

# LWV Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

APRIL 2024

## GETTING OUR LEAGUE READY FOR 2024-2025 - WE NEED YOU!

by Maureen Mader and Lynette Pierson Co-Presidents [president@lwwclackamas.org](mailto:president@lwwclackamas.org)

It is always fun to get together with other League members, and discuss what's going on. Our next opportunity is the **2024 Annual Meeting on May 4th at 10am** in the Community Room at Oswego Pointe. (details following) We need your presence to attain a quorum in order to VOTE on several important proposals for our 2024-2025 year. These include:

- 2024-2025 Program
- Streamlined Organizational Structure
- 2024-2025 Budget

Please join us to say thank you to our outgoing Board members and meet and welcome our newer members. We hope to see you there!

Everyone's lives are so busy these days with work, family and volunteering that it is difficult to find time to do more, even for LWV of Clackamas County. In that light, our Board is recommending streamlining our League structure for the future so that we can more efficiently operate with fewer members in leadership and less administrative work. A change to organizational structure is not something to consider lightly and requires a formal vote of membership. Be assured your Board has had discussions with LWVOR and its Leadership Coaches about our options and carefully deliberated before deciding on the best option for our League. Our recommendation will be included in the Annual Meeting Workbook which will be mailed to you on or before April 4th. The Workbook will explain the Streamlining Proposal in more detail. Please carefully read through it and come to the Annual Meeting prepared to vote on it as well as the Program Proposal and Budget. We are thankful for your commitment to our League and to our mission to promote democracy! We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

- Maureen and Lynette

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO LWV OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY!

by Diana DeMaria [membership@lwwclackamas.org](mailto:membership@lwwclackamas.org)

A HUGE WELCOME to new League members **Sarah Napier** and **Anne Prindiville**, whose contact info can be found in the Members Only section of our website. If you need help to access that section or want to request the current online directory or membership rosters, please email Diana.

## RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY FIRST WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 AT 7:00PM ON ZOOM

by Communications Team [communications@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:communications@lwvclackamas.org)



Join us on Zoom to meet Melanie Billings-Yun, LWVPDX Ranked Choice Voting Chair. She was a member of the Charter Commission that crafted changes to Portland's form of government and electoral system that were approved by voters in 2022, and will explain why these changes were introduced and how the new system works.

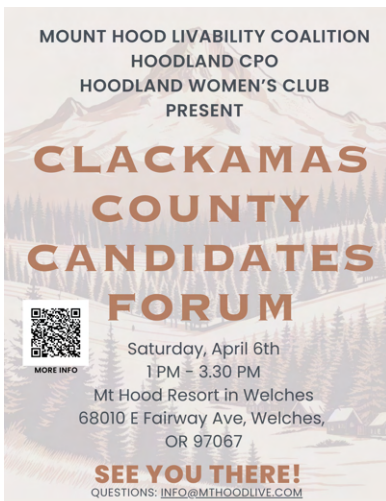
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This election year Portlanders in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties will be using a new voting system to elect their Mayor, Auditor and City Council. Instead of a primary followed by a general election, these positions will all be elected in a single November election using Ranked Choice Voting.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER/SHERIFF CANDIDATE FORUM SAT, APRIL 6 AT 1:00PM AT MT HOOD RESORT, WELCHES

by Maureen Mader [voterservice@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvclackamas.org)

<https://mthoodlive.com/index.php/2024/03/14/clackamas-county-candidate-forum>



Join us to answer the call for League, and carpooling is available! Our League has been asked to support this nonpartisan forum with follow-up Q&A and Candidate Meet & Greet for all Clackamas County Commissioner and Sheriff candidates. This forum will focus on unincorporated Clackamas County issues, though all residents are welcome. Our League is also busy recording forums and interviews for the entire county that will be available on our website and Vote411.org for those candidates who choose to participate.

