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The Voter

OUR PRESIDENT'S REMARKS—Educating Voters and Ourselves

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

Now that we are in a midterm election season, our League is providing a variety of programs and activities to help keep all of us abreast of what is happening here in Volusia County. Local, state and national elections will impact us right here at home. We need you to join in the fun, volunteer to help and be ready to assist us in helping to educate voters and ourselves about elections, candidates and important issues.



To kick off this election season, Pat Rice, retired editor the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, summarized results of the recent primaries at our August meeting. Because Pat has chaired many candidate forums over these past ten years, his take on these elections has given us new insights into the election process.

On September 17, National Constitution Day, we met again at Volusia United Educators. Maria Pecoraro McCorkle, our speaker, helped us take a fresh look at the U.S. Constitution and the establishment of justice throughout in our country's history.

On October 18, at City Island Library in Daytona Beach, our upcoming Hot Topics program will help clarify the three proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution that will appear on the November 8th ballot. On November 15, Pat Rice will return to give us a wide-ranging wrap up of the fall elections.

After Sandy Horikami's retirement, Carolyn West has agreed to be interim editor of *The Voter*, with the stipulation we find a permanent editor of the online publication on our website. If you have computer and/or editorial skills, we need you! Maybe we can put together a newsletter team so one person doesn't have the full responsibility in producing this important organ of LWVVC. Please consider joining such a team.

Thanks to Judy Gordon, we have been holding periodic orientation sessions for our new members. These get-together events at our members' homes have helped introduce newcomers to LWVVC. Even if you happen to be a long-time member, you may want know how to get more involved in LWVVC. Our next meeting will be held on October 19 at 2:00 pm at Nick Junkins' house (1117 Valley View Lane, DeLand). Don't hesitate to get in touch with me by e-mailing: susancbayley@gmail.com. I will respond as quickly as I can.

--Susan Bayley, President LWVVC

UPCOMING LEAGUE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Panel Discussion: “The Struggle to ‘Heal Hard History’ in Volusia County”

When: Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 11 a.m. to noon (Check in at 10:45)

Where: Ormond Beach Public Library, 30 South Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

On October 8, a panel from the **Volusia Remembers Coalition** will tell us about their efforts to explore racial justice and healing. The mission of this group is to remember, acknowledge and reflect upon our history of racial terror. In April 2020, Volusia Remembers officially became a Community Partner of the Equal Justice Initiative. (See their website at <https://www.volusiaremembers.org/>)

Panel members will tell us how, through this partnership, they began soil collection for a ceremony honoring 1896 racial terror lynching victims Mr. Charles Harris and Mr. Anthony Johnson. The September 17, 2022 ceremony program shed light on Mr. Harris and Mr. Johnson's humanity and the miscarriage of justice they suffered at the hands of a white mob near what is today, Osteen.

If you wish to join us for lunch after the meeting, we will be going to: Lulu's Oceanside Grill, 30 South Atlantic Avenue, Ormond Beach. Please RSVP by October 6th to Jeanne Tanke: jeanne622lwvvc@gmail.com

Hot Topic: “Issues of Special Concern”

When: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Check in at 5:15)

Where: Daytona Beach Regional Library, 105 East Magnolia Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

“Volusia County Public School Media Centers— What is Happening?”

Presenter: Kris Smith, Media Services & Instructional Materials Specialist, Volusia County Public Schools
and

“Know Your Florida Constitutional Amendments” —Presenter: Pat Drago, League Speakers Bureau

Until recently, have you ever wondered how books are chosen to be in school media centers? Does the district just keep books forever or is there a method for retention? If I don't want my child/grandchild reading a book, is there a process for seeing that happen? What is going on now that new state laws have been passed regarding curriculum and restrictions on instruction?

Come hear Kris Smith, former Atlantic High School media specialist, Atlantic High School Teacher of the Year, and the upcoming President Elect of FAME, the state media specialist's organization, give us an overview of today's current situation in Volusia County public school media centers.

