## League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area



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## Calendar

#### May

Wed., May 2, 6 - 7:00 PM: Ben Ross, author and public transit activist—All Uphill—will be speaking to the Midlands Transit Riders Association, Richland County Library, Main Branch, Assembly Street. He is also the author of Dead End-Suburban Sprawl and the Rebirth of American Urbanism.

Thurs., May 17, 5:30 PM, Annual Meeting at the home of Pat Forbis. Consider bringing easy-to-eat finger food—a favorite protein, heavy hors d'oeuvre, snack, or dessert to share. Last year lovely desserts were left over. See page 10 for slate of nominations and proposed budget to be reviewed as we sip, snack, and consider possibilities.

#### June

*Fri., June 8,* 5:00 PM, Deadline to apply for absentee by mail ballot for Primaries *Tue., June 12,* 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Statewide Primaries

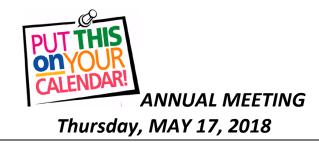
*Tues., June 26*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Primary Runoffs

*Thurs.* – *Sun.,* June 28 – July 1, National Convention in Chicago



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Please save the date for the Annual Meeting. It is always a fun affair with many good things to eat and drink, but most importantly, it is a time when you will cast your votes for the Board Members who are running for office for the 2018/2020 (two year term) League of Women Voters of the Columbia area. There are no more important positions in the League than to sit on the Board. Our Board members are ultimately responsible and accountable for everything the local League does and doesn't do. We are very fortunate to have an outstanding group of candidates.



Please see page <u>10</u> to review the slate of candidates for the Board, presented by the Nominating Committee. In addition, the slate of candidates for the 2018-2019 (one year term) Nominating Committee is presented. These committee candidates will also be elected at the May 17 meeting. Nominations for both slates will also be accepted from the floor, but please ask for and receive a positive response from new nominees before the meeting. *Marianne McGrath, Pat Manley, Susan James* 

## VIEW FROM RIVERS' EDGE

## Janelle Rivers

With the passing of Barbara Bush on April 17, the United States lost a unique role model. Various media outlets quoted John Cornyn, the Senate's Majority Whip, saying, "It's important for people to reflect on the dignity, civility and grace that she brought to public life." Among the memories of this white-haired wife of one president and mother of another, were recollections of her 1990 speech to the graduates of Wellesley College. That memory resonated especially with me because of the high value that the League of Women Voters places on civil discourse and tolerance. Here's part of what Barbara Bush told the graduates:



"Wellesley is not just a place, but an idea—an experiment in excellence in which diversity is not just tolerated, but is embraced. The essence of this spirit was captured in a moving speech about tolerance given last year by a student body president of one of your sister colleges."

She related the story by Robert Fulghum about a young pastor, finding himself in charge of some very energetic children, hits upon a game called "Giants, Wizards and Dwarfs." "You have to decide now," the pastor instructed the children, "which you are—a giant, a wizard or a dwarf?" At that, a small girl tugging at his pants leg, asks, "But where do the mermaids stand?" And the pastor tells her there are no mermaids. And she says, "Oh yes there are. I am a mermaid."

Now, this little girl knew what she was, and she was not about to give up on either her identity or the game. She intended to take her place wherever mermaids fit into the scheme of things. Where do the mermaids stand—all of those who are different, those who do not fit the boxes and the pigeonholes? "Answer that question," wrote Fulghum, "and you can build a school, a nation, or a whole world."

As that very wise young woman said, Diversity, like anything worth having, requires effort—effort to learn about and respect difference, to be compassionate with one another, to cherish our own identity, and to accept unconditionally the same in others.

"You should all be very proud that this is the Wellesley spirit." She went on to encourage the graduates to "believe in something larger than yourself, to get involved in some of the big ideas of our time."

This is also the spirit of the League of Women Voters. In the sense of this story, Barbara Bush was a mermaid. She worked tirelessly to support families living with AIDS, and her compassion spread to women seeking to control their own bodies and reproduction. Bush famously broke with the thencurrent Republican position as a pro-choice supporter of Planned Parenthood. Although her family downplayed that part of her life, Barbara Bush was always an advocate of sex education and access to safe, legal abortions, despite her husband's and son's administrative policies.