## BOOK CLUB: *WHY WE'RE POLARIZED* by Ezra Klein THURSDAY, APRIL 11 AT 1:00PM IN LAKE OSWEGO MARY'S WOODS, PEPIN BUILDING 565 MESNARD ST.

by Margie Whitmore [froulady@gmail.com](mailto:froulady@gmail.com) 360-621-9112



Drop by even if you didn't get to the end quite yet! It is more fun and most of us get more out of a book when we can discuss it with others, and as League members, we know how important it is to educate ourselves about history, government, current events, and policy issues. We'll be gathering in person every other month, no RSVP required, just try to read the book and be prepared for a lively discussion (and snacks). The Pepin Building is in the Village Section on the right side of Mesnard Street, with plenty of parking.

## **APRIL UNIT MEETINGS: 2024 ELECTION AND TRUSTED INFORMATION**

**by League of Women Voters of Clackamas County Unit Leaders**

You're invited to meet up in League Unit Meetings in April! Unit Meetings are small group discussions (and they can get lively) on current issues for Clackamas County and Oregon, including League plans and priorities for Making Democracy Work. Stop by one (or more!) unit meetings that may work for your schedule and in locations that are convenient to you. Guests are more than welcome and carpooling can be arranged. Look for the mailchimp reminder and contact the unit leader with any questions. See you soon!

### **April 15 at 5:30pm in Lake Oswego**

In-Person Unit Meeting on **Monday** at the Fireside Room, Oswego Pointe Condominiums 5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego **RSVP** to Betty Barber at [barberbc@yahoo.com](mailto:barberbc@yahoo.com)

### **April 16 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Virtual Unit Meeting on **Tuesday** Evening

**RSVP** to Nancy Murray at [n.murray.01@hotmail.com](mailto:n.murray.01@hotmail.com) to receive a link

### **April 24 at 2:30pm in Wilsonville**

In-Person Unit Meeting on **Wednesday** at Portera, 8945 SW Ash Meadows Circle

**RSVP** to Dolores Passarelle at [dpassar07@gmail.com](mailto:dpassar07@gmail.com) or call (503) 577-9011 for directions

### **April 25 at 2:00 pm at Mary's Woods, Pepin Building, in Lake Oswego**

In-Person Unit Meeting on **Thursday** at 565 Mesnard St (In Village Section on right side)

**RSVP** to Nancy Leavens at [nancyp.leavens@gmail.com](mailto:nancyp.leavens@gmail.com) or call (415) 990-8196 for directions

“In a world of disinformation, fake news and AI generated ads: Who do you trust?”

## **ANNUAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024 AT 10:00AM WITH LIGHT BRUNCH AND BEVERAGE REFRESHMENT PROVIDED Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, 5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego**

**by Nancy Murray, Treasurer [treasurer@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:treasurer@lwvclackamas.org)**

Mark your calendar! This year's annual business meeting is critically important to all of us. We are developing a new trial leadership format for the coming League year, as we have too few active members available and willing to serve on a traditional-sized board. The format is based on one proposed by LWVUS, our national League. A Core Team can be supported by teams of League members for voter service, action, and events, with several general meetings plus small-group unit meetings. Stay tuned. **CARPPOOL AND BRING A LEAGUE FRIEND!**

## 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER SERVICE

by Maureen Mader [voterservice@lwwclackamas.org](mailto:voterservice@lwwclackamas.org)

Voter Service has been gearing up for the May 21st primary election. Meg Thompson, Betty Janes, Pat Walls, and Maegan Vidal have been sharing their time and talent helping move through our primary checklist of tasks. Our checklist includes:

- Encouraging candidates to complete their profiles on [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org)
- Distributing printed LWV Voters Guide to community centers, libraries and retirement complexes in Clackamas County
- Scheduling candidate interviews on Tualatin Valley Cable TV (TVCTV) - county commissioners, county sheriff and West Linn City councilors
- Scheduling County Commissioner and Sheriff forums at Willamette Falls Studio
- Preparing candidate questions for interviews and forums
- Confirming interviewers and forum moderators

We remind candidates of the benefits of participating in the interviews and forums including exposure to voters through our various communication channels. Forums may include up to three county commissioner races and the county sheriff races. We will not have a forum unless **at least two candidates** agree to participate per race. Forums are not finalized at this date.

