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LWVSpokane.org



Ann Murphy, Co-President

Join fellow Leaguers (and interested guests) at the **LWVSA Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 18**, starting at 6:30 p.m. This is the annual business meeting as we lay the groundwork for our coming year. We have bylaw amendments to consider, a budget to approve, program of work to approve and a new board to elect.

Details are in *The Call to Annual Meeting*. Rather than a stand-alone document, this year we have posted *The Call* as separate files linked to from the Agenda.

- *If the links included here don't work for you, copy and past this url into your browser:*

<https://my.lvv.org/washington/spokane-area/call-annual-meeting-may-18-2021-630pm>

You can also get to *The Call* from the Monthly Meeting Calendar on LWVSpokane.org.

Please review the materials posted with the Agenda as well as positions and bylaws in the Member Handbook. All links are on the Agenda page.

And we'll see you all there!

Zoom Link for LWVSA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 pm. Was emailed to members.

Get in on the Beginning...

Spokane Sustainability Action Plan Workshops Start this Thursday—May 6!

In April at the LWVSA General Meeting, we heard Kara Odegard, City of Spokane Manager of Sustainability Initiatives, describe the draft City of Spokane Sustainability Action Plan. [Material and recordings are available](#). You can view the video of the evening meeting at www.lwvspokane.org in the Members Only section in League Meeting Archive.

LWVSA series of workshops will help you to further understand and be able to make comments on the plan. Comments will be accepted through the summer with the hope that the plan will go to the City Council for adoption in early fall.

Workshops #1 and #2 will have the same content (offered at different times) and participants will

The Sustainability Action Subcommittee's proposal to update
Spokane Sustainability Action Plan



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participate in breakout sessions on six of the sectors of the plan.

- Thursday, May 6, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
- Thursday, May 13, noon – 1:30 pm

Workshop #3 will examine final pieces of the plan.

- Thursday, May 27, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

You can participate even if you were unable to attend one of the General Meetings on April 13.

SAP Workshop Confidential Zoom Link

This link is the same for all workshops.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84211543306?pwd=aHJ4WTdEeERHSVF0WDJIRVlrc3BGUT09>

Meeting ID: 842 1154 3306

Passcode: 259980

Dial in: 253 215 8782

Links to Help Your Participation

Access the Sustainability Action Plan subcommittee webpage:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/committees/public-infrastructure-environment-and-sustainability/sustainability-action-subcommittee/>

Read the complete Plan:

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/committees/public-infrastructure-environment-sustainability/sustainability-action-subcommittee/spokane-sustainability-action-plan-draft-2021-04-09.pdf>

Be sure to do a little bit of Homework!

- What are the “7 Sectors”? (page 18)
- What are the “Co-Benefits of a Sustainability Plan”? (page 19)
- What “four primary factors” were used to rate the strategies? (page 23-26)

To watch and/or share the SAP Video: <https://vimeo.com/532445177>

Tonight! High School Civics Contest

We are partnering with Spokane Public Schools to host a Jeopardy-style Civics Contest tonight, (May 3) at 7:00 pm. Two high schools are participating, and you are welcome to attend. Here is the confidential link for the event which will be held in Microsoft Teams:

Confidential - Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

The organizing team wants you to know that this is a pilot program and anything could happen!



Speak Up School to Focus on Spokane County Redistricting

April May

We are offering another Speak-up School session that is specific to the redistricting process happening in Spokane County, **Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. We will present current information about where we are with the Spokane County Commissioners redistricting process and valuable information about how you can get involved and be prepared to give testimony/testify. This is a shortened and more specific version of the successful sessions we produced in February.

Learn more at LWVSpokane.org

Rental Assistance Event Needs Volunteers

Sherri Gangitano



Spokane League members will offer voter registration and more information about League activities at the Greater Spokane Valley Rental Assistance event on **Friday, May 14, 2021, noon - 7:00 pm**, at Opportunity Presbyterian Church, 202 North Pine Street. The League table will be set outside the church's entry.

The Spokane Valley Community Advocates, directed by League member Sherri Gangitano, is sponsoring the event, designed to help renters during this difficult time. Inside the church, SNAP staff and community volunteers will assist tenants in applying for SNAP's ERA rental assistance program. There will also be bilingual table volunteers for both Russian and Spanish. The event will assist tenants who live east of Spokane city limits, north to Colbert/Mead and south to Valleyford.

Volunteers are needed for the SVCA portion of this event. (The League table is already covered.) Most positions will require being able to stand for long periods. Some positions require being computer savvy. Volunteers should bring a laptop or iPad with charging cord, and have Adobe Reader available. Shifts are 11:00 am - 4:00 pm and 3:30- 7:30 pm. Volunteers will need to bring their own drinks and masks. ACOVID safety guidelines will be strictly enforced during this event.

If you are interested in volunteering for the SVCA portion of this event, email Sherri Gangitano, Community Director, sv.communityadvocates@gmail.com

In case you missed it...



Navigating Digital Information

LWV Kittitas County has completed a 10-week class session to learn how to be a better and more informed consumer of online information. The permanent resource page, [Navigating Digital Information](#), houses these episodes, resources, and other helpful links. All ten episode playlists are also now available on [the LWV Kittitas County YouTube channel](#).

The sessions were organized by LWV Kittitas County members Charlie Sorenson, Katherine Murphy (moderator/content manager), Delores Irwin (editing & uploading the videos and blog posts), and Karen Raymond (PR).