In addition, Pat Drago, a member of the League Speakers Bureau, will give a short presentation on the three Florida Constitutional Amendments that will be on the November general election ballot.

Join us for dinner afterwards at Stavro's Pizza across the street at 262 South Beach Street. Please RSVP by October 15th to Jeanne Tanke: jeanne622lwvvc@gmail.com

Hot Topic: "After the Election Reflections"

When: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Check in at 5:15)

Where: New Smyrna Beach Library, 1001 South Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

The 2022 general election will be over and we will be delighted to have Pat Rice return to give us an update on what to expect from the results. Pat, the former Editor of the *Daytona-Beach News Journal*, pays attention to every race in our county. He has moderated over 100 candidate forums, getting to know the issues all around Volusia County. His twelve years at the *New Journal* gave him a unique understanding of Volusia's political landscape. Let's get our election questions so we can discuss what the results may mean to our citizens.

After the presentation, you are interested, join us for dinner at The Corkscrew Bar and Grill, 235 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 for dinner if. Please let Jeanne Tanke (jeanne622lwvvc@gmail.com) know if you are coming to the meeting and specify whether you want to join us for dinner afterwards.

Holiday Social Event—Come Celebrate the Holidays with the Arts!



When: Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: CiCi and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art, 352 South Nova Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Cost: \$25.00 Hors d'oeuvres will be served with cash bar. (Cash or check only at the door)

Raffle: \$1.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 6 tickets Come celebrate with us amid gorgeous art work. Watch for your Constant Contact invitation and then please RSVP to Cathy Egley at: jetski49@bellsouth.net by Monday, November 28, 2022.

SPEAKERS BUREAU—Helping Educate Voters

As we get closer to the November general election, the speakers bureau presenters have transitioned from our ***Be Ready to Vote 2022*** to ***Decision 2022***. The program includes an explanation of the three proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution. As in the past, we explain the amendment and how a yes or no vote could possibly impact you as a citizen.

Thank you to the members of the Speakers Bureau for stepping up and taking on this monumental task. Currently, our Speakers Bureau consists of Carla Christianson, Clay Meek, Janet Nelson, Juanita Collins, Nancy Nusbaum, Nancy Vaughn, Nicki Junkins, Olga Hernandez, Pat Drago, Richard Denton and Saralee Morrissey.

Our upcoming presentations include the Soroptimist International, National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Southwest Democratic Club, Women into Lifelong Learning (WILL), Citizens of Ormond Beach, and American Association of University Women of New Smyrna Beach (AAUW).

We will also be doing a short presentation on the amendments at our October 18th League Hot Topic meeting. If you belong to an organization or group who would like a thorough explanation of the proposed amendments to our Florida Constitution, please contact me. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Speakers Bureau, please contact me at ahsmith5@bellsouth.net, or 386-235-3957.

--Ann Smith

VOTER SERVICE ACTION TEAM—Ongoing Voter Registration and Education Efforts

Our teams have continued to register voters at Speakers Bureau presentations and public gatherings. The volunteers included Jeanne Tanke, Vivian Lord, Libby and John Hildebrandt, and Lucy Christman. Nicki Junkins and Nancy Nusbaum registered voters at the Spring Hill T.U.R.N. festival on September 10. Several events are coming up this fall, including the following:

- Father Lopez Catholic High School on October 7
- Reproductive Rights Summit at the Deltona Center on September 24 (Nancy Nusbaum, Saralee Morrissey and, Jennifer Dever)
- New Smyrna Beach Farmer's Market on September 24 and October 1 (Noreen Brownson, Kathie Eichinger)
- Port Orange Family Festival, October 29 and 30

Jeanne Tanke led us in the Florida League's postcard campaign to notify returning citizens of their rights. Postcards were addressed and mailed to 1200 returning citizens by Jeanne, Nicki Junkins, Lynn Lempel, Carla Christianson, Lucy Christman, Libby and John Hilderbrandt, Monique Fischer, Mary Kiernan-Tighe, Vivian Lord, Noreen Brownson, Lucy Christman, Pat Cosby, Gail Merritt, and Judy and Travis Gordon

We wrote to church officials highlighting changes in regulations about returning vote-by-mail ballots. Non-compliance with the new state law is now considered a third-degree felony. In previous elections, ballots could be collected and returned by an individual for groups of voters. The new regulation allows a voter to return their own ballot and only two other ballots in addition to ballots for their immediate family members. This change will make voting more difficult for people who previously relied on their church because they are unable to take their ballot to a collection site.