League members are mermaids (and mermen), too. So, bless the League for its civility, identity, leadership in support of democracy, and for its diversity, tolerance, and compassion. We can be proud of our identity as League members and seek out the places where the mermaids stand. *Janelle Rivers* 





## **OTHER NEWS**

OBSERVER CORPS WITNESSES FIREY EXCHANGE - Note: recent events demonstrate that League's traditional "watchdog" role continues to be vital in fostering accountability of local government to its citizens. Two years ago, League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area prioritized sending observers to meetings of the Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration. Several Observer Corps members have attended those meetings as the Commission struggled to address legal problems, hired a new director, and replaced one Commissioner whose term had ended. Tensions which built over the last few months erupted at the April 18 meeting. League's observer Robin White was one of only two citizens present at the meeting. Here is his account of the incident. JR

The Board meeting proceeded normally until Board Members returned from Executive Session. It was then that the following exchange took place.

Commissioner Mack demanded of Commissioner Emerson that Emerson give her some papers. Commissioner Emerson stated that as Vice Chairman she would keep the papers until their disposition was determined. Mack then approached Emerson and demanded that Emerson give her the papers. Emerson declined and then stated that she feared for her safety and requested security. Mack again approached Emerson and demanded the papers. Emerson again requested security to escort her to her car. During these interchanges a racially charged statement was made by Mack towards Emerson.

The Richland County Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Richland County Administration Building came into the chambers and took charge. He took the papers from Emerson and with advice from the Chair, gave the papers to staff for safekeeping. The meeting was finally adjourned by the Chair. Emerson was escorted from the chamber by the deputy.

The next day I had the opportunity to sit down with our LWV Columbia president and my wife after the Public Policy Luncheon. After some discussion, it was the consensus that I should email Cindi Ross Scoppe at *The State* with a brief synopsis of the exchange. I have had exchanges with her in the past. Ms. Scoppe returned my email indicating that she had passed my email to Sarah Ellis, a Metro reporter. Ms. Ellis called me the next day and we discussed the incident as described above. She indicated that she would follow up on the story. She did! On Wednesday, April 25, the lead article on the front page of *The State* was entitled—"Things get scary" with shouts, racial comment and security. Ms. Ellis had obtained a recording of the meeting which she used to write the story. Also, was included a link for electronic readers to hear parts of the recording.

The story and recording are available at <a href="http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article209610434.html">http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article209610434.html</a> and from links on Facebook and Twitter under the local League's user name, which is @lwvcolumbiasc. *Robin White* 

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### 2017-18 YEAR IN REVIEW—THANKS TO ALL! Janelle Rivers

Adequately thanking all the members who have contributed time, talent and treasure to the League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area this year is impossible, but I name a few of those who accepted and managed new leadership responsibilities. The League could not function without the dedicated efforts of all our members—those who willingly agree to help with projects when they are asked and those who faithfully lead continuing efforts year after year. Our work could not continue without them. Here's a big thank-you to all leaders and to all the members who represent the League on projects, such as staffing voter registration events, observing and reporting at public meetings, and presenting the League to the community. Let's review what we've accomplished together.

Adjusting Our Plans and Communicating with Members—our year began with a very sad event when we lost our capable and dedicated Communications Committee Chair, Sej Harmon. The Board immediately began working on a plan to cover the many responsibilities that Sej handled so beautifully in coordinating communications and supporting membership activities for the local League. Susan Cirulli has picked up the baton as Communications Chair, and Cheryl Sigmon stepped forward to assist Betsy Oakman in editing *League Lines*. Suzanne Rhodes and Pat Manley continued to manage the newsletter process, which is critical to keeping members informed.

The Nominations Committee had already updated some job descriptions, and Chairperson Marianne McGrath and I continued that updating process last summer. Directors began submitting brief written reports each month, and we tried some new ideas for organizing the local League's work. Ann Maletic researched our lapsed incorporation, and we reinstated that with the SC State Government. Throughout the year, the Board reviewed and discussed Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* in the context of service to the League of Women Voters.

I sought support from the national LWV office to handle trademark infringement, thus recovering access to the Columbia League's social media accounts. We recovered access to Facebook and Twitter and established the same new user name for both (@lwvcolumbiasc). We've been posting frequently about local and state issues. If you already haven't connected with those accounts, please do so!

We attempted to find an efficient new way to connect members' talents and interests with the opportunities for service in the local League. Our previous use of an interest form had not been as effective as we'd like. We're still working on that.

