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League of Women Voters of Lane County Newsletter

LEAGUE LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS: A CONVERSATION WITH NANCY NEWTON by Linda Lynch

Springfield City Manager Nancy Newton will speak to the League membership and other interested people Thursday, October 21, at noon, in a Zoom webinar. (See details below.)

She will share with us her insights of the opportunities and challenges facing the Springfield community.

Nancy is an experienced local government executive who is skilled in financial management, administration, policy analysis, organizational development, and equity and inclusion. She is a positive, results-oriented leader with an Executive Master of Public Administration from Portland State University. She also holds a bachelor's degree in Management and Organizational Leadership from George Fox University.

Her passion is public service and finding creative ways to address organizational needs. Nancy adheres to the servant leader philosophy which focuses on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. She brings a depth of experience that has helped drive the City of Springfield forward amid one of the community's most dynamic times.

Nancy worked in the non-profit sector before transitioning to work for the Clackamas County Commission on Children and Families where she worked to help keep youth out of the juvenile justice system.

Her commitment to local government led to several leadership roles including serving as Assistant County Executive at Sacramento County, and as Assistant to the County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator, and Interim County Administrator at Clackamas County.

Nancy's career in serving others is matched by her extensive volunteer service including as a volunteer with Dress for Success, which works to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

She is currently a Springfield Community Development Corporation board member and a Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce board member.

NANCY NEWTON
SPRINGFIELD CITY MANAGER

will speak on

**Springfield, Oregon:
Focused on the Future**

October 21 at Noon
Via Zoom

Go to lwvlc.org to register



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October unit topic usually pertains to measures that will be on the November ballot. However, this year there is just one measure which affects only Western Lane County. Instead, we will be discussing Rank Choice Voting vs. STAR voting.

We are resuming our monthly unit meetings. For the month of October, three units, Cottage Grove, Cascade Manor, and Springfield, will be meeting in-person, observing the mandatory protocols, to discuss the monthly Everymember material. The other units will be meeting via Zoom. We hope you will join the discussion by attending one of the meetings listed below.

Friday, October 8, 2 pm, Cascade Manor View Room, Merle Bottge, 541-434 4191.

Monday, October 11, 10 am, discussion leader, Nancy Mills.
For Zoom link: contact@lwvlc.org.

Monday, October 11, 2 pm, Mary Keating.
Zoom link: myrnalouise@hotmail.com.

Tuesday, October 12, 10 am, Linda Ferdowsian.
Zoom link: lferdowsian@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, October 13, noon, Cottage Grove, in-person, Middlefield Oaks, 1500 Village Dr., Cynthia Sharp.
Zoom link: cynthiasharp01@gmail.com; If you wish to eat lunch, \$3/person.

Wednesday, October 13, noon, Springfield, Linda Ferdowsian, League office, bring a sack lunch.

BRIEFING
Tuesday,
October 5th, 2 pm
For Zoom link contact
Mary Keating
myrnalouise@hotmail.com

Linda Ferdowsian

PROGRAM

Linda Ferdowsian and Sabree Hamel, Co-Chairs

This summer our local League conducted four unit meetings, by Zoom and in-person, and received four mail-in responses, to achieve consensus on the LWVOR Pesticides and Biocides in Oregon study.

The consensus report has been presented to the board and approved and sent to the state office. Briefly our consensus report included the following results:

- Current testing is not sufficient for initial registration.
- Exposure to registered products should be assumed toxic until safety is proven, except for some emergency uses.
- The pesticide registrant bears the burden of proof for safety or toxicity from exposure.
- The major factors to be considered for pesticide application approval are: risks to humans, vulnerable populations, animal populations, and the environment; and the impact to food security.

The complete LWVLC consensus report can be viewed at our website, lwvlc.org.

The **Wildfire Risks and Recovery in Lane County** committee, co-chaired by Keli Osborn is currently working on research in preparation for November unit meetings. Committee members have been interviewing local and county officials to obtain up-to-date information on the work being done in Lane County for rural, urban, and individual action and preparedness.

Broadband Access in Lane County for Elementary and Secondary Facilities committee, chaired by Sharon Amasha

Program planning for February units has begun, and even though the education facilities will be the focus of the report, the committee plans to broaden the scope to include an understanding of the technology as well as what broadband access is currently available within the county and cities. Our information will be gathered through research and interviews. From that we hope to identify what is needed and where, as well as the funding issues involved. If you wish to participate, please contact Sharonamasha@gmail.com.