After the primary election, Nicki Junkins updated the Vote411.org database for candidates who continue on to the general election and sent reminders to candidates who have not responded. Volusia has had an excellent rate of participation. Voters can find information about specific local issues, candidates and the three proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution that will appear on their November ballot: <https://www.lwv.org/elections/vote411>

Finally, despite the determined efforts of Nicki Junkins and Nancy Nusbaum to coordinate the high school voter education and registration program with Lisa Lewis, Volusia County's Supervisor of Elections (SOE), we were unable to coordinate schedules with the demands of the current election. This program will be rescheduled for Spring 2023.

League members should share basic information with family and friends who may not be aware of voting procedures. The deadline to register for the November 8 election is October 11. Vote-by-mail requests must be received by the Supervisor of Elections by October 29, after which time, ballots may be picked up at the Supervisor of Elections office in DeLand. Completed vote-by-mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day at the Supervisor of Elections office.

We recommend a 10-to-14-day lead time for post office returns. Check on the Supervisor of Elections website <https://www.volusiaelections.gov/> for early voting locations and locations for Election Day voting, which may be different.

--Nancy Nusbaum

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER INTERESTING YEAR— Renew Your League Membership!

If you've not done so already, please renew your League membership! Thank you for your past support and continuing involvement so that we can have the impact you've come to expect from the League. Your membership supports our mission to inform and engage citizens in understanding issues that involve their local community as well as those that affect us all statewide.

Our League of Women Voters of Volusia County (LWVVC) membership year begins annually on July 1st of each year. Thank you for renewing your membership and continued involvement in the League's work. If you have not yet done so, you have several options for renewal:

- 1) You can now pay your dues on our website www.LWVVC.org. Click on the upper right hand **JOIN** button on the homepage. You can renew and pay online.
- 2) No changes in your membership information? (Single membership \$60 and Family \$90) You can send in your dues check to our post office box: **LWVVC at P.O. Box 9695, Daytona Beach, FL 32120**
- 3) Want a Renewal Form? Call or send an email to Judy Gordon (386-441-586 jbgordon@cfl.rr.com) For those who do not recall whether you have already renewed your membership, just call or send an email to our Membership Chair Judy Gordon, and she will check for you.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR LEAGUE— New and Current Members Are Invited.

Join us on Saturday, October 29th from 2-4 pm at the home of Nicki Junkins (1117 Valle View Lane, DeLand) for a special opportunity to meet others and hear about the League's role in our community. Some possible questions you have might include the following:

How are Action Team topics chosen? Is there a special topic that interests you? Do you want to try something new, learn about an emerging issue, or develop a new skill? Or do you prefer to work on issues you already know about and lend your existing expertise? You can ease your way in or jump in full force--it's up to you, so bring any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you and learning about your interests in the League, so please let Judy Gordon know if you plan to attend at jbgordon@cfl.rr.com. After signing up, you'll receive a reminder as well as a copy of the Member Handbook as a PDF attachment. If you have friends who would like to learn about the League, they are welcome to join us.

-- Judy Gordon

OUR GENERAL MEETINGS—Educating Ourselves About the Issues



In August, retired *News-Journal* editor Pat Rice gave us a run-down on the results of the August primary elections and also filled us in on the

At our September meeting, our League President Susan Bayley and our Legislative Liaison Clay Meeks introduced the speaker— Attorney Maria McCorkle— as we celebrated Constitution Day. present state of news reporting.

