



# The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County, MO

## SEPTEMBER 8: ANNUAL LEAGUE PICNIC



The League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County invites you and your family to our Annual Picnic for members and friends at Gordon Shelter in Stephens Park on Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Face Masks are required except while eating and we will practice social distancing. (Optional: Bring a lawn chair for more social distancing.)

Brown bag dinners are \$10 and must be paid for in advance. You may either 1) pay online by Sept. 3 @ [lwvcbc.org](http://lwvcbc.org) (go to Calendar, then select Events) and email your meal choice to [lwvcbc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcbc@gmail.com); or 2) mail a check by Sept 1, enclosing meal choice details, to LWV, P.O. Box 239, Columbia, MO 65205. **For meal options and additional information, please see page 4.**

## SEPTEMBER 14 LUNCH & LEARN: REDISTRICTING IN MISSOURI



Our Zoom Lunch & Learn program at noon on September 14 will be on Redistricting in Missouri. This is our annual Holly Burgess Public Policy Forum, co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women - Columbia Branch and the Columbia Public Library. Speakers will include Sharon Schneeberger, Chair of the Missouri Fair Redistricting committee and LWVCBC Board Member.

Redistricting is happening in Missouri now. Did you know this process occurs once every ten years and is different in each state? We will explain the process (as defined in the state constitution and Amendment 3) and provide an update. All citizens are urged to stay informed and to call for transparency, bipartisanship, and public input so this process will yield fair maps.

Please attend via Zoom to learn about redistricting and actions you can take.

On Tuesday, October 12, the Children's Grove will present a program on Suicide Prevention.

On Tuesday, November 9, Alice Kitchen from the Kansas City League of Women Voters will present a program on Paid Family Leave.

Thank you to Lauren Williams and the Columbia Public Library for co-sponsoring these programs. You will need to register for these events on the library's website: [events.dbri.org](http://events.dbri.org). Lunch & Learn Programs are recorded and can be viewed on our website and our Facebook page.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair  
Lunch & Learn Committee

## SEPT. 21 CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM — MINORITY YOUTH INEQUITIES IN JUSTICE, PART 3



This event has been moved to Zoom and will begin at 6:30 p.m. A panel of local experts will address our juvenile justice system: how it works, what Boone County has done well, and what needs improvement. D'Andre Thompson, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Specialist for Boone County Community Services, will moderate. To register, go to [www.dbri.org/event](http://www.dbri.org/event)

We are pleased that the following organizations will join the LWV-CBC Civil Liberties Committee

as co-sponsors: Boone County Community Services, Cradle to Career Alliance, Columbia Public Library, Men's Minority Network, FACE, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority-Delta Tau Sorority, Worley Street Roundtable, Journey Toward Inclusive Excellence, NAACP, and Faith Voices.

— Pam Springsteel, Chair  
Civil Liberties Committee

**REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR 2022 DUES IS NOVEMBER 1**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is doing well, staying safe and eagerly awaiting your vaccine booster shot, as well as encouraging unvaccinated friends and family to get vaccinated. It is so sad and a needless tragedy that so many people are in our hospitals in Columbia and throughout Missouri, in ICU's and dying, because they are not vaccinated. While we are encouraged that vaccinations have been slowly increasing, it can't happen soon enough.

On a different note, we are encouraged to see that the State of Missouri is finally making efforts to offer Medicaid Expansion to those eligible. The local LWVCBC, the LWVMO, and other local Leagues throughout the state will help make sure eligible people know how to sign up for this important program.

On yet another different note, I had the great pleasure of visiting Alaska for the first time for several weeks in late July through mid-August, as my step-son is working in Seward as an Exit Glacier Hiking and Ice Climbing Guide this summer. It is truly an amazing place. We saw up close many gorgeous glaciers, both in Seward and in the Kenai Fjords, as well as lots of wildlife - hump back whales, sea lions, otters, seals, puffins, cormorants, grizzlies, moose, Dall sheep, caribou, ptarmigan, and more.

I have included a photo of Exit Glacier, fed by the Harding Ice Field, showing how much Exit Glacier has receded since 2005. This is happening quickly to all the many glaciers we saw. The melting glaciers highlight the urgency of addressing climate change and the disastrous impact it is having and will continue to have on

nature, the weather, and all of humanity's future.

On that note, I want to thank Dick Parker, Win Colwill, and the many other members of the LWVCBC who have worked diligently for many years on this issue. In addition, I would also like to say a special thank you to Columbia's First Sustainability Director, Barbara Buffalo, who worked tirelessly to improve Columbia's climate footprint during her ten years in that position, which she recently stepped down from to care for family. (As a side note, it took me about three years when I was on City Council to convince the City Council, Mayor, and City Manager that the position was vital for the City.) Like most good things - it took time, work, and persistence, qualities the LWV has long had and continues to have.

