

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CORVALLIS



Monthly Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

League Friends,

Another midterm election has come and (almost) gone! The results for the Corvallis mayor and Ward 9 council seats won't be final until the ranked choice votes are tallied in early December. It is quite interesting to go the [Benton County Elections Results website](#) and look at the numbers. For instance, of the 60,863 active registered voters, 45,463 turned in ballots, for an overall turnout of 74.7%. There is so much information about local elections here, results are broken down by local contests, local results for state contests, and state results. The archives go as far back as 1852 when handwritten results were tallied by placing tick marks in rows or columns! The [Oregon Secretary of State's election results page](#) is similarly full of information about every election in the state. This site includes a state map with links to the election results in every county. The three counties with the highest voter turnout were Benton (74.7%), Grant (74.3%) and Wheeler (78.3%) counties. The lowest voter turnouts were in Malheur (51.2%) and Umatilla (49.1%).

Of course, it would be wonderful to see higher turnout. As LWW members, we can help to make this happen by taking to heart the League's mission of Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy. Our local candidate forums and the recent analysis of the midterm elections are two examples. Did you know our local League has a [YouTube channel](#)? If you missed one of the election analyses or candidates forums, check them out! Also, be on the lookout for the Legislative Updates starting with the 2023 OR Legislative Session.

In League,

Connie Bozarth, President
League of Women Voters of Corvallis

CLIMATE EMERGENCY: NEW FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Climate Change Committee

6:30 - 8:00 PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
VIA ZOOM

Explore recent federal legislation, with a special emphasis on the Inflation Reduction Act, with a panel of experts. We will explore opportunities for Oregonians to take action to mitigate the climate emergency. Some questions that will be addressed are: What programs are included for greenhouse gas reduction? How will Oregon state benefit in terms of energy? How can households and individuals benefit? What are the opportunities to improve environmental justice for communities of color and low-income communities in Oregon?

PANELISTS

- **Jeff Hammarlund**, PSU Center for Public Service, advisor on climate policy and implementation at the federal level
- **Christy Splitt**, Oregon Department of Energy, Government Relations Coordinator, environmental advocate
- **Representative** from State of Oregon Environmental Justice Council

REGISTER TO ATTEND

Visit <https://lww.corvallis.or.us/event/climate-emergency/> to register in advance for this webinar.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



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- League of Women Voters of Portland
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- The Linn County Unit of League of Women Voters of Oregon
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis
- YouCan Corvallis

KNOW YOUR CITY PROGRAMS RETURN FOR 5TH YEAR

Katherine Bremser, Community Planning Committee

January will bring the Community Planning Committee’s fifth Know Your City Series. For 2023 we have two hybrid programs scheduled – “How to Engage with the City” on January 23 and “Your City Services Bill Explained” on January 31. You will be able to attend in person at the Corvallis Community Center or via zoom. Both programs will start at 7:00 pm.

HOW TO ENGAGE WITH THE CITY

7:00 PM | MONDAY, JANUARY 23
CORVALLIS COMMUNITY CENTER
OR VIA ZOOM

Would you like to get involved with City events but don’t know how to learn about what’s available? Are you interested in serving on a City board or commission but don’t know what opportunities there are? Would you like guidance on how to testify to the Planning Commission or City Council? Do you want to know about City parks? Have you been unsuccessful in trying to find information about earlier land use actions? Have you been hearing the term IAP2 and are curious about what it means? Join Patrick Rollens, Corvallis City Public Information Officer, for an exploration of the City’s website and resources on January 23.

YOUR CITY SERVICES BILL EXPLAINED

7:00 PM | TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
CORVALLIS COMMUNITY CENTER
OR VIA ZOOM

Do you remember when the bill you received from the City was just the water bill? Do you wonder how and why it became the City Services Bill? Are you concerned about what your dollars support? Would you like to give input when the City considers rate increases? Join Hal Brauner, former City Councilor who chaired the task force that studied the City’s financial needs and how to best meet them, on January 31.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

An Excellent Way to Participate in Democracy

FRUIT SALE PUBLICITY

This involves publicizing our fruit sale in the fall/early winter.
A seasonal position!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Dates are February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3.
Come early to help set up and get best seat! Volunteer for one or all!

TREASURER

We need a new treasurer. Sara is ready to step aside after many years of filling this role.

Want to volunteer but not sure where? Let's talk! Contact Connie Bozarth at bozarthclwvc@gmail.com.



SARA INGLE RECEIVES AWARD

from Benton Community Foundation

Housing Committee member and long time Corvallis LWV treasurer Sara Ingle was recognized by the Benton Community Foundation as the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser for 2022. Sara, as President of Stone Soup, steered that organization through many travails stemming from the pandemic. The award was given at a luncheon on November 9th held at the OSU Alumni Center and attended by hundreds, with the presentation recognizing and thanking Sara for her years of contribution to the community.

We are all so proud of Sara and the work she does to make our community a better and more welcoming place.



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