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REGISTER TO VOTE!

Margaret Anne DuBose has done wonderfully creative work this year with numerous voter registration events, including meaningful opportunities for League members to help register voters at local naturalization ceremonies in July and October. She organized and led National Voter Registration Day activities on September 26, 2017 at the Transportation Center, on the buses, and at Midlands Tech Airport Campus. On October 19, League members including Margaret Anne DuBose and Pat Mohr staffed an information and voter registration table at the state conference of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. In addition, League members staffed voter registration tables at other community activities, including the March for Our Lives on March 24 and Open Streets on April 22. So many League members and volunteer assistants have been wonderful about helping with voter registration this year, and their work has made a difference!

Carol Robinson, Pat Mohr, Harriet Williams, Margaret Anne, and I collaborated with Albert Robertson, social studies director in Lexington County School District One, to develop and refine presentations that offered information about the League and voter registration opportunities to high school students. Several newcomers to the League participated in the training and assisted with the execution of this pilot program, and the students enjoyed seeing Sharon Ayling in costume as a suffragette. About 450 students were registered during President's Week activities using those materials. Subsequently, Pat and Harriet have revised the materials based on evaluation feedback from the schools.

With design assistance from Pat Mohr and other League members, Sharon Ayling procured more than a thousand "Keep calm and vote" bumper stickers featuring the League logo and the scvotes.org web address. The bumper stickers have been given away at voter registration activities and other League events with the hope that people will display them on their vehicles and encourage friends and neighbors to study the candidates and the issues and then go to the polls and vote.

**Voter Guides and VOTE411**—In September, Anne Mellen, as representative for Lexington County, and Anne Sinclair, as representative for Richland County, began a voter guides project for the fall elections. They developed questions, contacted candidates, compiled responses, and distributed information via digital and print media at local events and through public libraries in both counties with help from several other League members.

Later in the year, LWVSC asked local Leagues to develop voter guides by licensing and promoting the League's VOTE411 software. Melissa Augsberger and Keller Barron agreed

to take on the responsibility for technical management and candidate information, respectively, with help from a committee of talented League members. In January, Laura Woliver recruited an intern from USC, Max Grandstaff, who has supported this committee's work.

Local Government and Observer Corps—Our able secretary, Sharon Ayling, procured large identification badges for members to wear when they are representing the League as observers and at public events. We recruited support liaisons to assist Missy Caughman in monitoring local government activities. Marcia Rowen and Barbara Beeler agreed to follow government activities for Richland County, and Debbie Dickinson began following government activities for Lexington County. Observer Corps members, who were recognized in last month's column, have continue to observe. Thankfully, we have a nominee for the Board who has agreed to help restart that activity. See "Observer Corps page 3

**Public Policy Luncheons and Member Meetings**—In August, we held a training retreat for the Board and a kick-off meeting and social gathering for the membership, which included a review of the League's consensus process for developing policy and using it to advocate with legislators.

Susan James has continued to coordinate our third-Thursday luncheons as smoothly and efficiently as ever. She comes early, stays late, and is prepared for any eventuality, including last-minute changes in plans. Topics for the Columbia League's monthly programs included: September: V. C. Summer Nuclear Plant Failure—Lynn Teague; October: Using Social Media & Voting—Christina Goodwin; November: Voter Suppression—John Ruoff; January: Program Planning—Christina Goodwin; February: Penny Sales Tax Issues—Greg Pierce; March: Bills Related to Women's Rights and Empowerment—Ashley Lidow; April: Environmental Update—Chester Sansbury.

In addition to her regular articles summarizing information from our Public Policy Luncheons, Pam Craig organized a committee and spent many hours planning a very successful birthday celebration and fundraiser to celebrate Sarah Leverette's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. Laurel and Arthur Suggs hosted a wonderful December party. Local members and guests contributed generously to raise funds for the League in honor of Sarah's many contributions to advocacy and good government in the Midlands and across the state. League members offered their skills and talents to produce a sumptuous buffet, beautiful decorations, and tributes to Sarah that included a resolution from the Columbia City Council and meaningful comments by Herb Hartsook.

The Columbia League held fall orientation sessions for new members in October and December. Marianne McGrath shepherded a project to create a *Meaning of Membership* booklet, which was completed and distributed locally in August. This readable

handbook for new members was well received and shared with other Leagues in South Carolina and at the LWVSC LEAD Day in February.

