

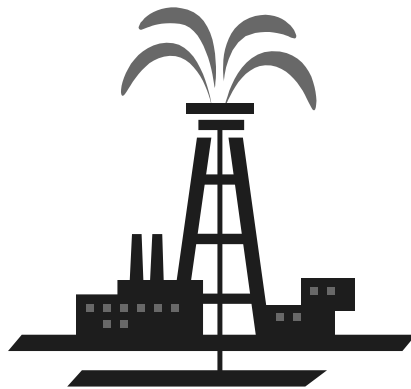


League of Women Voters of Corvallis

Serving Linn and Benton Counties

September 2008

Fall Kick-Off Meeting PEAK OIL: Status and Prospects



Thursday, September 18, 2008
7:00 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Guest speaker: John Kaufmann,
Oregon Department of Energy

John Kaufmann, Senior Policy Analyst at the Oregon Department of Energy, will be the main speaker at our **Sept. 18th** kick-off meeting at **7:00 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library**. John has helped make Oregon a national energy leader through his work on energy efficiency and renewable energy over the past 25 years.

John also led Portland to be the first city in the US to plan for peak oil when he served as lead staff to the Portland Peak Oil Task Force. He has spoken about peak oil to the legislatures of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and Minnesota, and was the keynote speaker at the LWVOR State Council in May. John received high praise for his comprehensive and eye-opening presentation.

“Peak Oil: Status and Prospects” will address the driving forces behind peak oil and peak natural gas, the current and future impacts of peak oil on the economy, the potential for other energy sources to supply global demand, and the potential for planning and economic behavior changes to reduce global energy demand.

Our kick-off meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with an overview of League programs for 2008-09. Come and learn how you can be involved with a variety of League issues. At 7:30 pm, our focus will shift to Peak Oil. Learn about this timely subject, have your questions answered, and find out what you can do.

Don't miss this important program!

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Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

MEMBERSHIP

For your convenience – A new handy/dandy pay envelope for your League dues has been included in this newsletter!

And please remember the campaign to increase League membership.

Asking is crucial - Leagues that explicitly invite individuals to join see results. Every interaction with a potential member is an opportunity to extend an invitation to join the League. It is so simple that it is often overlooked. Don't assume that it is implied; ask everywhere and every time.

Are you wondering what to do with all that clothing and other items you no longer use? Why not take them to the OSU Thrift Shop, 144 NW 2nd Street and consign them using the LWV Corvallis consignment number 1073. The Thrift Shop accepts clean, seasonal, functioning items. Call LWV Volunteer Miriam Miller 753-7261 to arrange for LWV consignment. Or you can go to the Thrift Shop during regular consignment hours and do it yourself.

President's Column

The Corvallis League is set for a wonderful year – full of opportunities for education and advocacy. As we launch our 2008-09 program, I encourage you to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to join you every time you attend a League event. The best way for us to spread the word about League is to ASK others to join us.

Our kick-off meeting on September 18th is an excellent place to start. Our featured presentation will be "Peak Oil: Status and Prospects" by John Kaufmann of the Oregon Department of Energy.

Those of us who heard John speak at State Council in May were so impressed that we have invited him back to Corvallis to speak to a wider audience.

Prior to John's talk, we will have brief presentations by chairs of our wide-ranging committees: Election Methods, Fundraising, Land Use, Local Food, Membership, Social Policy, Voters Service, and Water Resources. Please give some thought to how you would like to participate in League this year, as you will have



Annette Mills

a chance to sign up for these committees or other volunteer tasks. The evening promises to be both fun and informative, so please mark your calendar and invite one or more prospective League members to join you.

Since the League is well-known for its Voters Service activities, the election season is another great time to ASK people to join.

Our October Voters Service Forums are just around the corner. Regrettably, the Board has accepted the resignation of Kathy Conner as Voters Service chair. Kathy has worked long and hard on Voters Service activities, and she has decided to

dedicate her considerable energy and talents to campaigning. Thank you, Kathy, for your many contributions to the Board. Our very able Voters Service Committee (Pat Bishop, Paula Krane, Kate Mathews, and Tanya Shively) is moving ahead in the planning of three separate forums on October 14th, 16th, and 23rd. The committee would really like some additional help, so please let them know if you can assist in any way. I look forward to seeing you at the kick-off meeting on September 18th!

