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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.



Speaker: Dr. Erin Prince  
Corvallis School District 509J  
Superintendent

*"My Vision for 509J and How  
We're Going to Get There"*

## 2011-12 Kick-Off Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

7:00 to 8:45 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Meeting Room

**The Corvallis League's 2011-12 kick-off begins at 7:00 PM with a half-hour overview** of League's programs. Come and find out how you can learn about and be involved in a variety of important issues!

**At 7:30 PM, our focus shifts to our speaker, Dr. Erin Prince, the new 509J superintendent.** This is your chance to hear her vision for our schools and how she plans to implement it.

Dr. Prince became superintendent of the Corvallis School District on July 1, having served the Sherwood School District as assistant superintendent since 2006.

Dr. Prince earned both bachelor's and doctoral degrees in Education from OSU. She has spent nearly 30 years of service in public education with a strong mission toward what is best for *all* children.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us so you can get to know Dr. Prince and her priorities for our schools. Invite your friends and colleagues to come with you September 20 to introduce them to the League and to our new superintendent!

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



## President's Corner – Kate Mathews

Welcome to the start of another year!

**At our kick-off meeting on September 20** we will first introduce our board members and committee chairs. Each will give a short description of what the committee will be doing this coming year. We hope that you will be moved to participate in one of our studies or activities. This is a good time to sign up for a committee, or perhaps volunteer for an activity.

**Education is an important part of the League.** Our September speaker will be Dr. Erin Prince, Corvallis School District's new Superintendent and her topic is "My Vision for 509J and How We're Going to Get There." We hope you will all attend and invite a friend or colleague to join you. The best way to get others interested in League is to ask them to attend a meeting with you and learn about us.

**There is no major election this Fall.** There will be a local election on November 8. We will again hold two Legislative Town Halls for our short Legislature in the Spring. Later in the Spring will be the Primary election, leading up to the Fall 2012 election.

**We have a National Consensus on the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education this Fall.** We have enclosed another piece of that study in this Bulletin. You can read all the material online at [www.LWV.corvallis.or.us/eduStudy\\_2011.php](http://www.LWV.corvallis.or.us/eduStudy_2011.php). This should lead to a new education position for the League of Women Voters of the United States. Our November 8 General Meeting will present information on the study. Our consensus meeting will be November 16. Please mark your calendars for these meetings. Studies and consensus are an important part of League membership.

**"The Privatization of Government Functions"** will be studied early next year, in preparation for a national League consensus in Spring.

I look forward to seeing you September 20, when you will learn about what's going on in the Corvallis League. I encourage you to sign up and participate in one or more areas which interest you.

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## Forum: 2011 Health Care Legislation in Oregon



**Monday, September 19, 7-8:30 PM**  
**Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Meeting Room**

Representatives Sara Gelser and Andy Olson will report on how the 2011 Legislative Assembly improved the quality, affordability and accessibility of health care for Oregonians. Questions from the participants will be encouraged. Ann Brodie will be the moderator.

*Co-Sponsored by:* Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates, Physicians for National Health Program, and League of Women Voters of Corvallis.

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This Bulletin is the newsletter of the *League of Women Voters of Corvallis* and is produced 10 times a year.

If you have suggestions, comments, submissions, or story ideas for the Bulletin, contact Louise Marquering or Beth Thoennes. We welcome your input.

Submissions must be received no later than the 15th of the month.

Members subscribe through their dues. Membership is open to men and women of all ages.



## Community Planning Update Creekside Appeal: Donations Welcome

Funds are still needed to meet Creekside appeal expenses. The League Board authorized the expenditure of \$5000 out of the League treasury; the Community Planning Committee was charged with raising the additional funds to cover the cost of attorney fees and materials.

Although members donated many hours of work putting the record together to save on attorney fees, final expenses totaled \$11,497. Thus far, we have \$11,041 – just \$456 short.

If you have already donated, we thank you. If you have waited to see how much was needed, now is the time to make your contribution. Send your check, made out to the League of Women Voters of Corvallis with “Creekside” on the memo line, to LWV Corvallis, PO Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339.

