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League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization

- encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government,
- works to increase understanding of public policy issues and major
- influences public policy through education and advocacy.

GOOD FOOD IN GOOD TIMES & BAD: Food Security in Benton County

Tuesday, October 17th, 7:00 – 8:45 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis



Panelists:

Julie Manning, VP for Marketing, Public Relations, and Development at Samaritan Health Services

Jen Brown, Director of the Edible Corvallis Initiative, Corvallis Environmental Center

Colleen Dyrud, Agency Relations Specialist, Linn-Benton Food Share

“Oregon perennially ranks as one of the most food insecure states in the U.S. Over 14 percent (12,480) of Benton County residents live in households that meet the definition of being food insecure, representing 21.7 percent of Benton County’s children.” (Benton County Health Improvement Plan)

Two overarching goals were identified in the plan in addressing Food Security in Benton County:

- Improve access to fresh and healthy food; and
- Improve utilization of food assistance program

Our October program will feature representatives of four local organizations that have developed innovative programs to ensure that our residents have access to enough good food for active, healthy lives. All of our panelists are members of the Benton County Food Security Workgroup.

Come and hear about their amazing programs and how they are impacting the lives of Benton County residents.

Co-sponsored by the LWV of Corvallis and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Benton County Measure 2-110: Renew Levy for Public Safety and Health Services

*** Special Election on November 7, 2017 ***

Want to vote on the levy? October 17, 2017 is the last day to register to vote, and local ballots will be mailed out October 18 thru November 2, 2017. On Election Day, voted ballots must be received by 8:00 PM. Your ballot may be returned by: dropping it off at any official ballot drop site in Oregon; or mailing it with postage. Check your ballot status and voter registration status at: www.oregonvotes.gov or Benton County Elections & Passports at 541-766-6756, or E-mail elections@co.benton.or.us.

For more information on Measure 2-110, please see *Voter Service Committee* on p. 3.



President's Corner – Laura Lahm Evenson

The LWV is all about **education** and **action**. In our local League, lots of education is happening at the committee level. Issues on local, state, and national levels are discussed and researched. This is a great way to become informed. Education leads to the development of positions and positions lead to action. Action can come in a variety of ways: by educating others, giving testimony, or marching. Our local League has several very active committees: Community Planning, Climate Change and Housing. Additionally, there are committees that focus on Voter Services, Social Policy, Education and Local Foods. Each of our monthly public meetings is sponsored by one of our committees. An effort is made to choose topics of interest to both LWV members and the community at large. I encourage every League member to **join** one of our local committees. Remember, if you can't find a committee on the issue you are interested in, you can always form one! Participation in committee work will help you become informed and you, in turn, can inform others.

October means Grapefruit/Oranges! Louise Marquering has spearheaded this great fundraiser for several years. Have neighbors or friends who might like a box of fruit? Send their names on to Louise so she can get them on the list. This is our **only** fund raiser and it supports all of our local action and programs. If you can deliver fruit boxes, let her know! Our website has the option to pay with PayPal. Don't forget, you can donate a box or two to your favorite charity.

It is time to renew. Don't forget to send in your renewal which you received in September bulletin.

Shout-out! I would like to give a special thank-you to Annette Mills. Annette gives to the League in countless ways. Just to name a few ways: 1st V.P., chair of Local Foods Committee, and Program chair. She spends countless hours networking and on the phone to line up many of our wonderful monthly speakers. Give her a nod of thanks when you see her next.



Grapefruit & Oranges—Order Now

Enjoy some wonderful fruit and benefit our League—the annual fundraiser begins now. Treat yourself to a box and ask friends if they would like one. Mark your choices on the enclosed order form, fill in the blanks, and mail your order right away to receive your box of delicious juicy fruit the first week of December! Order forms can also be downloaded from our website. Mail to Louise Marquering, 1640 NW Woodland Drive, Corvallis OR 97330. Questions? Contact Louise at lwvclouise@aol.com

Membership Committee

At the Beaver Community Fair, people voted on their favorite cookie, were asked if they were registered voters and invited to our kick-off event. We registered 12 students! For a while, oatmeal raisin lead, but chocolate chip won the vote. Membership Surveys will be emailed the first of Oct.

Bouquet Harger, Membership Chair



Ann Brodie

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This is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis which is produced nine or ten times a year.

Contact Cathy Frischmann or Louise Marquering with your suggestions, submissions, comments, or story ideas. We welcome your input.

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. A membership form is on the last page.



Housing Committee

In recent months, the primary focus of the Housing Committee has been to learn what other Oregon cities similar in size and composition to Corvallis are doing to increase their stock of affordable housing. Coupled with this, the committee has been meeting with city staff, developers and others to learn more about the barriers in Corvallis that continue to work against the building of more affordable or as many now say, achievable housing.

