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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.



DENSITY BY DESIGN A TOOL FOR CORVALLIS

Wednesday, March 14th
7:00 PM

Corvallis-Benton County
Public Library
645 NW Monroe, Corvallis



Speaker:

Matthew Gebhardt, PhD
Assistant Professor of Urban Studies &
Planning, Portland State University

How does density fit with Oregon's land use laws?
How can communities like Corvallis benefit from increased density?
What are the negative aspects of increased density?

Potential Benefits

- More housing, smaller footprint,
- Greater tax revenue per acre,
- Increased social interaction,
- More walkable neighborhoods.

Potential Costs

- Incompatibilities with existing neighborhoods,
- Parking,
- Traffic.

This program follows two earlier LWV Housing Committee programs exploring the social and economic consequences to our community when housing stock is low and some tools to increase the supply.

Co-sponsors: Sustainability Coalition of Corvallis and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



2018 Legislature Update

Saturday March 3

10 to 11:30 AM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Meet your state legislators, hear about their work, ask questions and have conversations.

Oregon Legislators invited to participate: [Senator Sara Gelser](#), [Representatives Mike Nearman, Andy Olson, and Dan Rayfield](#). Moderator: [Peggy Lynch](#).

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



President's Corner – Laura Lahm Evenson

We celebrated the LWV's 98th birthday 🎂 this year with an inspiring panel of women who spoke about their perspectives and experiences on feminism. What remains with me the most is that the change we hope to make might not happen in our own lifetime. Every step, even the smallest one, is a step forward. If we all take a few steps then, collectively, we will move forward. The

LWV has been persistently trying to inform voters and move forward on issues for almost 100 years. Thanks to Bouquet Harger and Annette Mills who put this great program together!

Our housing committee has organized the program this month which is very timely as we look around our state. We hope you can join us! April's program will focus on water and May will conclude our programming year with our annual dinner.

A reminder that our very active committees are always busy working on different issues: Climate Change, Housing, Social Policy, Local Foods, Community Planning, and Voter Service. I encourage you to find a committee that is addressing an issue that you are passionate about, join them or start a new issue committee. Help the League take a step or two forward. Check the calendar at the back of this program, our Facebook page or our website www.lwv.corvallis.or.us for dates and locations of committee meetings. To participate all you have to do is show up!



Results Are Now Available from the Community Conversations on Land Use

What should Corvallis look like in the future? What land use problems need to be fixed? What places should be preserved?

What new opportunities should be created?

Last fall, City planners organized a series of community workshops and an online survey to identify land use needs and challenges in six different "study areas" within the urban growth boundary of Corvallis. The results of these "Community Conversations" are now on line at

<https://archives.corvallisoregon.gov/public/Browse.aspx?startid=977236&cr=1>.

An urbanization study prepared for Corvallis indicated that more land zoned high density is needed before our updated Buildable Land Inventory can be approved by the state.

Information gleaned from this public outreach should help determine where these acres should be located.

Community Planning Committee will meet on Thursday, March 15th at 4 PM. All are

welcome. *– Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair*

Miss the February General Meeting?

The general meeting **"Feminist Forward: Exploring the Future of the Feminist Movement"** drew a diverse and large crowd of over 115 participants. The evening program's organizer, Bouquet Harger shared the blog post that includes links to the recording of the event.

It was written and filmed by Natalia Fernandez, archivist of the Oregon Archives: <http://wpmu.library.oregonstate.edu/oregon-multicultural-archives/2018/02/13/feminist-panel/>. If you experience any issues with the video, there is also an audio-only version available on the page.

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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 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.



New Members!

Katherine Bremser, Susan Dornfeld, Janet Farrell, Jessica Kuonen, Nancy Mauter, Laura Morrison, Katherine Morrison, Ellen Murphy, Suzy Pelican, Joan Truckenbrod, and Nancy Wyse.



Sustainability Fair & Town Hall, March 12th

“Inspiring!” “Lively!” “Dynamic!”

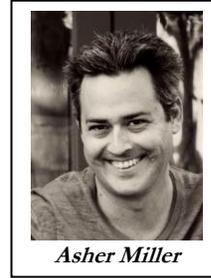
are words that community members have used to describe the annual Sustainability Fair and Town Hall, which will take place this year on Monday, March 12, at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the OSU campus. Organizers invite the public to learn from each other, from our community, and from innovators across the globe.