Oregon Health Fund Board - Town Hall Forum
Wednesday, September 17 — 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Good Samaritan Episcopal Church — 333 NW 35th Street—Corvallis

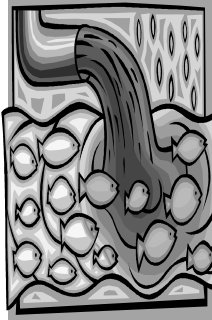
The League is a co-sponsor of this forum and this will be our opportunity to hear details, ask questions, and give feedback on the OHFB's draft plan for health care for all Oregonians.



2008 is a Presidential election year and every day new details and developments occur from the official nominating process to final election returns. In October the League will sponsor several forums emphasizing some of the local issues that will also be on our ballots. Save the dates and learn more about these issues.

Water Resources Study

League members of the water committee have spent the summer reviewing material on local water issues gathered over the last year. The committee's program for the upcoming year will be to compile this material for the State League and to take responsibility for a water-oriented meetings in March next year.

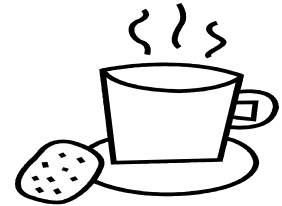


the State League water study committee, will be distributed in December this year, to update and educate all members on existing statewide water regulation of water quality, water quantity, and drinking water. This is the culmination of the first year's work for the State League's water study. Next year's work will deal with conflicts, issues, information gaps and possible recommendations.

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Announcements

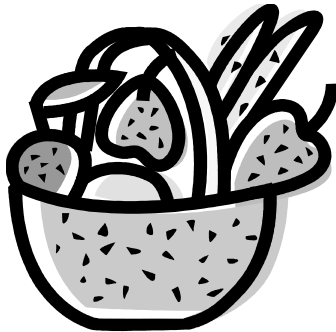
The League maintains a list serve for meeting announcements and action alerts. If you are not receiving these and wish to receive these emails please send your email address to kranep@peak.org.



Cookies, bars, fruit breads are needed for the September 18th Kick-Off meeting. Please bring your food contributions to the library meeting room that evening. Food also needed for February, March, April, May and June Town Halls on Saturdays 10 am at library meeting room. If you can't serve on a committee this year, maybe helping LWV in this way is a possibility for you. Please call Doris Waring, 752-4635 or Laura Lahm Evenson 753-6036 if you can help at any of the events.

Local Food Study

Our Local Food Policy study, passed unanimously at the last annual meeting, is about to begin. The Corvallis League this year will look into the accessibility, security, and sustainability of local food supplies. In particular we will examine how produce gets from farm to community. We will also research government and agency policies with regard to local, healthy food.



We will look at what is being done to ensure the availability of affordable, nutritious food to all members of our community.

We already have a number of people on the committee but more are always welcome.

For more information on how to get involved in this study contact Diana Carsten(carsten@peakorg or 745-3935).

BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the LWV Book Club will be Monday, October 13, 2:30 PM at Ruth Gallagher's apartment building. Watch the October bulletin for further updates.

- October: *All the King's Men*, Robert Penn Warren
- November: *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, Michael Pollan
- December: *Fourth Uncle in the Mountain*, Marjorie Pivar and Quang Van Nguyen
- January: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, Barbara Kingsolver
- February: *Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain*, Oliver Sachs



Check out the League's outstanding voter education website at <http://www.vote411.org/> -- and share it with your family and friends!

LWVOR FALL WORKSHOP

YOUR VOTE : YOUR VOICE

Saturday, September 27, 2008

First United Methodist Church

1376 Olive St., Eugene

9:30 AM—3:00 PM

VOTE



**Creating
Quality Forums**

**New Strides in Voting
Accessibility**

**An Insiders Guide to
Ballot Measures**

**Building Relationships,
Developing the League**



**Mock Election: How Local
Leagues Can Help**

**What Does "Nonpartisan"
Really Mean?**

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

A map and directions are available on the www.lwvor.org Members' site (user name "lwvor" and password "carriecatt"). Click on [Events](#).

