

CoastLines



We had a few cool days, but the heat is back for a while. But at least it is not as hot as earlier this summer. I think going forward we will get more fall weather. We are gearing up for a very active fall with the general elections coming up.

We will hold in-person candidate forums in all three towns in Curry County before the general election on **November 5th**. Our Voter Services Chair, Georgia Nowlin, has done an excellent job thus far with all of the organization.

The three candidate forums have been set.

- ✦ Port Orford – Monday, October 7, 2024
- ✦ Gold Beach – Tuesday, October 8, 2024
- ✦ Brookings – Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Lots of volunteer help will be needed to make these forums a success!

Over the next year we will be presenting information, meetings, and other events associated with our issue for emphasis: Homelessness and especially the role of mental health. In this issue of the CoastLines you will find some information about services that are available for the unhoused in our county.

Respectfully, Louise Abbott
President. LWVCC



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**Summary of LWVCC Board Meeting
September 19, 2024**

Via Zoom

Board Members Attending:

Louise Abbott

Evan Kramer

Susan Barke

Georgia Nowlin

Karen Cunningham

Jeanne Jezuit



- The minutes of the Board Retreat held July 9, 2024, were approved.
- The financial reports for July 2024, and August 2024, were approved.
- The upcoming candidate forums that will be held in early October were discussed.
- Possible future Unit meetings and topics were discussed.
- It was decided to prepare an informational handout on voter registration that can be passed out at various locations in the county before the deadline to register for the fall elections.
- The issue for emphasis for this year, homelessness and the impact of mental health, was discussed.
- We will try to have information in the CoastLines on this topic each month and arrange future Unit meetings on the topic as well.





LWV- National News & Update

- During the past several months, voters across the country have heard about Project 2025, a highly partisan, theoretical plan created by the conservative think tank, Heritage Foundation.
- **LWVUS** has been analyzing Project 2025 since it was first published, and it is important to recognize that as of now, it is not an official policy platform of any political party nor is it an actual set of policies.
- **Importantly, given its partisan nature, the LWVUS requests that local and state Leagues refrain from public messaging on the plan** and focus more broadly on our work to protect democracy.
- As we all know, the election season is in full swing, and **the 2024 general election is only two months away.**
- Given this election's historic nature and the potential for record turnout across the country, it is critical that state and local Leagues coordinate and ensure effective communication throughout this election season.



Remember! You can find election information at **VOTE411** <https://www.vote411.org/>



The following story was originally published by The Wake Weekly on July 17, 2024.

- Wake County resident **Dianna Wynn** has been chosen as the new president of the **League of Women Voters of the United States.**
- On June 28 Wynn was elected to serve as the organization’s 22nd president. In the weeks that have gone by since then, Wynn said, she has received many “congratulatory messages from friends and neighbors in Wake County.”
- This year’s upcoming election has been keeping Wynn busy in her new role, especially as the League of Women Voters maintains the short-term goal of making sure voters are correctly informed and ready for voting in November. In regard to the organization’s goals of voter information and education, Wynn emphasized that an important resource that significantly helps voters stay informed is [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).
- This resource, which was launched by the League in 2006, contains a vast array of voter information from general to detailed information, such as election dates and factual data on candidates.
- Though the League has short-term goals for this current year as the election races ahead, the League also has longer-term goals.
- Wynn said those goals include “making democracy work for everyone [by] expanding access for voters...making sure there are fair voting maps [involving] redistricting, and... fighting back against attempts to suppress the vote.”
- Wynn made sure to emphasize one of the largest challenges facing politics today, which is misinformation regarding elections, candidates, and news within the local and state government.
- It’s this misinformation that harms voters from making their own personal voting choices, engaging with elected officials, and going out to the polls for voting, she said.