The candidate interviews and forums will be recorded for broadcast at a later date. Interviews will be available on TVCTV's YouTube station. Candidates can post their interview link to their profile on [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) and you can watch these interviews on the LWV of Clackamas County website. The forums will be available on Willamette Falls Studio Channel 23 in east parts of Clackamas County on Comcast. Links to the forums will also be posted on the website of [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org), the League's election information website, and the LWV Clackamas County website, [/my.lww.org/oregon/clackamas-county](http://my.lww.org/oregon/clackamas-county).

The county races can be decided in May if one candidate gets more than 50% of the vote.

### Important Dates:

- April 15th: [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) goes live
- April 18th: LWV Printed Voter Guide available
- April 30th: Last Day to Register to Vote for May Primary
- May 1st: Social media blitz promoting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).
- May 1st: Candidate interviews and forums available for viewing.
- May 7th: Last day for county clerk to mail voter ballots
- **MAY 21st: Election Day**



## LOCAL ACTION ON HEALTH CARE

by Mary Jensen [localaction@lwgclackamas.org](mailto:localaction@lwgclackamas.org)

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners has approved funding of over \$16 million from the Oregon Health Authority for mental health and addiction recovery and prevention and just one part of the board's efforts to build a coordinated system of services to provide many pathways to recovery based on individual needs. "This especially helps people who may not have insurance, for situations such as walk-in services and acute crises. It doesn't matter which door you enter; you will receive help in Clackamas County," Cook said. The board is investing in infrastructure and programs: This summer, the county's outpatient health center will open on Lake Road in Milwaukie, to focus on specialty mental health and substance use disorder services. In 2025, a crisis center will open to reduce the strain on local law enforcement and hospitals. This center will provide direct access to assessment and treatment programs. The county is investing in a large number of homes where homeless individuals can go after a medical release to recover or continue their treatment and planning for a recovery center where people experiencing substance use disorders, many of whom are homeless, can receive help to successfully reenter the community.

## 1-2-3: TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT NEAR YOU

by Mary Jensen [localaction@lwgclackamas.org](mailto:localaction@lwgclackamas.org)

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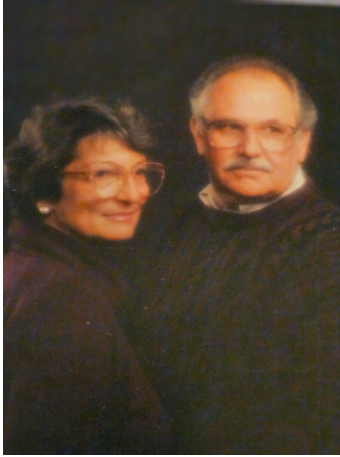
- 1 Check out our <https://my.lwg.org/oregon/clackamas-county/clackamas-county-civics-calendar>
- 2 Watch a meeting in person, via live streaming or via recorded video on your schedule
- 3 Fill in a single-page form with your observations and send to [localaction@lwgclackamas.org](mailto:localaction@lwgclackamas.org)