The Fair begins at 5 pm, and features more than 60 hands-on exhibits representing partner organizations or action teams of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition.

Delicious local food will be offered by Valley Catering, and attendees will delight to the sounds of the Nick Rivard-Dan Mahoney Jazz Duo. The Fair also includes a Kids’ Activity Room, where children are invited to take part in activities to connect them to the earth and to our community. The entire event will be waste-free, with recycling and composting stations located throughout the facility.

At 7 pm, the focus will shift to the Alumni Center ballroom, where participants will be seated at tables of 8 for a fast-paced, interactive Town Hall. The program includes three parts, each with a presentation from the main stage followed by discussion and activity at the tables. The program will

include the annual Community Scrapbook, a slide presentation highlighting the sustainability achievements of local organizations and businesses during the past year – actions that are moving our community toward our goals of environmental quality, social equity, and economic vitality.



Asher Miller

The League’s 2017 accomplishments will be included in the program.

Keynote speaker, Asher Miller, the Executive Director of the [Post Carbon Institute](#), will speak on “Post Carbon Corvallis: Creating a Resilient Community”. Founded in 2003, the Post Carbon Institute is leading the transition to a more resilient, equitable,

and sustainable world by providing individuals and communities with the resources needed to understand and respond to the interrelated ecological, economic, energy, and equity crises of the 21st century. Miller is one of the authors featured in [“The Community Resilience Reader”](#), published in September 2017. Following his presentation, Town Hall attendees will participate in an electronic voting activity related to the Corvallis Climate Action Plan.

The Fair and Town Hall are organized by the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, a network of more than 350 partner organizations and hundreds of individual volunteers working together to create a sustainable community. Primary event sponsors are the OSU Office of Sustainability, Block 15, Abundant Solar, Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, First Alternative Co-op, and Solar Ki.

This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome, but space at the Town Hall is limited. Register by March 5th at www.sustainablecorvallis.org. Information: 541-230-1237.

Climate Change Report

The newly-appointed Climate Action Advisory Board (CAAB) of the City of Corvallis work to develop its Work Plan over the next several months to make progress toward the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission target in the Corvallis Climate Action Plan – reduce GHG emissions 75 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

The Benton County Board of Commissioners joined the State of Oregon, 9 local governments, 13 colleges and universities, and more than 50 Oregon organizations and private businesses by signing the “We Are Still In” pledge to implement the intent of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement. In December 2017, the Board passed a resolution that affirms the county’s commitment to addressing climate change, reducing GHG emission and to develop a climate action plan. See https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/board_of_commissioners_office/page/5293/climate-resolution-r2017-025-signed.pdf

The Clean Energy Jobs Bill (SB 1507/HB 4001) Lobby Day at the Capitol on February 12th involved over 7 local League members and over 500 participants. Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek announced amendment 12

to HB 4001 that would allow the lawmakers to vote on the “cap” for GHG emissions this session while delaying a vote on the “trade” portion of the bill until next year. It is unclear if this type of workaround will pass this session. The ultimate goal is to reduce emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. See

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/climate-change-carbon-emissions-oregon-cap-trade-bill-timeline/>

Join us at our next meeting at noon on Friday, March 2 to finalize plans for our table at the Sustainability Fair. For more information contact Claudia at ca.keith@comcast.net

– Claudia Keith, Climate Change Committee Chair



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LWV Calendar

March

- Fri 2 Climate Change Committee Mtg, Noon
- Sat 3 Legislature Update, 10-11:30 AM, Library
- Wed 7 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- Thur 8 Housing Committee, 2 PM, Habitat Ofc,
- S-S 11-17 Sunshine Week
- Mon 12 Sustainability Town Hall, 5-9 PM,
CH2M Hill Alumni Center
- Wed 14 Monthly Meeting: *Density by Design*,
7 PM, Library
- Thur 15 Community Planning Committee, 4 PM

April

- Wed 4 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- Fri 6 Climate Change Committee Mtg, Noon
- Wed 11 Monthly Meeting, *Water*, 7 PM, Library
- Thur 12 Housing Committee, Habitat Ofc, 2 PM
- Tue 24 Ballot Measures, 7 PM, Library
- Wed 25 Candidates' Forum, 7 PM, Library

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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
P.O. Box 1679, Corvallis, OR 97339-1679

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