- The importance of young voters was highly emphasized by Wynn as the League is committed to outreach to high school and college students, and even those who are along another path.
- The League avidly strives to include younger people, especially younger women who are involved in the League's leadership.
- Wynn said, "it's critically important that young people go out and vote and that they are fully engaged in the process" as young people have the potential to "change the course of the nation if they really turned out."
- Wynn has been involved with the **League of Women Voters** for years, including serving as the organization's president for Wake County.
- Her work has included going out and getting people registered for voting and providing information about [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).
- She also worked on issues related to redistricting and ending gerrymandering in North Carolina. Through working with the League in Wake County, Wynn was able to grasp the importance of volunteers at the local level.
- Wynn's interest in the League began because it's nonpartisan, meaning it's truly about what is best for the community and is not influenced by a political party or candidates.
- Wynn also enjoyed the direct connections that she experienced through talking to people in the community as well as through town council meetings.
- Wynn avidly believes that people can make a difference and that everyone's voice matters.
- She said she wanted to let the readers of the Wake Weekly know, "it's important to get out and vote in order to influence what happens in your community and it's important...to turn out to vote when it's time to elect people to your town council because the decisions they make affect your everyday life."





SYNOPSIS – National Popular Vote
Paraphrased by LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LANE COUNTY
Sharon Amasha & Lori Barker, Program Co-Chairs
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- ✔ Under our current system, the president and vice president are elected indirectly by "electors" rather than by the voters.
- ✔ The number of electors a state has is equal to its two senators plus the number of its congressional districts, determined by the census taken every 10 years.
- ✔ In the Electoral College system, the winner in each state is awarded all that state's electoral votes, except in cases of proportional representation, which discounts the votes for the losing candidate.
- ✔ Oregon has seven electoral votes.
- ✔ The National Popular Vote law was drafted in 2006 to ensure that every vote is counted in the national presidential election.
- ✔ The NPV retains the mechanism of the Electoral College but commits the electors of participating states to cast their votes for the winner of the national popular vote, rather than the winner of their individual state.
- ✔ If the NPV had been implement-ed in the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton, with 65 million votes, would have won, as Donald Trump received 62 million votes.
- ✔ Currently, 17 states and the District of Columbia have joined the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC), totaling 207 electoral votes.
- ✔ The NPV law takes effect only when enough states control a majority of the electoral votes—at least 270 out of 538. Oregon has passed the legislation, and it was signed into law in 2019.
- ✔ The compact mandates the deadline for reaching the 270 electoral vote threshold is July 20 in presidential election years, six months before the inauguration.
- ✔ Changes after this deadline due to a state's withdraw-al or a decrease in electors from reapportionment cannot occur during the blackout period until the next president is confirmed.
- ✔ The Compact will apply to each presidential election cycle.





The League of Women Voters of Oregon will have their 2025 Convention on May 2-4, 2025 in Salem, OR. It will be co-hosted by the League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties! This event will feature in-person and virtual opportunities to engage with our League community, chart the course for League policies, and enjoy insightful speakers and workshops.

LWV of Clackamas County Event Highlight from April 2024:

- This resource list is taken from Marge Easley’s presentation “In a world of disinformation, fake news, and AI generated ads - Who do you trust?” on April 25th, 2024, hosted by Mary’s Woods Unit Leader, Nancy Leavens.

Nonpartisan Election Information Sites:

- Vote411.org, nonpartisan election local, state, and national election information site from the League of Women Voters
Project Vote Smart, a citizen's organization providing free, accurate, and unbiased information for electoral decision-making

Fact-Check Sites:

- Politifact, a Pulitzer Prize winning fact-checking website run by editors and reporters from the Tampa Bay Times
FactCheck.org, a project of the nonpartisan Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania that fact-checks statements of major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases
OpenSecrets.org, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research group tracking money in U.S. politics and its effect on elections and public policy
Fact Check (Washington Post), a website and accompanying column in the Sunday print edition of The Washington Post that fact-checks statements by local, national, and international political figures
Snopes, an internet reference source for urban legends, folklore, myths, rumors, and misinformation
Google Fact Check Explorer: search tool to fact-check topics or people: https://toolbox.google.com/factcheck/explorer/search/list:recent;hl=en

General Oregon Legislative Dates:

- September 23-25 Interim Legislative Days
September 27 Deadline to submit pre-session bills to the Legislative Counsel
November 5 General Election
November 20 Revenue Forecast
December 10-12 Interim Legislative Days
December 13 Deadline for pre-session bills to be filed with the Senate or House

Interim Days are when legislators meet in committees to receive required reports from agencies, hold informational meetings on issues of concern and prepare for potential legislation for 2025. The Emergency Board may meet during these days and the Senate may meet to confirm appointments as they did on May 31.