DUES ARE DUE
Can't remember if
you have
already paid?
See page 7.



STATE REDISTRICTING IN OREGON

by Freddi Weishahn, Development Chair and Linda Lynch

With the completion of twelve sessions of public testimony, the Oregon Legislature hit an impasse in the adoption of redistricting plans submitted by the Oregon House and Senate redistricting committees. The congressional map proposed by Democrats shows five solidly Democratic or Democrat-leaning districts and one Republican district. The Republican proposal included one solidly Democratic district, three highly competitive districts, and one larger Republican district. Ultimately, Republicans did not want the Secretary of State to draw the legislative map. They provided a quorum but no votes in support of the adopted plans.

September 27th was the deadline for the legislature to pass, and the governor to sign, the bills for all redistricted districts. On September 27, 2021 the Legislative Assembly completed the adoption of new congressional and legislative redistricting maps for Oregon with the passage of Senate Bill 881 A and Senate Bill 882. Governor Brown subsequently signed both

measures. Without this action congressional districts would have been drawn by a panel of judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, Martha Walters.

The public had been invited to submit their own plans using the required ESRI software and to apply for a new "People's Commission" if the legislature failed to agree on the maps.

The final maps may be viewed on the Oregon legislature website.

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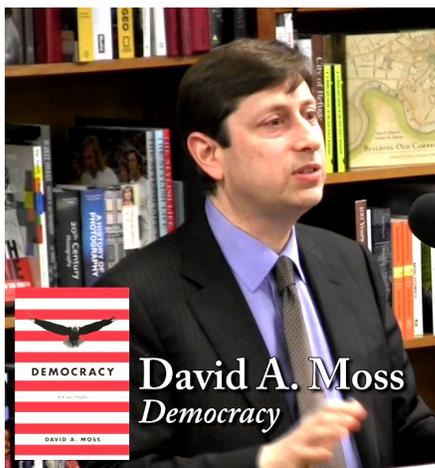
<https://www.opb.org/article/2021/09/23/oregon-redistricting-redrawing-state-congressional-district-maps/>

<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-2022-maps/>

You are invited to join the Greenwich League of Women Voters' Fifth Annual Community Case Discussion Wednesday, November 10th at 7 pm (Eastern), 4 pm (Pacific)

Harvard Business School Professor David Moss will be moderating the Madison case, which centers on a key debate at the Constitutional Convention of 1787:

Should the federal government have veto power over state laws? How much power - and what kind of power - should the federal government have over states? We hope you will sign up to join this community discussion. The case reading will be sent automatically upon registration. This event will offer a unique chance to learn about the project by experiencing a case discussion firsthand.



Special note on registering from Dr. Deirdre Kamlani, Civics Chair of Greenwich LWVLC:

- "Please **ignore** the section that asks, **Are you a League Member?** This is for Greenwich League members only who have usernames and passwords for our website.
- Proceed instead to the bottom of the first registration page under **Personal Information** and enter your name and email address. You will then be prompted for your zip code.
- Once you enter your zip code, be sure to hit the **Complete Registration** button. You will then get a confirmation email with the case reading link, prep questions, and Zoom meeting links."

Here is the registration link:

<https://bit.ly/LWVG5thCommDiscussion>

Please contact Freddi Weishahn at

development@lwvlc.org if you have any questions.

Freddi Weishahn

FALL INTO ACTION - OCTOBER

By Terry Parker, Action Chair

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.
James Baldwin

Something for everyone! Where your interest takes you. ACTION meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am (currently on Zoom). Discuss local issues, advocate positions and participate in the democratic process we hold dear. Whether it is:

- Redistricting
- Homeless Services
- Housing
- Climate and Energy
- Fossil Free Eugene
- Recycling and Plastics
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or a topic you bring to the table - get in on the action. To get an agenda and ZOOM login email: action@lwwlc.org

Action Committee Meeting
October 6, 10 am
 In the League office and
 Via Zoom - To receive the link
 contact action@lwwlc.org

VOTER SERVICE

Paula Grisafi, Chair



In November there is only one Lane County measure on the ballot. **Measure #20-322** is a five-year option levy for emergency medical/ambulance services in the **Western Lane Ambulance District**. The district provides emergency medical services for over 20,000 residents

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across about 564 square miles in western Lane. It is staffed with 15 paramedics and EMTs that operate three ambulances 24/7.

