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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.



Housing in Corvallis: What Are Our Options?

November 18, 7 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue

Panel members will give brief presentations on options to improve availability of low income/medium income housing. Ken Gibb will address specifically the City's recent consultant's report on housing. The other panelists will address available options. There will be time for questions.

Panel Members:

Ken Gibb, Corvallis Community Development

Sue Long, Willamette Association of Realtors

John Miller, Oregon Opportunity Network

Jim Moorefield, Willamette Neighborhood Housing

Moderator: Karyle Butcher, LWV Housing Committee Chair

Housing Committee members: Karyle Butcher, Clairmonde Harris, Bob Stebbins, Shelley Ries

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Corvallis and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

About Voting and this election . . .

Completed ballots must be received by 8 PM, Tuesday, November 4, either at an election office or an official drop site (www.co.benton.or.us/elections/dropsites-general.php). Being postmarked on that date will not qualify your ballot.

Find voting information from the LWV of the U.S. at www.Vote411.org or at LWV of Oregon's voteoregon.org/home/voter-resources/.

Looking Ahead

Are You Prepared For The Next Disaster or Emergency?

December 9, 7 PM

Benton County Emergency Program Manager, Lt. Clay Stephens



Co-President's Corner – Ann Brodie

One more reminder to submit your vote by November 4. In Corvallis drop off your ballot as late as 8 PM at several sites, including the Benton Courthouse, Corvallis-Benton County Library, Chintimini Senior Center, Valley Library, and the LBCC Benton Center.

The standing room only crowd who attended our first meeting of the year learned about our many planned activities and also gained more understanding of the situation for water accessibility from Dr. John Bolte. to learn more about water in Oregon, these sites contain more relevant information:

- OREGON Integrated Water Resources Strategy - August 2012
www.oregon.gov/owrd/LAW/docs/IWRS_Final.pdf
- Oregon Climate and Energy Profile—
www.georgetownclimate.org/adaptation/state-information/overview-oregons-climate-change-preparations

We have two important programs for you in November (details on page

- Housing Options in Corvallis, Tuesday, November 18, and
- Combating Climate Change: Will A Carbon Tax Fly in Oregon? Thursday, November 20

We're on Facebook! Take a look for all the latest, and friend us—LWVCorvallis. Thanks, Judy Ball, for bringing us up to date in social

I hope that you are ordering grapefruit and oranges to enjoy over the you store them in the garage, they stay fresh until March. So plan ahead plenty to last until spring. This is our only fundraiser, so every sale counts future programs.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



WELCOME!

New Members Charlyn Ellis, Martha Flora, Martha Fraundorf, Jennifer Gervais and Dan Rosenberg



Dues are Due

If there is a RED DOT on your bulletin label, we have not yet received your dues for 2014-2015. Your membership is important to the League. Use the form and envelope you received with your September bulletin or clip out the membership coupon on the back page of this issue and return your check and form to the address listed.

Thanks to everyone who sent in their dues by October 15. Your timeliness is appreciated! Donations to the LWVOR Education Fund are also greatly

appreciated: This will LWVOR Per Payment (PMP). more information month on exactly means – stay tuned!

Why Be A Member League?

The information you a League member local, state and Leagues will keep you one step ahead on issues that affect your life. You

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Submissions are due no later than the 15th of the month.

Members subscribe through their dues. Membership in the League of Women Voters of Corvallis is open to men and women of all ages and includes membership in the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

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can play a role in helping to make our community better. Even if you can't

participate actively, your membership will strengthen League's voice.



Community Planning Update on Action

On October 15th the League submitted written testimony to the Corvallis Planning Commission supporting the proposed Land Development Code (LDC) Amendments recommended by the Corvallis/OSU Collaboration Project's Neighborhood Planning Task Force. These amendments impose design standards for infill development. We also supported the proposed LDC amendment that adds clarity to the method for calculating residential density.

In November, we will urge the City to implement the Public Participation Task Force's recommendation to establish advisory boards for the Water Systems, Multi-modal Transportation System, and Public Safety. These expensive City service areas currently do not have a citizen advisory board that provides input as other City services do.

We also support the revival of a strengthened Committee for Citizen Involvement that has now been broadened to become the Community Involvement and Diversity

Advisory Board (CIDAB). A task force appointed by the mayor is currently meeting to define its expanded mission.

The Community Planning Committee has applied for League Special Funds to put on a program in 2015: *Change and Continuity Shaping Our Community for the Future*. The goal of this event will be to educate community members so they can participate meaningfully in formulating a new Vision for Corvallis. The City will begin to update its 2020 Vision Statement in 2015. We hope to hold this program on a Saturday and feature an inspirational speaker or panel, and then facilitate breakout groups so participants can discuss their vision. We are currently seeking co-sponsors to help us accomplish this project.