Frankly, the conversations are discouraging. There are many reasons for this:

- developers suggest that building in Corvallis is expensive and laden with public process;
- city staff find that working with the current Land Development Code is time consuming and at times ambiguous;
- all agree that there is a shortage of buildable land zoned high density that could encourage more achievable housing.

If our community is to be one that welcomes diversity in all of its forms, we will need to confront these and other issues. We continue to find that new families are unable to afford to live in Corvallis thus creating a drain in dollars and community involvement

Committee members continue to attend the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board meetings to follow its work on providing implementation guidelines on the report of the Housing Development Task Force. Members also have been attending City Council priority setting sessions to encourage council members to list achievable housing as a priority.

The Housing Committee meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 2:00-4:00 in the conference room of Benton Habitat for Humanity. If you have ideas to share on issues related to achievable housing, we welcome your thoughts.

Karyle Butcher, Housing Chair

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Voter Service Committee

Comparing the 2012 Benton County Levy with the 2017 *Renew Levy for Public Safety and Health Services*, there is only one substantive change. The 2017 levy includes rehabilitative programs for prisoners. The table below shows the items individually listed. The bold items WILL be funded and the rest MAY be included. This wording is the same for both years. There were minor wording changes on some of the health and safety items. League supports the levy.

ITEM FUNDED:	2012	2017
Rental of 40 jail beds	yes	yes
Rehabilitative programming	no	yes
Sheriff's deputies 24-7 patrol	yes	yes
School resource program duties	yes	yes
Substance abuse treatment programs for juveniles and adults	yes	yes
Juvenile counseling and outreach	yes	yes
Juvenile detention capacity	yes	yes
Street crimes and child abuse prosecution	yes	yes
Prevention of infectious disease outbreaks	yes	yes
Mental health, addiction and children's health services	yes	yes

Bouquet Harger, Cathy Frischmann and Bob Ozretich



Thank you to the volunteers who registered 35 students and faculty at OSU on **National Voter Registration Day**, the last Tuesday of September. This was done in conjunction with Associated Students of OSU.

Camille Freitag, Voter Service Chair

Creative Options Housing Tour and Forums Set for Fall



Addressing the need for affordable housing will require the creative ideas and “outside the box” thinking of members of our community. To engage more people in this important dialogue, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition’s Housing Action Team is sponsoring a tour and two follow-up forums at the library. The public is invited to the following events:

Sunday, Oct. 8, 1:00 to 5:00 pm – CREATIVE OPTIONS HOUSING TOUR

Visit a variety of affordable housing types – an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), a tiny home, small cluster housing, a Habitat for Humanity passive home, and opportunities offered through Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services. This self-guided tour starts at Seavey Meadows Community Room, 1099 NE Sorrel Place, Corvallis.

Monday, Oct. 30, 7:00 to 8:30 pm – EXPLORING LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS

The first of two forums on affordable housing in Corvallis will feature presentations by Habitat for Humanity and Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services. At Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Monday, Nov. 13, 7:00 to 8:30 pm – CREATING HOUSING OPTIONS

The second forum on affordable housing in Corvallis will focus on what the City code allows in terms of housing on existing residential properties, ideas for shared housing, and more. At Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

To learn more about what’s planned, go to www.sustainablecorvallis.org or call 541-230-1237.

Food Day celebration to feature free Farmers’ Market tokens for kids and a community “Apple Crunch” for everyone



Get ready to take a big bite out of a crisp, delicious local apple!

National Food Day will be celebrated locally at the Corvallis Farmers’ Market on Saturday, October 21, at NW 1st Street and Jackson. Highlights of the event will be free Farmers’ Market tokens for children to spend at their favorite market booths and a community “Apple Crunch” for everyone who is at the market. This celebration is one among hundreds taking place in towns and cities across the U.S. for the seventh national Food Day.

Children 12 and under will be eligible to receive two free Farmers’ Market tokens – a \$4 value – while the supplies last. Tokens will be distributed at a special Food Day table under the tent on 1st Street, where customers can also pick up information about local food opportunities and initiatives. There will be a special emphasis on making people aware of the SNAP (food stamp) program, as many who are eligible for the program do not know about it.

The community “Apple Crunch” will take place at 10:30 am, signaled by bells ringing throughout the Farmers’ Market. Each market customer will receive a locally grown apple, and, at the sound of the bells, we’ll crunch in unison! We’ll be joined by millions of people around the country who will crunch into an apple on Food Day in a unifying action to raise awareness about eating better diets for our health and the environment, access and affordability of fruits and vegetables, and supporting local farmers.

Nationally, the goal of Food Day is to bring together Americans from all walks of life to advocate for healthy, affordable food produced in a sustainable, humane way. This year’s local event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Corvallis, in collaboration with the following organizations: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Food Action Team, Corvallis Farmers’ Market, First Alternative Co-op, Slow Food Corvallis, Corvallis Environmental Center’s Edible Corvallis Initiative, Linus Pauling Institute’s Healthy Youth Program, and OSU Food in Culture and Social Justice Program.

