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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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Clackamas County's Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Nancy Murray

For the last two years, a Climate Action Task Force (CATF) has been meeting with consultants hired by the County to draw up an action plan with goals, targets, and an implementation guide to meet carbon neutral goals by 2050. There are many policies, programs, initiatives and infrastructure investments needed in order for the CAP to be fully realized, and Clackamas Co. does not have authority over many of the contributing emissions or energy generation, for example. It is complicated to say the least, but as one participant said, the situation is dire, so we need to swing for the fences. Yet, several task force members expressed unease that there are many goals and actions in the plan that don't appear feasible for one reason or another.

The action plan addresses nine distinct sectors: Active transportation; Clean heating; Building retrofits; New building performance; Low emissions vehicles; Transit; Energy generation; Waste and wastewater; Natural sequestration.

If Clackamas Co. wants to be eligible to receive implementation money from other jurisdictions (State and Federal), it must have an action plan in place. Once past this hurdle, actionable implementation plans, policies, and more refined feasibility studies will be required.

For a look at the current stage of the CAP, visit:

<https://www.clackamas.us/sustainability/climateaction>

The key focus areas for Clackamas County's CAP align with the following nine distinct sectors identified by the consultant through technical modeling, reviews of best practices and local context, and engagement.

The Clackamas County Climate Action Plan (CAP) outlines the County's pathway to reach carbon neutrality by 2050. This implementation guide brings that pathway to life by providing information about the policies, programs, initiatives, and infrastructure investments needed in order for Clackamas County to implement the CAP by: • Reducing emissions to meet the carbon-neutral target, • Creating the necessary work plans, and • Conducting operational and feasibility studies.

Annual Meeting



Our Annual Meeting will be held Saturday morning, **April 29 at 10:45-noon** at the **Oswego Foothills Clubhouse**, 5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego. It is a business meeting to elect new officers and directors, pass a budget, and direct the board for next year. The workbook is available on our website and by a link from the email you received via MailChimp. We need a quorum to do business, so please come. Refreshments will be provided.

Progress on Gun Safety and Violence Prevention in Oregon

Marge Easley, LWVOR Criminal Justice Coordinator

Yet another school shooting, this time in Tennessee, has brought another round of divisive rhetoric on what needs to be done to curb gun violence in this country. I am happy to say that Oregon is taking a pro-active approach this legislative session, despite adamant opposition from gun supporters. Below are links to League testimony submitted to the House Judiciary Committee on three of the gun safety bills scheduled for work sessions before April 5. The League delivered oral testimony on SB 348 in the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 27:

[HB 2005](#) bans undetectable, untraceable firearms (“ghost guns”).
[HB 2006](#) sets a minimum age of 21 to purchase a firearm, with the exception of hunting rifles and shotguns.

[HB 2007](#) expands the number of public jurisdictions that can establish gun-free zones.

SB 348-3 changes Oregon firearm statutes and sets up the implementation of Measure 114, the 2022 ballot measure that requires a permit-to-purchase a firearm and bans large capacity magazines. Despite court challenges to the measure, the League along with other gun safety advocates are urging passage of the bill this session, so that funding and processes will be in place as soon as implementation can proceed.

In addition to gun safety bills, violence prevention efforts will soon receive a sizable allocation of federal and state dollars. Legislation was passed in early March allotting nearly \$40 million for various programs in the state, including:

- \$15 million for community-based violence prevention grants from the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.
- \$11.25 million for the federal Victims of Crime Act grant (VOCA) to support survivors of violent crimes – including gun violence.
- \$10 million for state-funded grants to domestic and sexual violence service providers throughout the state, including federally recognized tribal governments.
- \$2 million for the Crime Victims and Survivor Services Division, as a special payment for distribution to nonprofit entities to assist survivors of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking in maintaining or acquiring housing.