Our committee always welcomes new members and visitors. If you are interested in how the City will accommodate growth while preserving livability and protecting the environment, please consider joining us. Email Shelly at shellym@peak.org to have your name added to the contact list.

– Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair



Carbon Tax Forum Set for November 20th

As communities begin to grapple with the impending impacts of climate change, state-level policy makers are exploring economic tools to encourage reduction of carbon emissions. In Oregon, the 2013 legislature passed Senate Bill 306, mandating a study of "the feasibility of imposing a clean air tax statewide as a new revenue option that would augment or replace portions of existing revenues."

Our League's Climate Change Committee is delving into this topic head-on with this forum on **Thursday, November 20, at 7 PM at OSU's Linus Pauling Science Center (Room 125).**

"Combating Climate Change: Will a Carbon Tax Fly in Oregon?" is the topic and it will feature these panelists:

- **Jeff Renfro**, Senior Economist at the Northwest Economic Research Center (NERC) at Portland State

University. NERC is conducting the study for the legislature. The report is online at the following site: www.pdx.edu/nerc/sites/www.pdx.edu.nerc/files/carbontax2013_0.pdf

- **Roberta Mann**, (invited) University of Oregon Law School, and a tax, property, and environmental law expert
- **State of Oregon Global Warming Commission Representative**

Brief talks by panelists will be followed by audience Q & A and a Call to Action. Please join us for what promises to be a lively and informative program!

This LWV event is co-sponsored by 12 other local community organizations, including: Associated Students of OSU, Citizens Climate Lobby, Corvallis Climate Action Plan Task Force, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Integrity of Creation Committee of United Church of Christ, Marys Peak Group - Sierra Club, Natural Step Ministry Team of the First



OREGON COAL CLEAN ENERGY FORUM

Thursday, November 13th, 6:30 PM – Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue

Two public, educational Forums in November will introduce the new Oregon

Beyond Coal to Clean Energy Campaign, sponsored by the Sierra Club.

Oregon still gets one-third of its energy from out-of-state coal plants. Pacific Power, Oregon's second biggest utility company, gets two-thirds of its energy from coal plants. The Sierra Club maintains that instead of buying coal from out-of-state plants, Oregon's utility companies should invest in clean energy sources that create new jobs in Oregon. Clean energy has already brought over \$9 billion of investment and an

estimated 5,000 jobs to Oregon, supporting local communities across the state.

At these educational Forums a panel of speakers will highlight the clean energy potential in Oregon, the risks of continuing to invest in coal, the benefits to our climate, and the job creation opportunities in Oregon by making the transition from Coal to Clean. The Sierra Club will also introduce its efforts to encourage the Oregon State Legislature to pass legislation that transitions Oregon off coal power to clean energy by 2025.

More information: oregon.sierraclub.org/goals/energy.asp

Note: This forum also will be held in Portland on Wednesday, November 19 at 7 PM in The Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th.

Community Forum on Corvallis Climate Action Planning – Wednesday, November 12th, 7 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe

What strategies and actions might best help the Corvallis community reduce its greenhouse gas emissions? How might we prepare for the impacts of a warming climate? What actions are already underway? These topics are among those to be addressed on Wednesday, November 12th at a forum for community members interested in climate and energy challenges and the development of a Corvallis community climate action plan.

The Climate Action Plan Task Force (CAPTF) invites the public to attend the “Corvallis Climate Action Plan: Public Input and Information Forum.”

The Climate Action Plan Task Force (CAPTF) is a group of civic volunteers interested in developing a climate action plan for the Corvallis community. The CAPTF is encouraging the Corvallis City Council to follow up the community greenhouse gas inventory that the City completed in 2014 with a climate action plan that sets significant greenhouse gas reduction goals and identifies strategies and actions to move the City toward those goals.

This special community conversation is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, 350Corvallis, the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club, and the First United Methodist Church Natural Step Ministry.

For more information, visit www.CorvallisCAP.org. To make



arrangements for the hard of hearing, call 541-766-6793.

Keith at New York City Climate Change March

World leaders came

to New York City on September 21, for a UN summit on the climate crisis. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon urged governments to support a global agreement to dramatically reduce global warming pollution.

Our Climate Change Committee chair Claudia Keith (*above, holding banner*) tells of her experience. “There were stimulating workshops on the train from California. In New York City, almost 400,000 marched, though only 100,000 had been expected. There was wide diversity, including New York LWV members and various faith groups. The UN had asked for a “faith summit on climate change.” The League also was asked to be at the UN Climate Change Summit. It was an honor to be there and witness the occasion.