For further details about Food Day 2017 in Corvallis, visit www.sustainablecorvallis.org.

Annette Mills, Local Food Chair

Time to Renew Your MEMBERSHIP, October 1st. Use the lavender form and envelope in the Sept. bulletin.

Community Planning Update

BENTON COUNTY 2040 THRIVING COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE: With 9,000 comments from more than 3400 people collected during this past year, Benton County has developed a list of the communities' core values.

Benton County 2040 Initiative Core Values

1. Equity for Everyone
2. Health in All Actions
3. Vibrant, Livable Communities
4. Supportive People & Resources
5. High Quality Environment & Access
6. Diverse Economy that Fits



Now they would like you to take a survey to ensure that they got it right. Go to:

<https://www.co.benton.or.us/2040/page/take-2040-core-values-survey>

If you would like more information about our committee or wish to be on the Community Planning Committee mailing list, email: shellym@peak.org.

Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair

How will Oregon's new air quality laws affect you?

If you are interested in improving the air quality in your neighborhood, do not miss the interactive training workshop to build know-how to advocate for clean air. There is no charge.



Saturday, October 7, 2017
1:30-4:30 p.m.
Corvallis-Benton Public Library Meeting Room

There will be a presentation by **Robin Morris Collin**, Willamette University Professor of Law, an Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force Member, and whose passion is sustainability and environmental justice – making the world fairer as it gets greener.

Learn:

- ✓ How will Oregon regulate glass fiber emissions, TCE?
- ✓ Talking points on the new regulations
- ✓ Tips for Testimony to DEQ
- ✓ How together, we can be informed advocates for health-based air quality standards

Sponsored by Corvallis Ward 3 Councilor Hyatt Lytle, Beyond Toxics and Clean Corvallis Air, and supported by LWV of Corvallis

Marilyn Koentzger, LWVOR Air Quality Portfolio

Climate Change Committee

Please visit and consider joining the Climate Change Committee, our Meeting dates are: Oct. 31 and Nov. 28 at Noon.

We are developing a panel for the December program on environmental justice and a just transition from fossil fuels to alternative energy.



Continuing updates on the Clean Energy Jobs bill from the Oregon Environmental Council and solutions to climate change: *In 2018, our state leaders will be reviewing legislation, a decade in the making, called the Clean Energy Jobs bill. For climate change, this means four simple things for Oregon:*

1. *Slowing down our use of fossil fuels*
2. *Putting a limit and price on pollution*
3. *Investing in and amping up clean energy*
4. *Using nature to soak up climate pollution*

Read more at: www.oeconline.org/cleanenergyjobs/

Claudia Keith, Climate Change Committee, Chair

Save the date, Sat. October 21, 9:30 AM-3 PM, for the LWVOR Fall Workshop 2017 **"Mediating the Message - The League's Role in the 21st Century"** in Eugene. Workshops are: Journalism, Information and Misinformation; How to Watch Your Legislature at Work from Your Home; and The League's Transformational Journey. Register by Oct. 12 at: <http://lwvor.org/event/fall-workshop-2017/>

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Oct 17, 7 PM - Library



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LWV Calendar

October 2017

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| Sun | 1 | We Are The Changemakers
8 AM-6 PM, OSU CH2M Alumni Center |
| Wed | 4 | Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM |
| Sat | 7 | Workshop Better Air Quality, Library |
| Thur | 12 | Housing Committee, Habitat Ofc, 2 PM |
| Tue | 17 | Monthly Mtg, 7-8:45 PM, Library |
| Sat | 21 | LWVOR Fall Workshop, Eugene
Food Day, Farmers Market |
| Thur | 26 | Housing Committee, Habitat Ofc, 2 PM |
| Tue | 31 | Climate Change Committee Mtg,
Noon-1:30 PM |

November

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| Wed | 1 | Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM |
| Tue | 14 | Monthly Meeting: 7-8:45 PM, Library |
| Tue | 28 | Climate Change Committee Mtg,
Noon-1:30 PM |

December

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| Wed | 6 | Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM |
| Thur | 7 | Monthly Meeting: 7-8:45 PM, Library |

Join the League

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip+4digits _____

Phone _____

Email _____

___ \$60 individual membership ___ \$90 household

___ \$30 student ___ Renewal ___ Contribution*

___ Dues assistance information to help you join the
League of Women Voters

I would like to be considered:

Active ___ Inactive Member / Supporter ___

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

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

LWV's membership year begins **October 1**.
Make checks payable to the *LWV of Corvallis* and mail to:

LWV of Corvallis, Attn: Membership
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* Regular dues are not tax-deductible *BUT* contributions to *LWVOR* or
the *LWVUS Education Fund*, paid with a separate check, are deductible.