LWVCC Leaders

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Monday: Betty Barber
 Wednesday: Mary O'Reilly
 Thursday: Katie Lu
 Friday: Lea Wells

<https://my.lwv.org/oregon/clackamas-county>

Save the Date
Patio Party
Saturday, June 17

LWVOR State Convention



LWVOR's State Convention will be held in Eugene on **May 19-21** at the Graduate Hotel. Thank you to **Libby Medley** who served on the state board nominating committee these past months. **Diana DeMaria**, our membership chair, will serve LWVOR in an off-board position to advance the Youth Outreach program. We are hoping to send a couple delegates to Eugene. Stay tuned

May Special Election Important Dates & Information

Maureen Mader, Voter Service

- **April 25th** -
 - Voter Registration Deadline. The Clerk's office will have extended hours from 8:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. that day.
- **April 26th** -
 - Clackamas County Elections will begin to mail ballots to voters.
- **May 16th** -
 - Election Day Return your voted ballot to an official ballot drop box or by mail (with a valid postmark) by 8 p.m. Election and candidate information can be found in the Voters Pamphlet provided by the county.

Interested in Being More Involved?

- **Temporary Election Worker Information:**
 - The Clackamas County Clerk is recruiting for Temporary Election Workers for Special District election and beyond. If you are interested you can learn more here: <https://www.clackamas.us/elections/temporary-workers>.
- **Tour of County Clerk Office**
 - Catherine McMullen, the County Clerk, has offered to provide us with a tour of the Election Office.
 - Tour information:
 - Limited to 10 people
 - Duration: an hour
 - Location: County Clerk's office in Oregon City
 - Date: TBD (between May 2nd and May 16th)
 - Time: TBD (between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.)
 - If you are interested, please email me by **April 17th** and give me two or three dates/times that would work for you. I will coordinate a time that works for interested participants and the county.
- **West Linn Candidate Forum**
 - TBD - In planning process for Mayor/School Board candidates.

Lifetime Member Spotlight: Beryl Dahl

Beryl Brechbill was born a rebel into a devout Methodist family in Missoula, Montana that didn't quite know what to do with their 'fun-raiser'. Her mother taught school until she chose to stay home with Beryl and her younger sister. Beryl fondly remembers her brilliant father who worked at the post office for 36 years until he retired. Beryl's younger sister resides nearby in memory care at Mary's Woods.

Beryl worked as a hospital aide and for the telephone company. She then went on to study jazz and music at the University of Montana for a few years. At age twenty, she decided to move to San Francisco, the most exciting city she had heard of.

Her future husband, Vic Dahl, was stationed at Travis Air Force Base as Adjutant of the Air Police Squadron, but would drive into the city most weekends so they could spend time together. They married in February of 1954. Her math-oriented brain received job offers in banking, but she stayed involved in music while she and Vic raised their son Victor "Tor" and three daughters, Camilla, Antonia and Marcy.

After Vic left active duty, he attended UC Berkeley for \$50 a semester, and received his PhD in History with emphasis in US and Latin American studies. They reluctantly left Berkeley for Lake Oswego when he began an illustrious career teaching at Portland State University.

Their first home was in Southwood Park, where a friend passionate about League of Women Voters invited her to help form a unit since Lake Oswego Village was several miles away. Beryl has been a continuous member of the League since 1960, maintaining her membership through years of travel to all seven continents and more than 60 countries, including a two-year hiatus as a family in Zagreb, Croatia.

Beryl has served as Unit Leader and Voter Service Chair. When Vic became a League member after he retired in 1990, Beryl remembers overcoming fear of public speaking to support one of his best studies on Home Rule, when she testified to the county, even with loud and contentious opposition in the room.

Beryl was an accomplished pianist and is a lifelong lover of music, deservedly proud of her self-taught skills in sight-reading and accompaniment. She loves pop music and worked through entire music books on her own to prepare for almost any type of act. She has been a passionate member of music societies, where they all pitched in to do mailings by hand. She vividly remembers performances of superb classical pieces, Welsh singers, and incredible musicians performing from all over the world, most before they became well-known.

Her encouragement for newer League members is to dive in for the intellectual learning experiences available in the League from incredibly smart and dedicated members and seize every opportunity to be a "fun-raiser" in community service while building lifelong friendships along with your legacy.