Here's What You Need to Know



Qualifications

- ✓ To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:
- ✓ A U.S. citizen
- ✓ A resident of Oregon
- ✓ At least 16 years old to register (at least 18 to vote)

Registration Deadline

- ✓ At least 21 days before election day

How to Register

- ✓ There are three ways to register to vote in Oregon:
- ✓ Automatic DMV registration through Oregon's "Motor Voter" law
- ✓ Online at sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/registration.aspx?lang=en
- ✓ Paper registration at the county election office

Required Information

- ✓ To register as an Oregon voter, you must provide:
- ✓ Your full name, residence & mailing address, birthdate, & phone number
- ✓ Identification – either (a) your Oregon Driver License, Permit, or ID; (b) the last 4 digits of your social security; (c) other acceptable ID, such as a pay stub, utility bill, bank statement, or government document.

Registration for Homeless Citizens

- ✓ If you are homeless, you can identify your physical *residence address* as any definable location in the county. This could be:
- ✓ A shelter, park, motor home, or any other identifiable physical location.

Your mailing address can be:

- ✓ The county election office (you can pick up your ballot there) or
- ✓ A general delivery address at a local post office or
- ✓ A post office box provided by local organizations including CORE and St. Timothy's (though pre-registration with the organization is required).

Registration for Felons

- ✓ If you've been convicted of a felony, you lose your voting rights from the time you are sentenced (even if there's a stay of execution of your sentence) until the time you are released from incarceration.
- ✓ You are considered incarcerated if you're on work release or in a court-imposed half-way house, but not if you're in pre-trial detention, or on probation or parole, or subject to post-release monitoring via ankle bracelet.



To regain your voting rights, You MUST re-register to vote once you're no longer incarcerated.





- » We will be including a series of articles in the CoastLines this year on our issue of emphasis.
- » This month we are focusing on two health care agencies in our county.
- » The following information has been taken from their **Curry County CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan)** Progress Reports.
- » Both **AllCare Health** and **Advance Health** have identified **Housing and Homelessness** as Issues of Health Equity. These two organizations have been involved with the 2019-2022 Curry County Collaborative Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which is a community level plan that aims to improve the health of individuals, families, and the community at-large.
- » **Here is some information in this Plan that addresses homelessness.**
- » The number of homeless adults is increasing in the annual point in time count
 - » The number of homeless students by district is increasing
 - » Nearly a quarter of residents in the county are experiencing housing problems such as overcrowding, incomplete facilities or cost burdened.
 - » (Source: <https://www.currycountyCHIP.org/housing-and-homelessness>)
- » Curry County has a high rate of unsheltered homelessness, an elderly homeless or marginally housed population (as well as struggling families and youth), a lack of shelter and transitional housing services, a housing burdened population, and long distances between social services and population centers.
- » *One of the goals for the two organizations is to increase housing availability, affordability, and increase quality of housing and support projects that address homelessness.*
- » **Advanced Health** - Advanced Health has formed a Joint Behavioral Health/Housing and Homeless workgroup.
- » This group meets quarterly to discuss the intersections of housing and homelessness as it relates to Behavioral Health.
- » As **Advanced Health** works to rebuild mental and behavioral health services in Curry County they are targeting improved relationships between **MH/BH** providers and **NGO** social service providers in Curry County.
- » These relationships are integral to establishing comprehensive, impactful service provision to those in need of supportive and transitional housing.
- » **AllCare Health** – Has noted that it is important to focus on health equity and address inequities data when possible while remembering our rural county has inequities to urban counties in the state.
- » Ongoing challenges to housing development and program or project improvement in Curry County include a lack of services located in the county.
- » Many services, such as the **Community Action Agency & Housing Authority** are located in adjacent Coos County.
- » Other programs, such as **NeighborWorks**, are located even further away in Douglas County.
- » While these programs offer benefits to Curry County programs and residents, the geography is a barrier and agencies' attention, and resources are divided.