You can send your thoughts and suggestions [to Charli Sorenson](#).

Action CORNER

Legislative Session Update

Aruna Bhuta, Action Chair

It has been an amazing legislative session, which finished on April 25. The Washington legislators' goals were to address the economic recovery for Washingtonians most impacted by the pandemic; address criminal justice; and strive toward diversity, equity and inclusion. With an improved revenue forecast and an influx of funds from the federal government, the legislators have accomplished a lot to address the needs of Washingtonians.

Significant bills were passed in the areas of voting rights, climate change, housing, social equity, healthcare, environment, and criminal justice, including:

- HB 1054 - prohibits police from using chokeholds, neck restraint, no-knock warrants and allows limited use of military equipment
- HB 1310 - requires police to use de-escalation before use of force
- HB 1091 – provides clean fuel standards to reduce carbon emissions
- HB 5141 – the HEAL act reduces environmental and health disparities and improves health of all Washingtonians by following recommendations of the Environmental Justice task force
- HB 1078 – restores voting rights to people upon exit from prison
- SB 5038 – bans open carry weapons at public demonstrations and the state capitol
- SB 5160 –addresses landlord-renter relations and provides counsel for evictions due to nonpayment during and after a public health emergency
- SB 1277 - requires a document recording fee to create revenue for eviction prevention housing stability services and just cause eviction
- HB 1236 - gives renters stability
- SB 5096 – helps to fix Washington's regressive tax system by providing a capital gains tax that will fund the Fair Start child care program.

- HB 1297 – the Working Families tax credit provides a boost to working families, and extends eligibility to include undocumented workers.
- HB 1342 – eliminates school lunch copays for all students who qualify for reduced-price lunches.

For complete information on all bills supported by LWV Washington, go to LWVWA.org/2021Issues. Thank you to everyone who contacted your legislators to advocate for these and other important bills.



Meet Our New Members!

Rebekah Mason

Rebekah moved to Spokane from Los Angeles almost 5 years ago. She is a lesbian, a strong advocate for animal rights, Democracy and equality, with a keen interest in community building and civics. She/Her/Hers pronouns.

Stephanie Watson

Stephanie is excited to return to her hometown, Spokane, and join with the League of Women Voters to focus on decriminalizing being without a house, improve

access to affordable housing, and strengthen sustainable development solutions for our city. Growing up on Spokane's South Hill, Stephanie graduated from Freeman High School and attended college at the University of Washington in Seattle where she received a BA in Comparative History of Ideas and Political Science with an emphasis in International Security. Initially fundraising for legal aid services in Seattle, Stephanie moved to the San Francisco Bay area and spent most of the last decade working for free-market-focused public policy think tanks, fundraising, planning events, and researching how to foster natural and sustainable food systems.

Your 2020 - 2021 Board

Ann Murphy - Co-President & Program for Focus Chair

Sylvia Oliver - Co- President & Voter Services Chair

Jan Wingenroth - Secretary

Denise Campitelli - Treasurer

Jean Alliman - Director & Membership Chair

Dawn Bayman - Director & Communications Chair

Aruna Bhuta - Director & Action Chair

April May - Director & Speak Up Schools Chair

2020 - 2021 Committees

The following people are currently leading each of these program areas. Your help is needed! Questions? Would you like to volunteer? Please reach out to the appropriate chair, below. Check your Member Directory for contact info.

VOTER SERVICES – Sylvia Oliver

- Registration Scheduling – Sally Phillips
- Ballot Parties – Becky Dickerhoof

- Ballot Translation – Susan Hales
- Forums (Local) – Susan Gray
- Forums (State) – Michael Bell
- Youth Vote Project – Kate Telis
- Civics Education – Beth Pellicciotti

ACTION - Aruna Bhuta

- Observer Corps – Sylvia Oliver
- Local League Liaison to LWVWA Lobby Team – Aruna Bhuta
- Speak Up Schools – April May

PROGRAM FOR FOCUS – Ann Murphy

- Affordable Housing – Marilyn Darilek, Sherri Gangitano
- Homelessness Solutions – Dawn Shuster
- Environmental Issues – Ann Murphy (acting)
- Criminal Justice - Melkam Tesfaye & Victor Frasier; Smart Justice Spokane Liaison - Kate Telis
- Spokane County Government - Ann Murphy, Sylvia Oliver

MEMBER SERVICES – Jean Alliman

- New Member Contact – Marilyn Darilek
- Member Retention – Jean Alliman
- Meetings/AV – Lin McGinn
- Member Publications – Ann Murphy, Dawn Bayman
- Member Engagement Leadership

COMMUNICATIONS – Dawn Bayman

- The Voter – Dawn Bayman
- FB/Social Media – Kate Telis, Dawn Bayman
- Webmasters – Mary Hughes, Jan Wingenroth

OTHER COMMITTEES

- State Convention (June 2021) - Ann Murphy
 - Strategic Planning – Ann Murphy, Sylvia Oliver, Denise Campitelli, Beth Pellicciotti
 - LWVWA Diversity, Equity, Inclusion – Beth Pellicciotti
 - Health Care Interest Group - April May
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Need a Member Directory?

A printable pdf of the most recent issue of the member directory can be found on the Members Only page of LWVSpokane.org. If you're not able to access it, [please email Dawn Bayman](#) and she'll send you one.