As you read in last month’s bulletin, our Creekside Development appeal was successful, as the Land Use

Board of Appeals issued a remand on the city-approved plans for building a community shopping center at SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and Philomath Boulevard. In order for the development to proceed, the applicant must address the requested changes. At press time no action had yet been taken.

*Community Planning committee also welcomes new participants*

If you are interested in how our community develops in the future, please consider working on this committee. We need observers for both city and county planning commissions and other boards.

It helps to get involved early in the process when new projects are proposed or when changes to existing plans are requested. It would also be beneficial to have someone to follow transportation planning, both locally and on a regional level.

Please e-mail or call Shelly Murphy ([shellym@peak.org](mailto:shellym@peak.org)) or 541-754-1184 if you would like to be notified when meetings are held.

The League’s local Community Planning position can be found on our website under “Where We Stand” (<http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us/stand.php>).

– *Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair*



## Housing Committee News

### Brigid Meints, New Member, New Housing Chair

Outgoing Housing chair Barbara Ross asked Brigid Meints (a very new member) to serve as our Housing committee chair, and she said yes! Brigid has worked with several housing project groups and is a recent graduate of Scripps College. Welcome, Brigid!

## Fruit Fundraiser Coming!

In late September we will mail information on the annual fundraiser to LWV members and others. We are changing to a supplier located here in Oregon, who has a variety of fruits available to us. Oregon pears, Washington apples, California oranges, as well as our usual Texas grapefruit are available separately or in combination.

If you can help with the mailing one morning, please let Louise Marquering know. Contact her at 541-753-0012 or [lwwclouise@aol.com](mailto:lwwclouise@aol.com).



## Sign Up Voters and Advertise LWV at the Corvallis Fall Festival

**Can you help register voters at the Corvallis Fall Festival Sept 24-25?** We’ll need folks from 10 AM to 6 PM for 2-hour shifts. If you can help, please call Kathy Conner (541-753-4797 or cell: 541-602-3014).

## Get Ready for World Car Free Day – September 22<sup>nd</sup>



### Be part of a community-wide and global challenge!

People around the world celebrate September

22<sup>nd</sup> as World Car Free Day, and Corvallis area residents, businesses, and organizations will once again participate in our community's version of this global event. The Sustainability Coalition's Transportation Action Team is leading the challenge.

### 7 AM to 9 AM — Check-in Sites around

**Corvallis.** (See <http://tiny.cc/CarFreeMap> for a list of sites.) Stop by on your way to work, school, or shopping. Sites include registration for prize drawings, refreshments, information, and bike safety checks.

**9 AM to 5 PM — Special Activities** at participating businesses, stores, and schools.

**4 PM to 7 PM — Car Free Day Festival** at Central Park (8<sup>th</sup> & Madison). The festival will include a Bike Swap and plenty of delicious food, lively entertainment, alternative transportation booths, and a drawing for special prizes.

### NOW is the time to get ready for Car Free Day.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 22, and plan to get where you need to go car-free.

- *Take the Car Free Day Pledge* – It takes just a minute to register for Car Free Day at [www.sustainablecorvallis.org](http://www.sustainablecorvallis.org).
- *Make Your Plan* – Decide whether you will walk, bike, or ride the bus. Pick up a bicycle map/guide at the library or

City Hall, and make sure your bike is in good working condition. Take it to a local bike shop for a tune-up, or stop by the “Ask-a-Wrench” booth at the Artisans’ Market, adjacent to the Saturday Farmers’ Market. Check out bus routes at [www.corvallistransit.com](http://www.corvallistransit.com). The Corvallis Transit System is FARELESS on Car Free Day – and every day!

- *Get Involved* – Help spread the word by telling everyone you know about Car Free Day. To offer assistance to people who are new to bicycling or who are riding the bus for the first time, you can volunteer to become a “Bike Buddy” or a “Bus Buddy”. To help, contact: [info@sustainablecorvallis.org](mailto:info@sustainablecorvallis.org).

**The benefits of traveling car free are many** – save money, get fit and feel better, experience Corvallis in a different way, protect our environment, and help move our community toward energy independence.

The goal of Car Free Day is to create a positive experience for *all* community members so they'll consider using alternative transportation regularly. If you are unable to walk, bike, or use public transit, you can still participate by sharing a ride with a friend, hiring the local pedicab, or working from home for the day.