TAKING ACTION—Protecting Our Environment

Two of our League members have been appointed to Volusia County's Environment and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC). They include Melissa Lammers (from our Natural Resources Action Team) and Saralee Morrissey, chair of our new Growth Management Action Committee. See below for additional details about these appointments.

The first meeting for the LWVVC Growth Management Action Committee will take place Via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30 p.m.** Interested League members are definitely invited. We will focus on our mission, activities for the year and set a meeting schedule. If interested, please contact our new committee chair, Saralee Morrissey at saraleemorrissey@gmail.com

League Members Represent the Community on Volusia County Advisory Committee

At the June 14, 2022 Volusia County Council meeting, council members voted to re-establish the County's Environment and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (ENRAC), which will be tasked with providing input on policy and goal-setting, as well as ordinance implementation regarding growth management, environmental resource management and development.



County Council members agreed the ENRAC should represent diverse interests and noted that they expect there to be a lot of interest from many groups, more than could be accommodated, and therefore, they would be looking for members who could represent more than one group. "Our goal is to balance the committee as much as possible with representatives from citizen advocacy groups and civic organizations, professional and government associations, agricultural interests, universities and environmental consultants, and professional arborists and foresters," said Environmental Management Director Ginger Adair.

In all, the County appointed 14 members from the public to the ENRAC. League members have a proud history of being active in their communities in many capacities, so it is not surprising that the LWVVC has not one but TWO members who were appointed to represent Volusia County on the ENRAC. Congratulations to Melissa and Saralee!

- **Melissa Lammers**, Ormond Beach; marketing consultant and member of the LWVVC Natural Resources Committee. In addition to holding leadership positions with Audubon Florida, Halifax River Audubon, and Florida Native Plant Society Pawpaw Chapter, Melissa is also involved with ECHO, and the Volusia Forever Alliance as well as the Environmental Council of Volusia and Flagler Counties.
- **Saralee Morrissey**, Daytona Beach; community/school planner consultant, ECHO Advisory Board member and LWVVC Board member as well as Chair of the new LWVVC Growth Management Action Committee.

--Pattie Gertenbach

GOT STYROFOAM? –Recycle It!

If online shopping has got you overloaded with Styrofoam packing materials, you can get rid of it and do good at the same time. [Imperial Foam and Insulation](#) can recycle it into architectural molding and insulation. Drop it off at 2360 Old Tomoka Road, Ormond Beach 32174, or call the company at (386) 673-4177.

--Suze Peace

EDUCATION ACTION TEAM—Teaching Vacancies, Curriculum and Learning Loss Concerns

The Education Action Team met Monday, September 12, with eleven members present. Elizabeth Albert, executive director of Volusia United Educators (VUE) presented information to the group on several topics, including school vacancies at both the instructional and support staff levels. Although hiring has been ongoing, 168 instructional vacancies remain. As a result, many classroom teaching positions are being filled by district subject area specialists, which puts pressure on those doing supervisor or administrative jobs.

School climate and discipline remain a problem, particularly at the middle school level. In addition to academic learning loss, Ms. Albert explained that due to the pandemic, “learning loss” among students includes a decline in their social skills as well. Teachers are also seeing an increase in anxiety among students, which makes the classroom learning environment even more challenging.

Albert generously answered our questions. She is a member of the Ed Action team and we really appreciate her regular participation. In addition, she has made the VUE building available for our meetings.

Next, Ed Team members discussed which issues to focus on during the 2022-2023 school year. For example, the group is very concerned about recent changes to Florida’s social studies curriculum. Last year Robert Mulholland presented information on the topic. However, this spring’s session of the Florida Legislature and subsequent rule-making related to bans on teaching about gender, sexuality and race may have changed the situation.

In addition, Ed Team members will also follow up on information about learning loss. We plan to research what other states and districts are doing to remediate reduced academic progress and to identify best practices. One question we need to answer — now that “progress monitoring” takes place three times a year — is how much learning time will be lost to testing? To answer that question and gauge school climate, the Action Team plans to visit two middle schools in the spring after the academic testing period takes place.

