

CoastLines



President's Message by Alyce Prudden



Autumn has arrived!

For many, this season represents a quieter, more reflective time of year. But for League, this is one of our busiest times, whether it's an election year or not. In part, that's because September is LWVCC's traditional programmatic launch for the new fiscal year. After a summer of planning, we enthusiastically engage our members and introduce our programs and initiatives for the year.

And this year, we've started off with a bang. We held a unit meeting on September 13th and a voter registration drive on September 28th. The lively and informative unit meeting featured Reneé Kolen, County Clerk, and Shelley Denney, Chief Deputy Clerk, speaking about Curry County's Election Process. The successful voter registration drive, held in partnership with the National Voter Registration Day organization, was led by our new Voter Service Chair, Dennis Triglia, assisted by fellow city team leaders Susan Barke (Port Orford) and Kathleen Dickson (Gold Beach), and carried out by a small legion of dedicated volunteers.

Kudos to all!

This month, we'll devote our October 21st unit meeting to a consensus discussion of LWVOR's current study, *Pesticides and Other Biocides*. This is LWVCC's opportunity to weigh in as a local league and for our members' voices to be heard. Please plan on joining us for this important work.

In addition to these local activities, with the national league's blessing, LWVOR teamed up with LWVCC to write our Oregon Senators in support of the Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act, which would protect the headwaters of several of our region's National Wild and Scenic Rivers by making the Southwest Oregon Mineral Withdrawal Act permanent.

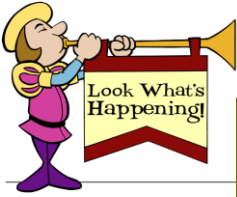
Activities like these keep us focused on the League's core mission: promoting informed and active participation in government. With threats to our democracy on the rise, that work is more critical than ever. As always, thank you for your contributions to the League's important work.

To close on a lighter note, herewith this issue's little dose of doggerel:

*Lovely October brings harvest time.
With bounty abundant, Fall's in her prime.
But like Mother Nature, the League doesn't sleep.
We have miles to go, promises to keep,
Voters to educate, meetings to call.
So please join the adventure, one and all!*

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Board Meeting Summary, *by Lousie Abbott, Secretary*

Here is a summary of the first regular LWVCC board meeting of the new league year, held September 13, 2021, via Zoom.
The full board was in attendance.

The following formal board actions were taken:

- ✓ Approval of financial statements: The Board approved the July 2021 financial reports (amended) and the August 2021 financial reports, as submitted by Treasurer Colleen Bunn.
- ✓ Approval of prior meeting minutes: The Board approved the August 2021 Board Retreat meeting minutes, as submitted by Secretary Louise Abbott.

Other highlights of the meeting included:

- ✓ Preparations for National Voter Registration Day, September 28th, including finding sites for Port Orford, Gold Beach, and Brookings, as well as recruiting volunteers.
- ✓ Exploration of membership payment options.
- ✓ Discussion of fundraising goals and strategies.
- ✓ Confirmation of this year's two-prong program focus:
 1. Local health care (as an issue of emphasis), to be promoted through a series of articles in CoastLines.
 2. Recycling, with the expectation of an update on our existing study.



Coming
Right
Up!



It's **LWVOR** study consensus time, which presents an exciting and important opportunity for local leagues like LWVCC and their individual members to weigh in on LWVOR's work.

Please plan to participate!

The Study:

- ★ The LWVOR study is entitled *Pesticides and Other Biocides*.
- ★ As noted in the study's introduction: "An important component of biocides policy is determining when benefits outweigh risks."
- ★ The study explores five key pesticide policy areas:
 1. Education, Training and Labeling
 2. Transparency and Information Gathering
 3. Funding, Research, and Evaluation
 4. Adaptive Management and Integrated Pest Management
 5. Burden of Proof and the Precautionary Principle.
- ★ The study concludes with recommendations for each policy area.

The Materials:

- ★ The study is available online, as are the related materials, including the consensus questions.
- ★ To save resources, LWVOR has asked members to read or download the materials online, at <https://www.lwvor.org/pesticides-and-other-biocides>
- ★ However, if you would like a print copy of the study, please contact LWVCC.