I-205 Toll Report comment period extended two weeks to April 21

[ODOT Tolling Update](#) With a toll, ODOT helps meet the goal of improved travel by managing traffic flow and helping to raise revenue for infrastructure improvements. The Keep Oregon Moving legislation (House Bill 2017) established a Congestion Relief Fund, which would receive any net proceeds from tolls. The Oregon Constitution (Article IX, Section 3a) specifies revenues collected from the use or operation of motor vehicles are to be spent on roadway projects, which could include construction or reconstruction of travel lanes, as well as bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety or transit improvements in or along the roadway.

There are serious mitigation concerns in the Clackamas County cities particularly impacted by diversion traffic resulting from this first Abernethy Bridge improvement and I-205 lane-expansion and tolling project. In July 2022, ODOT notified agencies, Tribes and the public of the changes made to incorporate comments in the I-205 Toll Project Environmental Assessment Report available by link below. Sign up for specific ODOT program updates i.e. OReGo (Road Usage Charge Program) at [ODOT e-News Subscribe](#)

Ways to learn more

Read the report. Read the [Environmental Assessment](#), appendices, technical reports and a multi-lingual summary fact sheet. In addition, an [interactive map](#) shows the effects at studied intersections and corridors.

Watch ODOT video series. ODOT has a series of short videos about the report and findings [here](#). Closed captions can be accessed in multiple languages. To view the most recent webinar, click [March 15th, 2023 ODOT Meeting Recording](#)

Join in person events.

At these events, attendees can review project materials, ask questions, and provide written comments about the Environmental Assessment. Visit www.OregonTolling.org for a complete list of locations and times.

Details on how to provide your feedback:

Submit comments in the way that works best for you by **4 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023**

- **Electronic comments: If you wish to submit an official comment on the I-205 Toll Project Environmental Assessment electronically, please use this multi-lingual [online comment form](#). If your comment includes an attachment, you may email it to I205TolIEA@odot.oregon.gov with "EA comments" in the subject line. All comments must be submitted by April 21, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to be considered.**
- **Mail:** Oregon Department of Transportation
Attn: Mandy Putney ODOT Urban Mobility Office
18277 SW Boones Ferry Road, Tualatin, OR 97224

All comments will be reviewed and will inform the next steps. ODOT will continue to provide ongoing project updates and opportunities for involvement.

LEAGUE NEWS AND RESOURCE ORIENTATION FOR NEW AND INTERESTED MEMBERS

7pm Zoom on Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Join us on Wednesday, April 19th via Zoom at 7:00 pm for a friendly and informative League News and Resource Orientation hosted by Action Chair, Marge Easley with Technology Director Lynette Pierson and other attending Board members who welcome new and interested members to stop by!

Please email membership@lwvclackamas.org to RSVP and expect your Zoom link the day before, plus a morning of and 1-hour prior reminder. New members over the last three months are automatically invited. Questions or issues you would like covered, please contact Diana DeMaria, Membership Chair. All are sincerely welcome.

^^^ YOU ARE INVITED ^^^

LWVOR ALMOST-SPRING ZOOM GET-TOGETHER

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

6 pm to 7:30 pm

Adult Beverages Provided Virtually

with

Delectable Virtual Hors d'oeuvres

Served with Flair and Imagination

Here's the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89309899029?pwd=d2dEUUdsR05Gem44Q1pUZUswSi9udz09>

First Topic of Discussion:

"The Pros and Cons of The C.R.A.A.P. Test" *

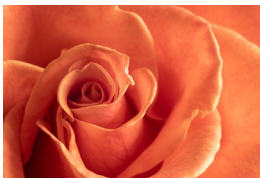
(Other topics announced at gathering)

Let's have a fun-filled evening with the largest gathering ever of Oregon LWV membership in one place (virtually) at one time!**

**Google "C.R.A.A.P." for examples, then print a copy of your choice*

***At least, on this date and at this time (as far as we know)*

Grand Floral Parade



LWVPDX has been accepted as a special entry for the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade on Saturday, June 10. They are very excited that we will be there.

People who want to join in should contact our Portland office at info@lwvpdx.org, 503-228-1675 to get on our list of participants. As we get closer to the date, we will send more information and there will be a release form.



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Join the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- I am a new member!
- I am renewing my membership.
- 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

Membership dues and donations are now tax deductible.

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