Everyone agreed that although Zoom meetings are convenient, we benefit from personal interaction and will have most meetings in person. **Our next meeting is at 3 p.m. on October 3, 2022, at the VUE building, 1381 Educators Drive, Daytona Beach.**

--Pat Drago

2022 Election Sign Recycling

Keep tons of signs out of our landfill! Keep Volusia Beautiful!

After the elections, save your metal stakes and take any *unwanted* signs to your nearest club office or party headquarters and drop them off.

Questions?? Call Suze Peace; 386-837-5469 or email:

10sfpeace@gmail.com

In accordance with Article 4, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Volusia County, below is a copy of the 2021-2022 fiscal year LWVVC annual financial report.

LWVVC Income Expense Summary Fiscal Year ending June 20, 2022

Description	22-May	22-Jun	YTD	20/21 Budget	% Spent
INCOME:					
LWVVC-DUES	227.50	409.50	2,204.27	2,030.00	108.58%
LWVFL-DUES	262.50	472.50	2,543.82	2,355.00	108.02%
LWVUS-DUES	560.00	1,008.00	5,425.72	5,024.00	108.00%
Contributions/Donations	330.00	398.48	7,615.79	600.00	1269.30%
Honoraria-Speakers Bureau			-	100.00	0.00%
Housing Authority Income	(51.15)	(33.84)	(252.46)		
Interest Income	0.36	89.95	377.80	300.00	125.93%
Meeting Income	(551.84)	120.00	(731.84)	-	0.00%
Politicos Income			336.00	-	0.00%
Politicos Reserve			-	2,000.00	0.00%
Social Fundraising Income			77.50	250.00	0.00%
Investment Funds-Leadership Development			-	2,500.00	0.00%
Investment Funds-Membership Scholarship			-	300.00	0.00%
Investment Funds-Student League Funds			-	200.00	0.00%
Wash Account	3.43		39.53	-	0.00%
TOTAL INCOME	780.80	2,464.59	17,636.13	15,659.00	112.63%

EXPENSES:					
Operating Expenses	255.31	81.09	1,137.02	1,690.00	67.28%
Annual Dues Notice Mailing			-	350.00	0.00%
Bank Fees	23.31	61.09	252.10	50.00	504.20%
Constant Contact	20.00	20.00	80.00	180.00	44.44%
D&O Insurance			-	-	#DIV/0!
Equipment			-	150.00	0.00%
FL Incorporation Fee			61.25	70.00	87.50%
PO Box	212.00		212.00	140.00	151.43%
Postage			25.30	75.00	33.73%
Printing			-	50.00	0.00%
Supplies			-	75.00	0.00%
Website Maintenance Expense			400.00	550.00	72.73%
Zoom Subscription			106.37		
Action Committee Expense			24.39	200.00	12.20%
Meeting Expense	64.50	-	64.50	220.00	29.32%
Programs-Handouts	64.50		64.50	70.00	92.14%
Speaker			-	150.00	0.00%
Membership Expense	26.93	-	26.93	400.00	6.73%
Orientation			-	200.00	0.00%
Member Outreach	26.93		26.93	200.00	13.47%
Per Member Payment	-	-	6,637.88	7,379.00	89.96%
LWVFL PMP			1,261.88	2,355.00	53.58%
LWVUS PMP			5,376.00	5,024.00	107.01%
Politicos Expense			496.66	-	#DIV/0!