The Meeting:

- ★ LWVCC's consensus meeting will take place via Zoom on October 21st, starting at 5:30 pm.
- ★ We plan to wrap up by 7:00 pm. That's longer than the typical unit meeting (by half an hour), but (we hope) long enough to cover the ten consensus questions.
- ★ To ensure an efficient meeting, we ask participants to review the study and consensus questions in advance.

More Resources:

- ★ The Portland League conducted (and recorded) an excellent panel discussion on the study.
- ★ The five expert panelists included Amelia Nestler, PhD, who chaired the LWVOR study; study co-chair Paula Grisafi moderated.



The recording can be accessed on the Portland league's website (lwvpdx.org) or on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cj7vqyeb5AE>)

September's All-County Unit Meeting -via Zoom

Invitations: Colleen Bunn

Moderator: Alyce Prudden



- 🇺🇸 Our inaugural all-county unit meeting of the new league year was held September 16th, via Zoom. It proved to be a lively and informative one.
- 🇺🇸 The meeting topic was Curry County's Election Process, presented by Reneé Kolen, County Clerk, and Shelley Denney, Chief Deputy Clerk. (Due to a technical glitch, they could be heard but not seen.) With advanced training and certification, plus more than 50 years of combined service in the clerk's office, both speakers are experts in elections processes and security.
- 🇺🇸 After introductions, Shelley presented a primer on the basics of the local election system; Reneé chimed in with additional information; and both speakers responded to participants' questions, which ranged widely from voter registration to provisional ballots, drop box security, election board selection, and much more.
- 🇺🇸 The evening's first topic was ballots. Ballots are prepared locally, in the clerk's office. Before each election, ballots are mailed to registered county voters (14-20 days in advance; 45 days in advance for overseas voters).
- 🇺🇸 As ballots are received, the clerk's office checks the signature on the outer envelope against its database. If there's an irregularity, the signature is given a second review. If there's still an issue, the voter is contacted and given an opportunity to cure the problem.
- 🇺🇸 A week before the election, the clerk's office begins "pre-processing" the ballots: opening the outer envelope, separating the contents, opening the secrecy ballot.
- 🇺🇸 Vote-counting starts after 8 pm on election day. Unofficial results are released online as counting proceeds, but the official tabulation system itself is not connected to the internet. Counting concludes 14 days post-election. Under state rules, there is an automatic random hand-count. At 20 days post-election, the clerk's office certifies the election results to the Oregon's Secretary of State.
- 🇺🇸 The program concluded with a summary of key legislation, followed by an amusing "war story" from each speaker, and a slogan to live by: "plan for the worst but hope for the best."



For those who couldn't attend, or those who want to revisit the fast-paced session, the recording is available on our website (lwvcurry.org). And please mark your calendars for the upcoming October & November meetings.



The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) unveiled a new programmatic focus last month: "Women Power Democracy." The initiative is intended to advance a stronger, more representative American democracy.

"Women Power Democracy" is a four-pronged approach, which is designed to tackle systemic challenges to voting rights through advocacy, litigation, and organizing.



1. DEMOCRACY TRUTH PROJECT

Countering misinformation and disinformation; advancing better public understanding of the democratic and electoral process.

2. EXPAND THE FRANCHISE

Increasing voter participation through voter registration, education, and mobilization programs, with a focus on underrepresented populations or low-propensity voters.

3. DEMOCRACY DEFENSE FUND

Protecting voting rights and advancing a more equitable democracy through advocacy and voter protection efforts.

4. PEOPLE POWERED FAIR MAPS™

Leading with advocacy, public education, and organizing to create fair, transparent, people-powered processes and eliminate partisan and racial gerrymandering in states during the 2021 redistricting process.

Within each strategy, the League's Educational Fund (LWVEF) will coordinate with its network of state and local Leagues, mobilize members and activists across the country, and collaborate with partner organizations at the national and state levels.



https://www.lwv.org/educating-voters/women-power-democracy?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=09092021



Membership Renewals

- Undaunted by the continuing pandemic, our stalwart members have stepped up once again, to support the League by renewing their annual memberships.
- LWVCC's membership roster now stands at 34 members.
- To all who renewed, thank you!
- If you haven't renewed yet, it's not too late.
- And if cost is an issue, please contact me about a "scholarship" membership.