Thanks to all of you for supporting the LWVCBC in its continuing mission to "Make Democracy Work."

— Barbara Hoppe, President  
[yesforparks@hotmail.com](mailto:yesforparks@hotmail.com)



## ENROLLMENT IS UNDERWAY FOR EXPANDED MEDICAID!

It's been a long, hard road, but Medicaid expansion is finally being implemented. The Missouri Department of Social Services is taking applications now. Although they will not begin approving new enrollees until October 1, those who apply before that (if eligible) will receive coverage retroactive to July 1.

Please spread the word that people can apply online at <https://mydss.mo.gov/> or by phone at 855-373-9994. They can also download application forms in English at <https://dssmanuals.mo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/im-1ssl.pdf> or Spanish at <https://dssmanuals.mo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/im-1sslsp.pdf>.

[2020/05/im-1sslsp.pdf](https://mydss.mo.gov/). While DSS is updating its online portal, applicants may get the message "ineligible based on income." They should keep going by clicking NEXT, creating an account, and applying.

The Missouri LWV Healthcare Committee is developing a handout for local Leagues to share during voter registration and other public events. Barbara Hoppe and Donna Checkett are leading this project, and we will email it to the members as soon as it's approved.

— Mahree Skala, Chair  
Health Committee

## LWV IS BACK REGISTERING VOTERS!!

LWV members Peggy Placier, Ruth Milledge, and Marilyn McLeod put on two hats at the August 18 Columbia Family Fun Fest. They invited parents to register to vote or update their address, and they asked the kids to VOTE! Boone County Clerk Brianna Lennon provided an official ballot box and "I Voted" stickers for the voting children. They voted on their favorite ice cream and their favorite butterfly! The kids and parents had a good time. Turns out their favorite ice cream is vanilla, and their favorite butterfly is a Monarch.

Other registration venues in August were the Indian Hills block party and Pridefest.

September venues will include: outside the downtown post office on September 11 (from 9:30 a.m. to around noon); the Climate March on September 19 at the Boone County Plaza by the County Courthouse (1 to 2 p.m.); and the Columbia Public Library (3 to 6:30 p.m.) on September 28, National Voter Registration Day. We are also working on dates for Stephens College. We will also use social media to remind people to register to vote and update their addresses.

The last day to register to vote in the November 2nd Election is October 6.

If you would like to help with voter registration, send an email to [carol\\_schrei@gmail.com](mailto:carol_schrei@gmail.com).

— Carol Schreiber, Chair  
Voter Service Committee



Pam Springsteel and Mahree Skala registered voters in August at an Indian Hills block party.



## SEPTEMBER 8 ANNUAL LEAGUE PICNIC (cont'd from p.1)

**IMPORTANT: Send your meal choice information to [lwvcbc@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcbc@gmail.com) Be sure to indicate 1st and 2nd choice for sandwiches and cookies. If you require gluten-free food, please let us know.**

**Meal choices include:**

- 1.Full sandwich & cookie;
- 2.Full salad & cookie or
- 3.Half-sandwich/salad combo & cookie.

**Salad Choices are:**

- House: lettuce, almonds, cranberries, croutons, and sesame dressing
- Thai Caesar: lettuce with Caesar dressing
- Tossed : lettuce, cucumber, carrots, tomato; choice of Ranch, Caesar, or Balsamic Honey Dressing  
(Salads can be gluten-free if croutons are left off)

**Sandwiches Choices:**

- Cuban Pulled Pork
- Grilled Ham
- Reuben
- Roasted Vegetable
- Banh Mi
- Hummus
- Apple Bacon Cheddar
- PB&J
- BLT
- Grilled Cheese
- Roasted Chicken
- Boursin
- Ham & Swiss

**Cookie Choices:**

- Classic Chocolate Chip
- Cranberry Chocolate Chip
- Walnut Chocolate Chip
- German Chocolate
- Peanut Butter
- Spiced Oatmeal
- Sunny Oatmeal
- Almond Biscotti

A variety of beverages will be provided free by the LWVCBC but bring a water bottle if you prefer water. We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

If we decide - based on the Covid situation - that it isn't safe to meet, we will make arrangements for delivery or pickup of the meals and other celebration materials and have our picnic online together with entertainment!