**Public Information and Advocacy**—The League offered a three-session winter book study of *Daring Democracy* by Frances Moore Lappe and Adam Eichen. Critical insights for remedying problems in our state and local governments that were derived from the book study served as the basis for my letter to the editor, which was published in *The State*. (See Members Corner, page <u>12</u>)

Last fall, Laura Woliver represented the local League on a panel at Benedict College to respond to a viewing of the movie *Equal Means Equal*, which tracked erosion of women's rights in recent years through judicial decisions. On the same evening, I served on a panel to discuss recent issues with respect to voting rights and voter suppression at Palmer Memorial Chapel's community events series; in the spring, I represented the League on a panel for Women in Philanthropy that focused on women in government.

In December, League members participated in a memorial service honoring Sej Harman's work with the Faith Coalition on Gun Violence. In March at the urging of the Columbia League, the Columbia City Council passed a resolution based on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted by the United Nations in 1979, but never ratified by the United States, Iran, Palau, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, or Tonga. Efforts in the U.S. to have cities, counties, and states pass resolutions in favor of CEDAW are a response to the gridlock in the U.S. Senate regarding international treaties (international treaties require presidential support and a two-thirds positive vote in the U.S. Senate) and resistance to efforts to codify and be held accountable for the advancement of women's status.

In April, our volunteer lobbyist presented a letter from the Columbia League to Senator Lindsay Graham along with letters from other South Carolina Leagues. The purpose was to ask Senator Graham to support common-sense measures to reduce gun violence.

The League co-sponsored an event with People for Reconciliation. The purpose of that effort was to develop appropriate historical context for some of the most controversial statues on the State House grounds.

Lill Mood and Julie Sellers have helped us follow issues with local transportation, including the redesign of Carolina Crossroads, formerly known as Malfunction Junction.

At the state level, Columbia League members and state League volunteer lobbyist Lynn Teague spent countless hours advocating for bills that are aligned with the League's formally adopted policies and attempting to assist with interventions to resolve or ameliorate the financial and political crisis created by the abandoned construction of the new V.C. Summer Nuclear Plants.

Redistricting and Gerrymandering—LWVSC asked local Leagues to help counter gerrymandering and promote public interest in the redistricting that will happen following the 2020 census. JoAnne Day coordinated a joint meeting with LWVSC in November where Lynn Teague provided the public with information about the need for redistricting and the League's efforts to develop improved criteria and processes for redistricting prior to the 2020 census. Lynn Teague, Anne Sinclair, JoAnne Day, Phyllis Jones, Candy Waites, and I have been trained and are available to present the LWVSC redistricting information to other organizations. Several of us have made presentations to local groups, including the Law School Students, Greater Irmo Democrat Club, Sierra Club, and Central SC Mensa. We are seeking more invitations to share the League's message about the need for redistricting. If you belong to a group that would like to schedule a program about gerrymandering, contact Sally Boyd (803-665-3813 or sallyb@mailbox.sc.edu), and she'll be happy to coordinate the arrangements.

Creating a More Perfect Democracy—As we approach the annual meeting in May, we know we have accomplished a lot. Janie White encourages us to celebrate our year of growth from 111 members to more than 150. In addition to adjusting the budget, we are making plans to provide voter information and encourage participation in upcoming primaries and elections, and thinking seriously about how to help our government function well at all levels—local, state, and national. The League's theme for the year is "Creating a More Perfect Democracy," which expresses the heart's desire of the League's many dedicated members. Supporting, protecting, and educating voters and nurturing the principles that guide our democracy have never been more important.

The League cannot do its work without the faithful service of its dedicated local members. So, orchids to each member who has helped this year and to everyone who is making a commitment to contribute time and talent for the coming year! Janelle Rivers

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APRIL ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON RECAP: Always in April, we have an environmental topic for our Public Policy Luncheon (PPL) in recognition of Earth Day.

Chester Sansbury started by giving us a history of how environmental issues became a concern with Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* in 1962. Ms. Carson's book was concerned about pesticides in the environment and to this day is interesting reading. The pollution of our air and water became a visible concern when the Cuyahoga River near Cleveland burst spontaneously into flames, and spilled oil fouled the California beaches. By the 1970's, Earth Day was declared, and environmental legislation began. Laws such as the Endangered Species Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) started the country on the path of recognizing the importance of understanding and protecting our environment.