Unit Meetings

- The pandemic-era "new normal" continues, which means virtual meetings.
- Please put our monthly, county-wide unit meetings on your calendar.
- They'll be held on the same day as before (the Third Thursday of the month), at a slightly later time (starting at 5:30 pm), and on the same platform (Zoom).
- October's unit meeting will be devoted to consensus on the LWVOR study, *Pesticides and Other Biocides*. (See the separate article in this issue for more detail.)
- Please join us on Thursday, October 21st, starting at 5:30 pm, for a lively member-driven session, as we discuss the ten consensus questions for the LWVOR study.

Outreach

- When circumstances permit, LWVCC will be prepared to participate in community events, such as the County Fair and community festivals.
- We're lining up what we need to stage an LWVCC booth: tables and chairs; displays; printed materials; and even a QR code to scan for instant electronic access to our website.
- As for our youth outreach initiative, we will continue to extend invitations to our unit meetings through teachers, and to brainstorm and explore other avenues for connecting with our future voters as well.



Please chime in with any questions, suggestions, or ideas about our outreach efforts or about any other membership issue.












National Voter Registration Day 2021


By Dennis Triglia, Voter Services Chair

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National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) is a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy.



-  NVRD seeks to promote awareness of voter registration opportunities to many voters who otherwise might not register.
-  This year, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. issued Presidential Proclamation 10265, declaring **September 28, 2021**, as National Voter Registration Day and calling "on all Americans to observe this day by ensuring they are registered to vote, and thereby prepared to stand up for our democracy and the vitality and integrity of our elections." (Fed. Reg. Vol. 86, No. 187, 54027-8; <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/09/30/2021-21449/national-voter-registration-day-2021>.)
-  LWVCC was a partner in this national endeavor. From 10 am to 6 pm, we had tables set up at stores in all three cities in Curry County:
- ❖ Grocery Outlet in Brookings
 - ❖ McKay's Market in Gold Beach
 - ❖ Ray's Food Place in Port Orford
-  Curry County registered a total of 16 voters and handed out 19 registration forms for people to complete at home.
-  Despite being in the second year of the COVID pandemic, NVRD was a great success due to the many WONDERFUL volunteers who participated in this event.
-  Beyond our success in registering voters, LWVCC gained more visibility in our community.
-  Many folks thanked our volunteers for being there, and Curry County Clerk Reneé Kolen visited each location. It was a win-win situation all around.

We are extremely grateful to these businesses for allowing us to use their premises for this voter registration effort.