— Pam Springsteel, Chair  
Civil Liberties Committee

## ELECTRICITY UTILITY PLANS

A study of the Columbia (your) electric utility plans through 2040 by engineering firm Siemens was presented to the Electric Integrated Resource and Master Plan task force on August 26. It addresses: a) electricity sources for 20 years, and b) the Transmission and Distribution system (T&D). Distribution refers to equipment that delivers electricity to customers, while Transmission is the larger and higher voltage lines delivering electricity to the Distribution system. Regarding T&D, the study concluded that we do not need a new substation or a new transmission line. There will be two or more opportunities for public comment before the City Council decides what "your" utility will do.

The LWV adopted a position on global warming in the early 1990s. The Siemens study presented several scenarios in which 100% renewable energy for electricity sold to customers is reached by 2030, 2040, or 2050. They also looked at additional scenarios with 100% renewables by 2050 using different economic and social/governmental assumptions.

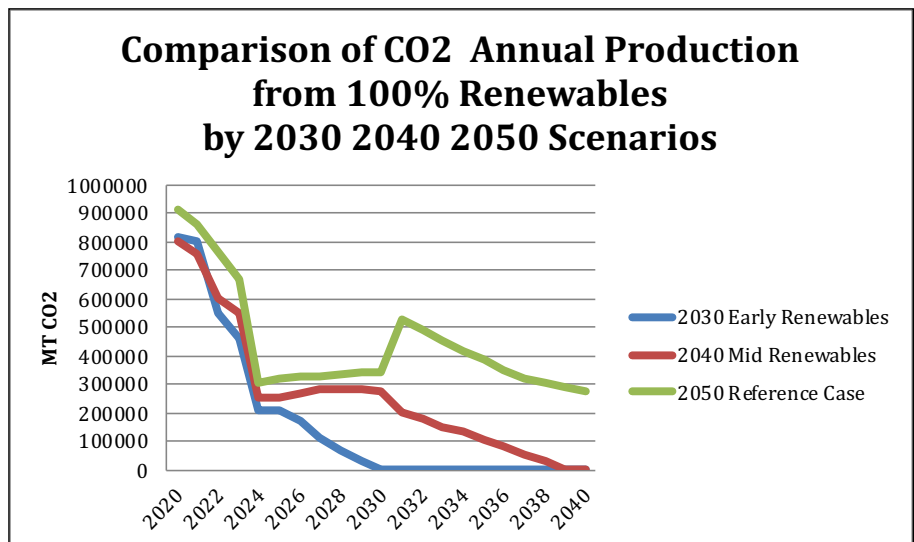
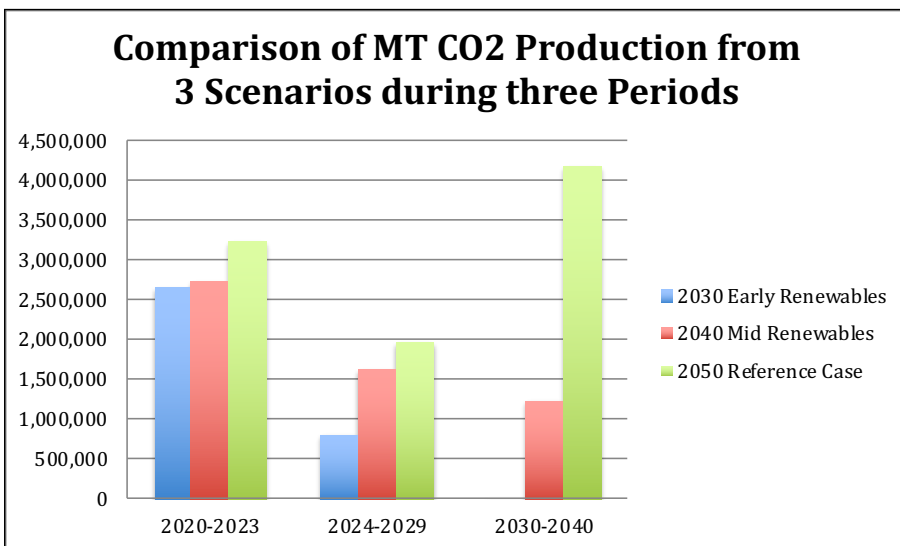
They concluded that the cost of achieving 100% renewable energy by 2030 "Early Renewables" would be 7% higher than the 2050 "Reference Case." The city has two contracts for renewable energy to be completed by 2023 (one or both might not be completed by 2024). (cont'd p.5)

(cont'd from p.4) Siemens predicts a considerable reduction in electric demand due to energy efficiency and new rooftop solar. Siemens predicted that between 2024 and 2040, the metric tons (MT) of CO2 production for the 2050 plan would be 7.6 times that of the 2030 plan. Another way of saying this is that the 2030 plan would produce only 13% of the CO2 that the 2050 plan would. Further, with the 2030 plan, 77% of the CO2 produced would be created during the 2020 to 2023 period.