Charles Calhoun talked about the categories of citizen concern regarding climate change. "Alarmed and Concerned" citizens comprise almost half of us. When a third category "Cautious" was added, it tipped the scales. "Disengaged, Doubtful, and Dismissive" were the last three categories, and they represented less than 30%.

The Citizens' Climate Lobby is pushing for a carbon fee and dividend plan. "Put a Price on Carbon" is their motto, and they hope the carbon "footprint" of citizens and corporations can be reduced. One interesting aspect is they support a tariff that would discourage businesses from relocating to places where CO2 emissions would not be monitored. To learn more about their organization and more details about their lobbying efforts, visit their website: citizensclimatelobby.org.

The other task they are\_focusing on is more legislators to support their policies. Joe Wilson has a grade of 0 and Jim Clyburn has an 87 on the League of Conservation Voters national scorecard. Take that information with you the next time you talk to your representative or vote.

Casey Brayton pointed out that her generation will deal daily with the effects of climate change. We see signs of it now, but, in a few more years, the coastline cities will be under water much of the time, not just at high tide. She pointed out that, even though they can vote, her generation is not old enough to run for Congress (25 years of age to run for the house and 30 for the senate). For this reason, she is focusing her attention at getting millennials more involved in the election process.

Casey also explained to us the Greenhouse Effect, but instead of going into detail, let me suggest that you google that information. Or visit PBS NOVA at <a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ice/greenhouse.html">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ice/greenhouse.html</a>

At the end of their presentations, there were questions - several good ones. I confess that this is the price you must pay for not attending. I got so involved with listening and participating I forgot to write down notes. In the meantime, if you are one of those alarmed or concerned, and you know we need to address the floating state of plastic in the Pacific, the tainted waters in Flint and other cities, I suggest you stay active and involved. I end this article the same way I end most articles about PPL topics: write, telephone, speak to your representative about those subjects that are important to you. If this luncheon topic wasn't important to you, I hope you will invest some time in another worthy legislative project. *Pam Craig* 

Chester's history of the environmental movement is available in digital form from Suzanne – suzrhodes@juno.com

Casey Brayton just received another honor: <a href="http://thetandd.com/casey-brayton-of-irmo-named-usc-s-ninth-truman-scholar/article">http://thetandd.com/casey-brayton-of-irmo-named-usc-s-ninth-truman-scholar/article</a> 238231a1-658c-5da5-904f-30fe6a2af50d.html



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COLUMBIA AREA SLATE FOR 2018-2020

**BOARD:** (Each a 2-year term):

Officers: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Vicki Vance

Treasurer Ann Maletic

Directors: Christina Goodwin

Barbara Beeler Susan Cirulli Missy Caughman Lady June Cole

**2018-2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE:** (Each a 1-year term)

Marianne McGrath, Chair; Pat Manley; Susan James

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019:

Treasurer Ann Maletic reports: We've had a banner year or two with increased membership driven in part by outside forces, in good measure by our current president and board members, and our hard-working membership director. Our membership now stands at over 150. If membership continues at this rate for the next two years, the LWV of the Columbia Area would be eligible to send four representatives to the national LWV Convention in 2020, providing extraordinary training opportunities for League leadership.

Please note the following items and issues in the Proposed Budget:

- Membership Income is "Up"—but this of course is countered by PMP (Per Membership Payments) to both National and State Leagues through which we get representation, guidance, and training. For every \$60 membership, \$32 goes to National, \$14 goes to state, leaving us \$14. Thus, it is through your generous donations that we can continue our work of voter awareness and voter education, including our Public Policy Luncheons.
- Donations are "Up"—with special thanks to our members, especially those sponsoring the Sarah Leverette Fund Raiser and Sarah's inspirational life work, we were able to raise over \$3,000.
- Consequently, our budget is increased for the upcoming year. It includes funds being "transferred in" from this current year, which allow us to further our goals of voter awareness and education, by:
  - -vote411 software and promotion
  - —purchasing a tent for LWV use at public events, such as Columbia Soda City Saturday
    Market
  - -cost for migrating to new national LWV software, which will improvement our website
  - —continuing and possibly expanding Public Policy Events
  - —saving towards 4 representatives (rather than 2) attending the National Convention in 2020.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS COLUMBIA AREA PROPOSED BUDGET 2018/2019