Renewing the levy will allow the district to keep pace with growing demand in the community. Median assessed household income in Lane County is estimated to be \$8/month and, if approved, will generate a little over one million dollars a year for each of the five years from 2022 to 2027. If the levy fails, Fire Chief Schick states that it will cause a 25-26% budget decrease that will require staff cuts. This will mean a reduction in ambulance coverage and emergency services for the district.

The current option will expire in 2022 unless renewed. Since initial passage in 2012, service call volume and operating costs have increased and property tax limitations set by Oregon's constitution have restricted revenue growth. Renewing the levy at the same rate as the current levy will allow the district to keep pace with growing demand in the community because of the continuing increase in property values and new construction.

Voter Service Meeting
October 14, 10 am
 In the League office and
 Via Zoom - To receive the link
 contact voterservice@lwwlc.org

FRUIT SALE - LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

By Katie Loughary, Head Loop

The fruit sale is coming with the same great apples, oranges, and hazelnuts, from the same wonderful Oregon businesses as last year! As always, there will be the option to purchase fruit and nuts to be donated to Food for Lane County.

Sadly, we will **not** be offering grapefruit. The grapefruit crops in Florida and Texas were severely damaged by ice storms earlier this year. We are exploring the option of adding local honey to our list of offerings.

- Order forms will be available by mid to late October.
- Last day to order will be mid-November.
- Fruit will arrive the first week of December.

Money from the fruit sale is used for essential outreach in voter service activities and advocacy. It is the major fundraiser for League of Women Voters of Lane County. Eat and give more fruit and hazelnuts while giving friends, family and business associates the opportunity to do the same!

Make your contact and gift lists now so you are ready for action when the order forms arrive! It is important that you personally follow up with those you have sold to in the past. Help reach out through other organizations, social media, and places you do business

with. Every member has an important part to play in making this sale a success.

Your help is needed.

- Would you like to become a Nutty Fruit Loop?
- Do you know of another member that would be a good addition to our team?

This is a limited and mostly flexible time commitment. Meetings are limited to three, starting in early October, plus several two or three hour shifts the first week in December. We are a fun, flexible group. It is a good way to learn more about the League and meet new people. We use hand trucks during our fruit pick up but are especially in need of volunteers that can lift 20-23 lb. boxes into cars. Some of us are also finding our tech skills being stretched. Can you lend a hand?

Contact Katie Loughary, head loop at 202-302-2326 by text or leave a message.
Email katie_fruitloops@lwvlc.org.

Your Nutty Fruit Loop Committee continues to work for the League. Please thank Sharon Amasha, Janet Calvert, Barbara French, Mary Keating, Linda Lynch, Terry Parker, Sharon Posner, Linda Ferdowsian, Rhonda Livesay, Gary Harmon, and Charlcie Kaylor Please let us add your name to this list.

NEW ADDITIONS:

We are ever grateful for our community business partners who support us by buying ads in our **LWVLC Membership Directory**. Our ad space is completely sold for 2021-2022 including the addition of several new advertisers:

Quality Cleaning, Inc., Braeden and Savannah Stewart, based in Creswell, OR

Central Print and Reprographic Services, Don Smith, 47 W. 5th, Eugene, OR

FusedGlass.Art, Chris Paulson, Eugene, OR

The *Directory* will be coming out this fall, so be sure to check out our new advertiser services and contact information.

Freddi Weishahn, Development Chair

Oregon and Maine do not only both produce blueberries, we now share the distinction of being the only states with [Extended Producer Responsibility \(EPR\)](#) laws. When Governor Kate Brown signed SB 582 in August, Oregon joined Maine in requiring producers of packaging, paper products and food service ware to share responsibility for supporting in-state recycling programs.

As highlighted in *Recycling Today*:

Under Oregon's new law, the [Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act](#), brand owners selling packaging, paper products and food service ware into Oregon will join stewardship organizations and pay fees to support the improvement and expansion of recycling programs and infrastructure statewide. This new packaging EPR program is intended to reduce the impacts of waste on the environment and human health, keep plastics out of rivers and oceans, and take steps toward addressing the inequitable impacts of the waste system on vulnerable communities, legislators say.