With the 2030 plan, the additional energy cost will increase customer rates less than 1% above the current 3% limit. (Columbia’s Renewable Energy Ordinance limits the increase of customer costs associated with the changes to 3%.)

— Dick Parker, Chair  
 Energy & Climate Committee  
[rbparker111@gmail.com](mailto:rbparker111@gmail.com)  
 573-256-4397

	Metric Tons (MT) CO2 Emissions					
	2020-2023	2024-2029	2030-2040	2024-2040	% of Early	% of 2050
2030 Early	2,630,471	805,626	0	805,626	100.00%	13.17%
2040 Mid	2,715,004	1,629,386	1,213,755	2,843,141	352.91%	46.49%
2050 Reference	3,208,812	1,954,584	4,160,549	6,115,133	759.05%	100.00%





## Upcoming League Events!



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	SEPT 1	2 Preemption Study Group 10:30 am Zoom	3	4
5	6	7	8 LWVCBC Picnic Gordon Shelter Stephens Lake Park 5:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14 Lunch & Learn: Redistricting Zoom at Noon	15	16	17	18 Education Committee 10am Location TBD
19	20 LWVCBC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom	21 Constitution Day Juvenile Justice Zoom at 6:30 pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	OCT. 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 MU Homecoming Parade
10	11 LWV on Paul Pepper Show, KBIA 8:50 am	12 Lunch & Learn Suicide Prevention Zoom at noon	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**LWV Officers:**  
 President: Barbara Hoppe (424-9668)  
 1st VP: Mahree Skala (474-2195)  
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 Elaine Blodgett (256-2803)  
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 Meredith Donaldson (289-3018)  
 Marilyn McLeod (239-3708)  
 Rene Powell (864-4087)  
 Sharon Schneeberger (443-4605)  
 Pam Springsteel (445-0642)

**Appointed Directors:**  
 Dick Parker (256-4397)

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 Voter Service: Carol Schreiber

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 National: [lwv.org](http://lwv.org)

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**Member News**  
*Membership for 2021: 210*

**Welcome to New Member  
 Susan Cannon**

**Reminder: Deadline for 2022 dues is November 1**

**2022 MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
**League of Women Voters Columbia-Boone County**  
**COME AND JOIN US!**

**Simply fill out the form and mail to the address below**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Time Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues include local, state and national membership. *\*We invite you to add an additional \$22 for 2022 to support the work out our League.*

Individual Dues	\$65 _____	<b>*\$87</b>	_____
Household Dues	\$100 _____	<b>*\$122</b>	_____
New member 30 years of age and under.			\$30 _____
Student Dues (Ages 16 to 25) Enrolled FT/PT			\$FREE _____
Subsidized Dues (for members on limited income)			\$25 _____
Additional contribution to subsidize dues for members who cannot afford membership rates.			\$ _____
General Donation			\$ _____
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Make Checks Payable to LWV and mail to:**  
 League of Women Voters  
 PO Box 239  
 Columbia, MO 65205

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\*\*Donation to LWVCBC Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Donations to Education Fund are tax-deductible. Please include a separate check payable to LWVEF-MO704



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## League of Women Voters

PO Box 239

Columbia MO 65205

<http://lwvcbc.org>

## MISSOURI REDISTRICTING UPDATE

The Missouri House and Senate commissions met Tuesday, August 10, at the Capitol building in Jefferson City for their first organizational meeting. Marilyn McLeod, Carol Schreiber, Nancy Copenhaver, and Sharon Schneeberger attended.

Both commissions completed their constitutional duties by electing officers (chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary), agreeing on rules of order, and setting the public dates and locations for the public hearings.

The Senate set three dates for public hearings: October 18 – Springfield, October 19 – Kansas City, and October 21 - St. Louis.

The House plans six public hearings: October 18 – Springfield, October 19 – Kansas City, October 21 - St. Louis, November 4 - Jefferson City, November 9 – Cape Girardeau, and November 10 - Kirksville.

For a list of the 20 bipartisan House commission members and the 20 bipartisan Senate commission members, go to <https://lwvmissouri.org/fair-maps-2/>.

The September 14 Lunch and Learn program will focus on the Missouri Redistricting process. The presentation will explain the Redistricting process, the current status of the process, and how LWV members and friends can participate. To make sure we answer any questions you have, please submit them to this email address now: [sharon@schneeberger.net](mailto:sharon@schneeberger.net). (See p.1 for more information on this Lunch & Learn program.)

— Sharon Schneeberger, Chair  
Redistricting Committee

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