INC	2018 - 2019	
1	Membership Dues (154 as of Feb 2018)	9,240
2	Expected Contributions/Donations (including in-kind)	2,500
3	Transfers from LWV EdFund (.5 of PMP US=1608)	2,230
4	Transfer from BOA checking	2,609
5	Public Policy Events lunch collections (\$230x7=1610)	
6	Other (grants from SC or US)	0
7	TOTAL Income/Transfers>	18,179
EXP		
8	LWV- US Per Member Payment	4,462
9	LWV-SC Per Member Payment	1,952
10	President's Fund	100
11	Cell Phone	350
12	Post Office Box Rental	105
13	Copying/Printing/ Postage (50), League Lines, etc.	580
14	Website (to LWVCalif.) migration to new software	600
15	LWVCA's part of Voter411 software (LWVSC pays \$100)	300
16	Convening expenses for program planning, orientation, consensus meetings, annual meeting, fundraising	200
17	PayPal fee	30
18	Public Policy Events Room Rental	800
19	Public Policy Events Catering	1,600
20	LWVSC League Leaders Day (up to 12 @ 25 ea.=300)	300
21*	SC Convention (up to 10 delegates @100 ea.)	1,000
22*	Transfer to BOA Savings (1/2 of cost for 4 delegates @1600 ea. for biannual LWVUS Nat'l Convention 2020)	
23	Voter Services	500
24	Advocacy	500
25	Promotional items/publicity (redistrct, tent, envnmnt memb)	1,600
	TOTAL Expenses >>>>>	18,179

Lines 21 & 22 represent expenses for events on alternating years. State conventions are held during odd numbered years, Nation alon even numbered years. For this budget, we show the full expense for the 2019 state convention and we set aside 1/2 of the expense for delegates to the National convention which will occur in 2020.

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## **MEMBERS' CORNER**

President Janelle Rivers' letter to the editor was published in *The State*—"Members of the Columbia League of Women Voters recently studied the book *Daring Democracy* by Frances Moore Lappe and Adam Eichen, which identifies three threats to democracy: (1) concentrated power, (2) secrecy, and (3) a culture of blame." She goes on to describe our concern about gerrymandering. Read more: <a href="http://www.thestate.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article208147784.html">http://www.thestate.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/article208147784.html</a>





## **Extra Reading and Interests**

## WANT TO OWN COASTAL PROPERTY? Just stay in place:

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/04/20/sunday-review/climate-flood-quiz.html?smid=tw-nytopinion&smtyp=cur&mtrref=t.co&utm\_source=EHN&utm\_campaign=4bc6fd2ad4-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2018\_04\_22&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_8573f35474-4bc6fd2ad499388689



#### HOW TENNESSEE BECAME THE FINAL BATTLEGROUND IN THE FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGE -

One hundred years later, the campaign for the women's vote has many potent similarities to the politics of today. *Julie Sellers* 

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/mar18 pro smalltalk article-180968073/

When news of Tennessee's ratification reached Alice Paul on August 18, she sewed the thirty-sixth star onto her ratification banner and unfurled it from the balcony of Woman's Party headquarters in Washington.





Sewing the Star to the Banner

Alice Paul unfurling the Flag



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Facebook: To see our Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/LWVColumbiaSC/

#### OR

- 1. Go to YOUR Facebook page and begin typing "League of Women Voters of the Columbia Area" in the search box until a list pops up.
- 2. Click on the name League of Women Voters of Columbia, SC with the familiar blue LWV Logo on the left.

## Twitter:

1. Go to YOUR Twitter account and search for the League of Women Voters Columbia Area and connect.

Facebook and Twitter email address:

@LWVColumbiaSC



## **Columbia City Council**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 PM City Hall 1737 Main Street Columbia, SC 29201

Check website at <a href="https://www.columbiasc.net">www.columbiasc.net</a>

for more information.



## **Lexington County Council**

Meet: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 4:30 PM 2nd Floor County

Administration Building 212 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29072

For confirmation of meeting dates, please call 785-8103 or check website www.lexco.com



# Richland County Council

Meet: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:00 PM 2nd Floor County

Administration Building 2020 Hampton Street Columbia, SC 29202.

For more information, please contact the Clerk of Council Office @ (803) 576-2060 or check:

www.richlandonline.com