With this new law, Oregon ratepayers will be provided a much more accessible, responsible, and stable recycling system," says Scott Cassel, CEO, and founder of the [Product Stewardship Institute \(PSI\)](#), which advo-

cates for the promulgation of responsible recycling through EPR legislation. "It will also provide producers with the financial incentive to make their packaging more sustainable and local communities with funding for reuse and waste prevention programs."

The Product Steward Institute sees Oregon as "one of the nation's leaders when it comes to successful EPR programs. Working with PSI, state and local governments, the paint industry, and other key players, Oregon was the first state in the country to pass EPR legislation for paint in 2009. It also has EPR programs for electronics and pharmaceuticals, as well as a decades-long EPR program for beverage containers." (What we call the Bottle Bill.)

To learn more about the new law, implementation timetable and more, go to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Recycling page online: [Oregon DEQ/Recycling/Modernizing Oregon's Recycling System](#)

Resources:

[Recycling Today - Oregon 2nd to pass EPR packaging law](#)
[Product Stewardship Institute \(PSI\)](#)

Terry Parker

LWVOR FALL WORKSHOP DISCOURSE IN A DIVERSE WORLD

Engaging Difference: Constructive Conversation in a Diverse World

10/13/21 3pm

Defusing Contentious Conversations

10/14/21 5pm

Using the Volunteer Development Cycle to Improve the Volunteer Experience

10/15/21 5pm

Garrett Epps: Keynote Speaker

10/16/21 11am

To learn more and register go to <https://www.lwvor.org/fall-workshop-2021/>

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HELP WANTED

By Linda Lynch

**A fun opportunity has presented itself!
You don't have to be an expert in League-speak!
Little prior experience is necessary.**

The League is looking for someone to take over the assignment of securing speakers for what used to be called Third Thursday but is probably best captured as League Speaker Series. The goal is to secure interesting speakers for seven or eight months of the year (minus December and the summer months). This in-

cludes the invitation itself plus writing about the speaker for the *Argus*.

The League is a well-known entity, and people generally respond positively to an approach from the League.

If you are interested, please call Charlcie Kaylor or Linda Lynch. Linda will share ideas and past letters of invitation.

WE NEED A DEEP BENCH

By Charlcie Kaylor, President

The term deep bench comes from sports. When a team has a deep bench, they **have a large number of very talented players**. So the players who do not start in the game (they sit "on the bench" and watch and wait to go into the game) are very good, sometimes just as good as the players who start the game.

My high school was so small there were only six guys on our basketball team. They could barely make it through all four quarters because they were so exhausted, especially the center, who was the only guy tall enough. The team needed a deeper bench than just the one player.

League members are good team players, and to prevent exhaustion and burnout, it's a good idea to develop a deep bench.

By joining a committee or even co-chairing, the work is spread. It's a good way to learn a new skill, exercise your abilities and pursue your passion. It's important work we do in public and behind the scenes. So think about what you might like to do.

Talk to me about the possibilities via email, phone or schedule an appropriately distanced meeting.

As you can see above - we have a need for a speaker recruiter and, even better, we have someone to train you.

We also need public relations people. That means press releases, social media, writing advertisement copy, etc. One person has been doing all this and, for now, has been sidelined. It might make sense to have several people split those duties.

For too long we have gone without an historian. Scrapbooks of our League's activities and achievements had been kept for decades. They are an important physical record we have referred to time and time again. Digital storage methods come and go. It seems like a good idea to take this up again by combining our digital record into a physical document - an album from photos, Facebook entries, etc. Any ideas?

If you are good at or want to learn about...

- Website management
- Internet technology
- Bookkeeping
- Newsletter editing or
- Research

talk to me.

president@lwvlc.org

DUES ARE DUE!

If you're not sure whether you've paid, call the office (541-343-7917) to find out. The deadline for getting your contact information into the *Directory* is October 15. You won't want to miss the *Argus* and briefing materials until we hear from you.





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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 5 - 2 pm, Unit briefing (page 2)
- 6 - 10 am, Action meeting (page 4)
- 8 thru 13 - Units (page 2)
- 13 thru 16 - Fall Workshop (page 6)
- 14 - 10 am, Voter Service (page 4)
- 20 - 1:30 pm, Board meeting
- 19 - 2 pm, Membership meeting
- 21 - Noon, League Lecture Series (page 1)
- 22 - Midnight, *Argus* deadline

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11 am - 1:30 pm

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