3/7/2024 BCC Report: The bulk of the Board of County Commissioners meeting was a consent agenda, however, there was a positive resident interaction with a clearly distressed elderly woman who was accompanied to the podium by one of her sons. She began with a long introduction to her decades in Clackamas County and her now-grown children's military service. Her son, who had notes and was likely supposed to speak for her, became agitated as her allotted speaking time was expiring. Chair Smith spoke up, assured them his mother could speak and if he wanted to add anything later, he could. After decades of living in two homes on their lot, even having county permits for both, they understood the county wanted them to tear down one of the houses. Another son who is a disabled military veteran spoke about his service, his disability, his four heart attacks and lives in one home. (The mother and other family lives in the other.) He was concerned that he would be homeless. Chair Smith directed staff to engage with this family and Administrator Schmit texted his staff immediately to come to the hearing room to work with this family and confirmed no orders or fines had yet been issued. Commissioner Shull assured them the county respected private property rights and he hoped they would be able to help this family. Staff was on the way when the meeting concluded and Chair Smith indicated her expectation that staff would work with the family on a resolution.



## IN MEMORIAM: RENEE PAUDLER

by her daughter, Leslie Caffall



Renee and William Paudler both come to America after World War II via very different routes but for the same reason. William had been a runner (at age 10) for the Jewish underground and then hid with his family in Germany until after the war, they could move to the United States, while Renee and her family escaped from Yugoslavia and then came to America aboard the Queen Mary. They both ended up in Chicago, where they were introduced to each other by their parents. They married, and welcomed three children; Gary, Leslie and David, and eventually moved to Oregon in 1981 when William became the Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dean for Portland State University. They became proud grandparents of Zachary and Jordan, and then of great-grandsons Lennox and Riley. Renee taught many private art classes in Ohio, Alabama and Oregon, and taught art classes at PSU for many years. Renee was born December 21st, 1932, and reached her 91st year staying very close with her family, with frequent visits that included home baked cookies to share with her neighbors at her care facility. Renee passed away peacefully on March 7, 2024, and family condolences can be sent to her daughter, Leslie Caffall at [lcaffall45@yahoo.com](mailto:lcaffall45@yahoo.com).



### Memories of Renee by Janet Brumbaugh

Renee and I first met over 25 years ago at Kol Shalom (a Jewish humanist organization). We were both pleasantly surprised that we only lived a mile apart and became close friends. On our trips around town and over coffee, we would swap stories of our children, grandchildren and in Renee's case her cherished great grandkids as well! We shared both our joys and sorrows and Renee just had an uncanny knack to say just the right word or "turn of phrase", really getting whatever myself or others might be going through at the time. Also, Renee had a passion for social justice. She, with others in our RESULTS.org members (citizen's lobbying group) called, wrote letters and lobbied our local representative for equity in healthcare and education. As some of you may know, Renee was an artist as well as an art teacher. On our walks, the artist in her shone through. She would often draw my attention to the beauty of a dramatic sky, different types of flowers and the way the sunlight illuminated the trees in autumn. I miss her a bunch, and do think of her most when seeing a sunset or how the light hits the leaves and remembering her reminder to enjoy the beauty all around us!



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## “Members Only” RESOURCES ON OUR WEBSITE

By Lynette Pierson [technology@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:technology@lwvclackamas.org)



Did you know that there is a **Members Only section** on our website? In it, you’ll find useful information such as the up-to-date Member Directory, Rosters by city or last name, our Local League positions and more. Confused by League lingo? There’s an explanation in there, too!

To access the **Members Only section**: Visit our website at [lwvclackamas.org](http://lwvclackamas.org) and at the top of the website landing page (photo above), select My Account, and enter your ID and password. Email [membership@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:membership@lwvclackamas.org) for help, if needed. Once you are logged in, look for “Members” listed in the black navigation bar on the website landing page and select from one of the many options there. If you are not logged in, you will not see the word “Members,” but can still use the public website resources anytime.





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- This is a gift membership. (Please provide the recipient's contact information above.)
- I am interested in volunteering for the League. Please contact me.

Annual dues: \$70 Individual. \$105 Household. Full-time student attending an accredited institution or adult under age 25 free! Membership grants are available. Pay online (<https://my.lwv.org/oregon/clackamas>) or mail this form. Please make checks payable to LWVCC, PO Box 411, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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