LWVOR FALL WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Advance registration needed—return by **Sept. 19, 2008**



Yes, I want to attend the LWVOR Fall Workshop!

Name: _____

League: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Workshop with lunch: \$18.00 pp. Please indicate if you prefer a vegetarian option.

Workshop only: \$11.00 pp.

Make checks payable to LWVOR and return with this form to LWVOR, 1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302 by **September 19, 2008**. Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email lwvor@lwvor.org.

Sustainability Fair and Town Hall Meeting #3 October 7th at Alumni Center

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition's third and final Town Hall Meeting for 2008 will be held on Tuesday evening, October 7th, at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the OSU campus. A Sustainability Fair, featuring exhibits by the Coalition's partner organizations, will run from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, followed by the town hall meeting from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.



Areas, Transportation, Waste, and Water.

Event organizers plan to use keypad polling (electronic voting) to assess participants' level of support for various aspects of the plan and to give immediate feedback to those in attendance. Attendees will also have an opportunity to select actions they would like to work on to help imple-

The focal point of the evening will be the Community Action Plan that has been developed by over 200 volunteers who have participated on 12 work groups during the past several months. Areas covered by the work groups include Community Inclusion, Economic Vitality, Education, Energy, Food, Health and Human Services, Housing, Land Use, Natural

ment the plan.

Organizations and individuals who would like to support the town hall process through a financial contribution may contact Annette Mills (amills@virginiavillageproduction.com) or Betty Griffiths (bbgriff@peak.org) for details.

Corvallis Energy Challenge: A Progress Report

Energy Trust of Oregon has released figures that show a lot of activity in Corvallis from March 1 through July 15 – the first four months of the year-long Corvallis Energy Challenge. During that time, Sustainability Coalition partners signed up over 800 homeowners for free home energy reviews. Of those, 545 reviews have been completed – five times the number done in the same period a year ago. In addition, there have been 28 business audits conducted – 28 more than were conducted in the same period a year ago.



installations, the total savings in terms of electricity is **over one million kilowatt hours saved since the Energy Challenge began in March**, compared to 200,000 during the same period a year ago – nearly 5 times the savings. Thanks to Coalition partners' commitment to the Corvallis Energy Challenge, our community is moving toward greater energy efficiency and increased use of renewable energy.

Looking at the residential, commercial, and industrial energy-efficiency retrofits that have been made in the Corvallis area since March, as well as new solar

For more information or to sign up for a free home or business energy review, go to www.corvallisenergychallenge.org.

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**Dates
 To
 Remember**

- September 17— Health Care Forum
- September 18—Fall Kickoff Meeting
- September 19—LWV Corvallis Board Meeting
- September 20-21 - Fall Festival—
 Voter Registration
- September 27—LWVOR Fall Workshop—
 Eugene
- October 1—LWVOR Voter’s Guides available
- October 7—Sustainability Fair and Town Hall
 Meeting #3
- October 13—LWV Corvallis Book Club
- October 14—Last day to register to vote in Nov
- October 14, 16 and 23 - Voter Service Forums
- October 17—21 Ballots mailed
- October 30—Oregon Mock Election Day
- November 4—Election Day

Join The League

Name _____
Address _____
City, Zip+ 4 digits _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

- \$52 individual membership
- \$78 household membership
- \$26 student membership
- Contribution*
- I’m a new member! Please call.
- I’m renewing my membership.
- I want to join but dues are prohibitive. Contact
 me about a scholarship.
- I’m interested in working with LWVC this year.
- Please call.

Membership in LWV Corvallis is open to all citizens 18 years and over.

The membership year begins in October. Please make checks payable to the LWV Corvallis and mail to: LWV Corvallis, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679.

* Regular dues are not tax-deductible. However, contributions to the LWVOR or LWVUS* Education Fund, paid with a separate check, are deductible.

*Preferred