“It was wonderful to find LWV members in a crowd of 400,000. They appeared out of the crowd to greet me. It was just amazing! I came from a side street, where I had been waiting with the interfaith group, and decided to go uptown to

try to find a group of Oregonians. I happened upon the New York Leaguers on my way upstream, walked with them for 4-6

blocks, then found the Oregon LWV group, and finished the parade with them.”



It's time to order a delicious 20-pound box (or boxes) of your choice of fruit to benefit our League. Fill in the order blank you got in the mail or the short version below. If you *don't* order fruit, consider making a donation (*not tax-deductible*) to the League of Women Voters of Corvallis. Fruit will be delivered to your home the first week of December. **Fruit must be ordered by November 20.**

If you can help with fruit delivery in **December**, email or phone Louise at LWVCLouise@aol.com /541-753-0012.

I ordered: ___ grapefruit ___ oranges ___ grapefruit & orange combo Date ordered _____ Check # _____

Send order form below by November 20. Make checks to League of Women Voters of Corvallis. Keep this top part for your records. Mail form to: LWV of Corvallis, c/o Louise Marquering, 1640 NW Woodland Drive, Corvallis, OR 97330.

LWV of Corvallis Fruit Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

___ Boxes – 20# box of 16-24 ruby red grapefruit, \$20 _____ Total Amount Enclosed for Fruit

___ Boxes – 20# box of 36-44 navel oranges, \$20

___ Boxes – 20# box of grapefruit and oranges, \$25 _____ Donation Amount (*not tax-deductible*)

Who Won Your Vote?

As you cast your ballot this year, remember those who made it possible for you to do so. One hundred and two years ago, on November 5, 1912 Oregon women achieved that right. Eight years later, August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution extended the vote to all women in the U.S. Behind those momentous steps were women and men of courage and determination. Here are just a few of them:



Emmeline Pankhurst, (1858-1928) Her work was crucial to achieving women's suffrage in Britain. Born and raised in Manchester, England by politically active parents, Pankhurst was introduced at the age of 8 to the women's suffrage movement. Her daughters, Christabel, Sylvia, and Adela also fought (sometimes literally) for suffrage. Richard Pankhurst solidly supported his wife in that work. (*left photo*)

Febb Ensminger Burn (1873- ?) urged her Tennessee son's vote in the final ratification of the 19th Amendment, "*Don't forget to be a good boy and help Mrs. Catt put the 'rat' in ratification. Signed, Your Mother.*" He explained to the Legislature, "I want to take this opportunity to state that I changed my vote in favor of ratification because: 1) I believe in full suffrage as a right, 2) I believe we had a moral and legal right to ratify, 3) I know that a mother's advice is always safest for her boy to follow, and my mother wanted me to vote for ratification." (*right photo*)



Lucy Burns (1879-1966) was a passionate activist for women's suffrage in the U.S. and in Britain, where she met the Pankhursts and Alice Paul. In the U.S., her demonstrating for the vote put her in jail, where she was treated brutally. (*left photo*)

Alice Paul (1885-1977) leader and strategist of the 1910's brought life to the sedate campaign for the 19th Amendment. She too was arrested and imprisoned. For the remainder of her long life she worked for universal civil rights. (*right photo*)





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Ballots are due by 8 PM
 Tuesday November 4



League Calendar

November

- Tue 4** *Vote!* Ballots due by 8 PM
- Wed 12** Climate Action Planning Forum, 7 PM, Library
- Thu 13** Board Meeting, 2-4 PM
- Thu 13** Coal-Clean Energy Forum, 7 PM, Library
- Tue 18** *General Meeting:* Housing, 7 PM, Library
- Thu 20** Carbon Tax Forum, 7 PM, OSU - Pauling Ctr.

December

- Tue 9** *General Meeting:* Emergency Preparedness, 7 PM, Library
- Thu 11** Board Meeting, 2-4PM
- Mon 15** Bill of Rights Day

January

- Thu 8** Board Meeting, 2-4 PM
- Fri 9** Carrie Chapman Catt's Birthday
- Mon 12** Legislative Assembly opens
- Tue 13** Soup Dinner/Program Planning, 6 PM, Unitarian Fellowship
- Tue 13** Legislative Process Day, Salem

Join the League

Name _____

Address *City, Zip+4 digits* _____

Phone _____

Email _____

____ \$60 individual membership ____ \$90 household

____ \$30 student ____ Renewal ____ Contribution*

____ *I need dues assistance to join the League, please contact me.*

I first joined the League in ____ (year) _____ (place).

We rely on our members to keep LWV vital. May we call you when we need volunteers? ____ Yes

How would you like to be involved with the League this year?

LWV's membership year begins in October.
Make checks payable to the LWV of Corvallis and mail to:
 LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership
 P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

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