Promotion/Advertising Expense			-	350.00	0.00%
Student Award Expense			-	200.00	0.00%
	22 May	22 June	YTD	20/21 Budget	% Spent
Special Projects Expense	-	-	-	3,000.00	0.00%
Leadership Development Funds			-	2,500.00	0.00%
Membership Scholarship Funds			-	300.00	0.00%
Student League Funds			-	200.00	0.00%
The Voter Expense	-	-	-	120.00	0.00%
Printing			-	80.00	0.00%
Postage - 6/yr * 10			-	30.00	0.00%
Mailing Supplies			-	10.00	0.00%
Voter Services Expense	-	261.56	1,339.16	2,000.00	66.96%
Candidate Outreach			-	200.00	0.00%
Event Registration			630.00	450.00	140.00%
Supplies			384.23	1,000.00	38.42%
Voter Advertising		261.56	324.93	250.00	129.97%
Voter Guide			-	100.00	0.00%
Workshop Expense			-	100.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	346.74	342.65	9,726.54	15,659.00	62.11%
NET INCOME/LOSS	434.06	2,121.94	7,909.59	-	-

OBSERVER CORPS REPORTS — The LWVVC Observer Corps needs You!

Olga Hernandez —Observer Corp Coordinator

The LWVVC Observer Corps performs an essential function in the community. We attempt to monitor government meetings in 16 cities, the county, and the school board in Volusia. Observers are the eyes and ears that help alert us if there are issues of concern. Thank you to our current observers: Janet Babbitt, Susan Bayley, Ann Harrell, Linda Mojer, Nancy Nusbaum, Susan Pate, Karol Rainier, and Olga Hernandez.

Currently we have vacancies to observe the councils or commissions in DeBary, DeLand, Deltona, Lake Helen, Oak Hill, Orange City, Pierson, Ponce Inlet, and South Daytona. Contact Olga at oah@vyndicar.com if you are interested in being an observer in one of these areas. Some localities stream their meetings, but observers would probably understand more of what goes on if they attend in person.

An observer accesses the agenda, wears the League's Observer badge (so officials will know that a League member is present), attends the meetings, and periodically submits a short synopsis of the meetings that will appear in *The Voter*. To ensure consistency of message, only the president speaks in the name of the LWVVC, so observers do not speak for the LWVVC unless our president, Susan Bayley, gives permission.

Edgewater City - Edgewater City Council Meetings
August & September 2022 (partial Q3) - Linda Mojer, Observer

Agendas, Minutes & Playback: <http://www.cityofedgewater.org/bc/page/agendas-minutes>

Unless otherwise noted, all Council members were in attendance, with meetings called to order at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month (holiday dependent).

While focusing primarily on setting its budget, reviewing challenges and reaching out to residents with the details, the Edgewater City Council also addressed standing management items, contracts, planning and ordinances over the summer months. In the period, citizens comments ranged from short-term rental complaints, franchise growth and corporate business concerns, to long-held personal rancor toward candidates. Facing a majority turnover in composition after the November election, Council deferred some action for the new administration.

September 12 (holiday delay): After setting its published “Truth in Millage” (TRIM) notice millage rate at 6.7% for residents, Council continued to seek ways to lower the rate before property taxes are billed. Added budget reductions, use of reserve funds and implementation of a non-valorem Fire Assessment per household were among the items discussed. Consent agenda items approved contract actions for regular and consulting services; regular item readings covered retirement plans, annexations, zoning, debt service and policy revisions to meet block grant stipulations. Furthering budget, tentative appropriations, Operating Millage and the Fire Assessment fee were advanced. In other business, the Air Park Village development (111 townhomes approved in 2020) is moving forward; approval sought to construct and move the City Clerk’s office into new space; and collective bargaining agreements were ratified.

August 8: A special LWVVC Candidate Forum was held in Council Chambers, featuring the local lineup of primary candidates for the open District 1 seat (2/3 attending), District 3 seat (4/5 attending), and mayoral race (3/3 attending). The forum was moderated by LWVVC Speaker Bureau chair Ann Smith, who presented a series of questions developed to build upon responses provided for the *Vote411* online Voter Guide. Following the August 23 primary, runoffs were set for the D3 and mayor races; while the D1 seat was determined outright when a balloted candidate withdrew late in the process.

