and Pearl, turn left as if you are going to the top of the Butte, but stay to the left at the fork. Drive straight through YaPoAh's parking lot and park in the gravel lot at the museum. You can also drive behind the museum for more parking on the west side.*

Questions, RSVPs, comments? **Send them my way by April 1st.**

Wendy Cook

541-505-8169 (landline)

314-640-3871 (mobile/txt)

Wendyjcook4fun@gmail.com

JOIN A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

Board and commission members provide an invaluable service to our city by advising the City Council and City staff on a wide variety of subjects and making recommendations on important policy matters. If you are interested in participating in local government and helping to improve our community, please consider applying for one of the following openings:

- Budget Committee (2 openings)
- Historic Review Board (2 openings)
- Whilamut Citizen Planning Committee (4 openings)
- Library Advisory Board (3 openings)
- Civilian Review Board (3 openings)
- Planning Commission (2 openings)
- Toxics Board (2 openings)
- Human Rights Commission (4 openings)

All application materials **must be received by Friday, April 15**. Applications should be submitted online at www.eugene-or.gov/bcc. For additional information on boards, committees and commissions, please call the City Manager's Office at 541-682-5010.





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For the latest information visit our website <http://lwvlc.org/>

APRIL CALENDAR

- No April Action meeting, Action (page 3)
- 5 - 2 pm, Briefing (page 2)
- 5 - 5 pm, AAUW Social (page 4)
- 8 thru 13 - Units (page 2)
- 14 - 1:30 pm, Voter Service meeting (page 4)
- 19 - 2 pm, Membership meeting (page 4)
- 20 - 1: 30 pm, Board meeting
- 21 - Noon - Speaker Series (to be determined)
- 22 - Midnight, *Argus* deadline
- 23 - 11 am to 2 pm - Earth Day Open House - (front page)

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

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MISSED A THIRD THURSDAY?
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