*Sponsors of Car Free Day include* ODOT, the City of Corvallis, Cascades West Rideshare, Corvallis Bicycle Collective, Corvallis Clinic, Corvallis Cyclery, First Alternative Co-op, Footwise, Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, OSU/Student Sustainability Initiative, Peak Sports, Safe Routes to School, and Sedlak's Shoes.

**Take the Car Free Day Pledge today,  
join in the fun, and be part  
of this community-wide challenge!**



## Want a bulletin by e-mail?

If you'd like to get your LWV bulletin by e-mail, please let Louise Marquering know at [LWVCLouise@AOL.com](mailto:LWVCLouise@AOL.com). It will come in your e-mail as a pdf. You'll still get the mailed copy, but may find it convenient to get an e-mail copy first.

*Note:* The bulletin as a pdf is always available on the League's Internet site, [www.lwv.corvallis.or.us/newsletters.php](http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us/newsletters.php), but might come to your personal e-mail a little sooner.

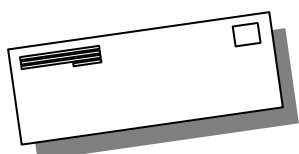


## October 15 Deadline for Special Funds Grant Applications

Thanks to the generosity of long-time League members Kay Dick and Grace Phinney, LWVC has unrestricted memorial funds that may be used by League members for League projects, pending review by the Special Funds Review Committee and approval by the Board. Applications are received twice a year, in February and October. *The application deadline is October 15 for project start-up in January.*

If you have an idea for a League project that would require funding, please consider applying! Guidelines and application forms are available upon request and can be downloaded from the League's website ([www.lwv.corvallis.or.us](http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us)).

Applications should be submitted to the LWVC President, who will forward them to the Board and the Review Committee.



## 2011-2012 League Dues Are Due

The League year begins October first. Dues are unchanged from last year: \$55 for single members, \$82.50 for two or more members in one household and half price for students.

You can help reduce our per member payment to LWVUS by donating tax-deductible contributions to the

LWVUS Education Fund. These checks should also be mailed to LWV of Corvallis so that we get credit for them. We can pay up to half of our per member payment to national through your gifts to their Education Fund.

Mail your dues and the completed form in the envelope enclosed with this bulletin or to LWV of Corvallis, PO Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339. Thank you for your financial support of the League. – *Sara Ingle, Treasurer*



## Signed up for League List Serve E-mails?

The League maintains a list serve for our members to receive timely action alerts and meeting announcements. If you are *not* receiving these e-mails and wish to receive them please send your e-mail address to [kranep@peak.org](mailto:kranep@peak.org).



## Clean Your Closets – Benefit League

Are you wondering what to do with clothing and other items you no longer use? Why not donate them for sale at the OSU Thrift Shop? A League member who works there will consign items under a League consignment number. League gets 75% of the asking price and 25% goes to grants and scholarships.

The Thrift Shop accepts clean, seasonal functioning items. Check to see what they do *not* take at <http://oregonstate.edu/groups/osufolk/thriftshop.htm>. Call *Kate Mathews*, our League's Thrift Shop volunteer, at 541-754-1172 — or consign items yourself, using the League's consignment number, 1073. A maximum of 15 items may be consigned on one date. Items may be consigned to a number just twice in one week.



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\_\_\_\_\_ \$55 individual membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$82.50 household

\_\_\_\_\_ \$27.50 student \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution\*

*I would like to be considered as an:*

**Active Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Inactive Member/Supporter** \_\_\_\_\_

*What special skills/talents/interests can you share with the League?*

\_\_\_\_\_

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, but contributions to the LWVUS Education Fund, paid with a separate check, are deductible.



## Fall In With League

### September

- Wed 7** Board Meeting 10 AM
- Mon 19** Forum: Oregon Health Care Legislation, Library 7 PM
- Tue 20** Kick-off meeting, Library 7 PM
- Sat-Sun 24-25** Fall Festival – Voter Registration table

### October

- Sat 1** Fruit Fundraiser Begins
- Wed 5** Board Meeting 10 AM
- Thu 20** General Meeting, Library 7 PM
- Sat 22** LWVOR Fall Workshop