» **NIMBY:**

- ♦ Additionally, there are barriers of political and social will to address low-income housing concerns or emergency shelter needs.
- ♦ This could be considered part of a “Not in my Backyard” or **NIMBY** attitude that also influences local decision-making and political bodies.

» **Shelter Needs:**

- ♦ Curry County continues to have a high need for shelter, affordable housing, low-income housing, available market rate housing, and resources for permanent supportive and transitional or case managed housing.
- ♦ In some cases, this is exacerbated by lack of access to behavioral health resources.

» **Loss of Revenue:**

- ♦ All of this is underscored by revenue lost due to reductions in tourism and local economic activity due to COVID-19 and multiple years of wildfire smoke.



What is on the Horizon?



» **AllCare Health and Advanced Health**

- ♦ Both organizations have noted that there are American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the potential for other state, federal, or private funds to enter the county that could be used for property acquisition and housing infrastructure development.
- ♦ Local housing coalitions have turned their attention toward land banks and other programs that could capitalize on this opportunity.
- ♦ Opportunities on the horizon in Curry County include renewed focus on housing issues led both by local collaborative groups (new and old) and community housing champions.
- ♦ Together, they have identified several properties which could be developed for combined service centers, inclement weather shelters, congregate or non-congregate shelter, veteran’s village housing, or other beneficial community-oriented housing and service models.
- ♦ External groups from nearby counties are also willing to lend expertise, technical assistance, and adoptable service models.





PLEASE RENEW!

The **League of Women Voters of Curry County** began its new fiscal year on July 1. If you have not already renewed your membership, we are asking for your continued support as a valued **LWVCC** member.

Our yearly dues are \$70.00 per member or \$105.00 for a household of two.

Your membership is very important to the League. Your support allows **LWVCC** to carry out its mission of citizen engagement and voter education.

The 2023-2024 league year was productive. Some highlights:

- Central County Unit meetings were held most months
- October – All-Unit and public meetings on Voting, held at that the Curry Library in Gold Beach
- December – in-person Holiday Party at First Chapter Coffee House in Gold Beach
- January – South County Unit meeting
- February – Documentary Film on Oregon’s land use planning system co-sponsored by the **LWVCC**, Kalmiopsis Audubon Society and Curry Public library, shown at the Curry Library in Gold Beach
- March – All-Unit and public panel discussion on services to the Unhoused and Food Insecure in Curry County held at the Curry Library in Gold Beach
- May – in-person Primary Election **Candidate Forums** in all three Curry County cities; Annual meeting held at the Curry Library in Gold Beach

The upcoming 2024-2025 league year promises to be exciting too. Some plans:

- Fund-raising and friend-raising
- In-person General Election **Candidate Forums** in all three Curry County cities
- Focus on our Issue of Emphasis, Homelessness and Mental Health

In addition to your financial support, we wholeheartedly invite your active participation in the league. Together we can continue to make a difference in Curry County.

Please renew today.

Louise Abbott

LWVCC President, 2024-2025


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**League of Women Voters of Curry County
Calendar 2024**

MONTH	DAY	EVENTS	PLACE	TIME
September				
October	7	*Port Orford - Monday	TBD	1:00 – 3:00pm
	8	*Gold Beach – Tuesday	TBD	
	9	*Brookings – Wednesday <i>*In-person general election candidate forums – places to be determined</i>	ZOOM TBD	
November	5	General Election! Be sure to Vote 	ZOOM	1:00 – 3:00pm
	12	Board Meeting <i>Let Louise Abbott know if you want to attend, and she will give you the contact information.</i>		



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LWVCC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit civics organization.
Our mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government.

Membership in LWVCC is open to everyone who supports the purposes and policies of the League.

Join us! Make your voice heard. Stay informed on issues that concern you.

LWVCC is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (tax ID #93-0838450).
Dues & donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Individual \$70.00 _____ Household (2 adults, same address) \$105.00 _____ Student \$15.00 _____

Prorated Memberships from February to June – details at lwvcurry.org/join

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Volunteer Interest in the League _____

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