 **In Gold Beach, in the bulk food section of McKay's Market: Mary LaVille.**

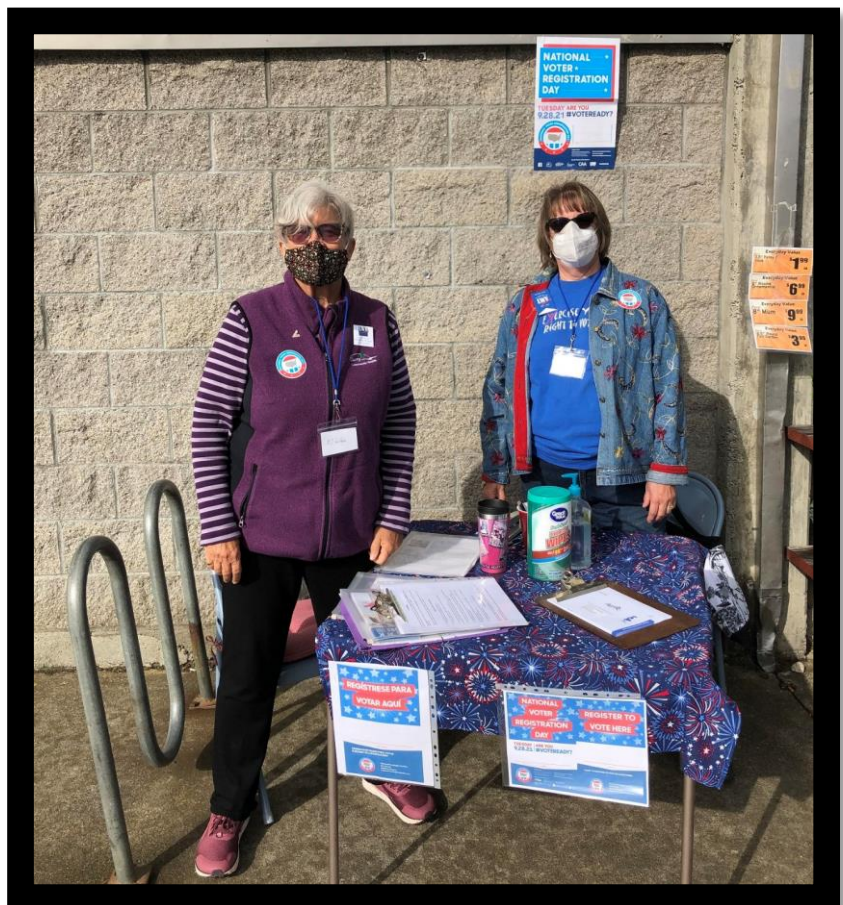




 **In Brookings**
 **Outside Grocery Outlet**
 **Georgia Nowlin**
 **Alyce Prudden**



 **In Port Orford**
 **Outside Ray's Food Place**
 **MaryJane LaBelle**
 **Charlie Alexander**





Led by Voter Service Chair Dennis Triglia, a stalwart cadre of volunteers made it possible for LWVCC to successfully participate in National Voter Registration Day.

A big shout-out to Dennis and to all three city teams!

Port Orford team leader Susan Barke and volunteers:

- MJ LaBelle
- Charlie Alexander
- Becky Flake
- Jeanne Jezuit

Gold Beach team leader Kathleen Dickson and volunteers:

- Pamela Terpin
- Mary LaVille

Brookings team leader Dennis Triglia and volunteers:

- Georgia Nowlin
- Alyce Prudden
- Hank Cunningham
- Karen Pringle-Cunningham
- David Paoli
- Vicki Bradley
- Alyssa Babin



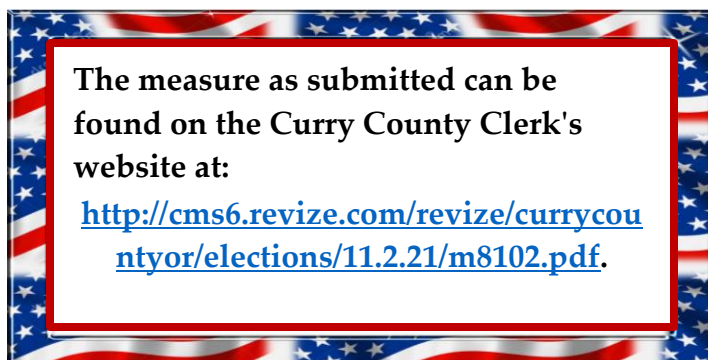
To everyone who stepped up and gave their time and energy as National Voter Registration Day volunteers, thank you so much!

On The Ballot

Some Curry County voters will receive a ballot for the upcoming election on November 2, 2021, with a single item: Ballot Measure #8-102.

If approved, the measure would form the South Coast Parks & Recreation District (SCPRD). That special district would be dedicated to the development and funding of recreational programs, services, facilities, parks and open spaces.

SCPRD would be governed by an elected board of five community members living within the district boundaries. The boundaries would run from Pistol River to the California border. The special district would be funded by a property tax assessment, at a permanent tax rate of 0.33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.





2021 – 2022 Calendar

Month	Day	Events	Place	Time
October	4	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	10 am - Noon
	21	All-County Unit Meeting: LWVOR Pesticides Study, Consensus Meeting	Zoom	5:30 -7:00 pm
	27	LWVOR Local League Leaders	Zoom	5 pm
November	15	LWVCC Board Meeting	Zoom	10 - Noon
	15	LWVOR Consensus Report Deadline	n/a	n/a
	17	LWVOR Local League Leaders	Zoom	5 pm
	18	All-Country Unit Meeting, Topic: Curry County Jail	Zoom	5:30 - 6:30 pm
December	5	Holiday Party	TBA	TBA

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