August 1: Amidst multiple special budget sessions and workshops, Council considered and approved a 10% increase in contracted costs for recycling. Details were shared by the provider, explaining the rising expenses borne by Southard Recycling, which continues to process glass in its services. Subsequent discussion of the annual review of the city’s schedule of Fines, Fees, Costs and/or Penalties included concerns about the relative increases of developer rates, compared to those imposed by neighboring municipalities. The city plans to keep its own rate increases for services unchanged for the immediate budget year (apart from the noted contract adjustment); and is projecting the need to increase costs as much as 8.75% by 2024. Collected civil fines, fees, inspections and permit costs are also adjusted in this annual review. Throughout Q3, budget workshops and presentations were offered in public sessions on 06/28, 07/18, and 08/24.

OBSERVER CORPS REPORTS — Continued

Ormond Beach - Ormond Beach Commission Meetings August 3, August 16 and September 7, 2022 - Susan Bayley, Observer

The Florida Department of Transportation is working on safety improvements on Route 1 and A1A. Bike safety was also addressed, particularly on Granada bridge. Development of Plantation Oaks continued to be tweaked. There will be a recreation trail at the new Riverbend Park, with funding from Volusia Forever, St. John's Water Management and Ormond Beach.

One meeting dealt with the variety of impact fees, with commissioners recognizing the need for a different set of fees for the Avalon Park development and other development in the western part of the city. Generally, commissioners felt that impact fees should be increased. Road, recreation and first responders seem to be of top priority for the residents.

Port Orange – Port Orange City Council Meetings August 2022 through September 6, 2022 – Karol Rainier, Observer

An ordinance to rezone eight acres at 950 Madeline Avenue, currently undeveloped, from multi-family residential to community commercial passed the council. This change lowers the density and decreases the impact on the area. The plan is to build an Extra Storage Space complex instead of multi-family housing. The council voted to install a new generator for the Garnsey Water Treatment Plant. The current aging generator will be kept as a back-up.

The maximum millage rate of 4.8610 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (starting October 1, 2022) was approved after many motions ranging from 4.750 to 4.920 were voted down. At the first public hearing concerning the millage rate held September 7th, the public did not comment. Another public hearing is scheduled for September 21, 2022.

Motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance to prohibit smoking and vaping in Port Orange city parks carried unanimously. Second reading is scheduled for the September 20, 2022, council meeting.

LEARNING ABOUT THE CANDIDATES— County Council-at-Large



Ann Smith, chair of our League Speakers Bureau, moderated a panel discussion/debate for the candidates who were running for the At-Large seat on the Volusia County Council. Members of the public attended the August 11th session held at St. James Episcopal School auditorium in Ormond Beach.



LWVVC Calendar for October – November 2022

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Join us for dinner afterwards at Stavro’s Pizza across the street at 262 South Beach Street. Please RSVP by October 15th to Jeanne Tanke: jeanne622lwvvc@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 19th at 5 p.m.— LWVVC Board Meeting. League members are invited to attend. River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization, 2570 Inter. Speedway Blvd, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Saturday, October 29th from 2- 4 p.m. — New Member Orientation, Nicki Junkins, 1117 Valle View Lane, DeLand, FL 32720

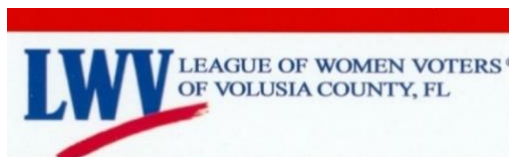
Tuesday, November 7th — General Election Day

Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 p.m. — “Election Wrap-Up” with Pat Rice. Hot Topics meeting at the New Smyrna Beach Library, 1001 South Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Join us for dinner at the Corkscrew Bar & Grill following the meeting.

Wednesday, November 16th at 5 p.m.— LWVVC Board Meeting. League members are invited to attend. River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization, 2570 Inter. Speedway Blvd, Suite 100, Daytona Beach, DB 32114

Thursday, December 1st at 6 -8 p.m.— Holiday Social at the Museum of Arts & Sciences. Cocktail reception and free access to museum exhibits (\$25 for hors d'oeuvres and cash bar). 352 South Nova Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

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