



The Voter

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

AUGUST 9 KITCHEN TABLE TALK: ECONOMICS WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON WITH THE ECONOMY?

This forum will provide an opportunity to better understand the current economic issues we all face — inflation, jobs, affordable housing, interest rates, gas prices, and more. Polls consistently indicate the public's concern over economic conditions. Are these concerns well founded? We will explore economic changes since the beginning of the pandemic to assess the strengths and weaknesses of our economy.

Inflation is certainly in the news and a concern to all. The forum will address questions concerning inflation: What is causing inflation? What are the underlying factors that have precipitated the rise in inflation? Is inflation affecting all sectors of the economy equally?

What is the federal government doing to address economic issues? We hope this forum will answer some questions and provide an opportunity for a robust discussion on issues weighing heavily on voters in the coming election.

— Diane Suhler

Tuesday, August 09

6:30-8 p.m.

Columbia Public Library

Friends Room and on Zoom



AUGUST 18 STATEWIDE WEBINAR ON CHANGES TO MISSOURI'S ELECTION LAW

The LWVMO is planning a statewide webinar to share information on the changes in Missouri election law and how they will impact the League and our voter registration and citizen education work. The webinar is planned for August 18 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

LWVMO is waiting for responses from the Secretary of State (SOS) office about the

changes and how they will affect us. It is possible that the timing of the response from the SOS might cause a change in the date of the webinar.

Watch for details as they become available.

— Marilyn McLeod, President
LWVMO



SAVE THE DATES

September 6 Annual Picnic at Stephens Lake Park

September 15 Lunch & Learn about Columbia Public Schools

September 17 LWV Constitution Day event

October 12 and 19 – Candidate and Ballot Issues Forums

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all,

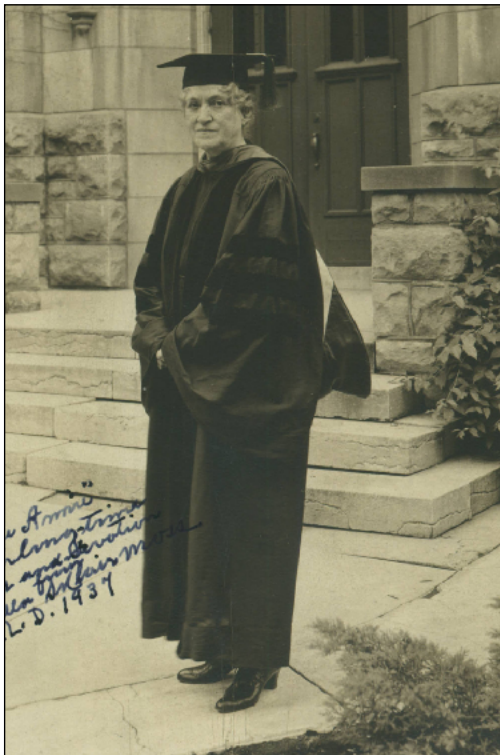
I have been camping in Michigan for most of July, enjoying the outdoors and nature by Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Superior, Picture Rocks National Lakeshore, Mackinaw Island, Grand Island, South Haven, the Traverse and Petosky areas, and the Leelanau Peninsula in our Roofnest (cartop tent) and avoiding the record-breaking heat wave in Missouri and elsewhere, most certainly due to climate change. Therefore, I have lots of people to thank for carrying out the work of the LWVCBC in July.

Thanks first to Mahree Skala, our First Vice Chair, for stepping in and doing a wonderful job of taking over our monthly meeting and all the related preparations. Thanks also to Carol Schreiber and the Voter Service Committee, who held a very informative and well-covered Candidate Forum for the August 2nd primary. Thanks also to Linda Smith, Zona Burk, and the Education Committee for their excellent work with the high schools to engage our future voters. (A separate article about their work is included in this Voter issue). Thanks also, as always, to Marilyn McLeod, LWVCBC Board

Member and LWVMO President, for her knowledge and many contributions.

While traveling, I was able to do a little LWVCBC work, as well as catch some of the continuing Jan 6 hearings and other important news, which highlights that much more work lies ahead for all of us if we are to ensure that our democratic form of government survives, works and improves.

— Barbara Hoppe, President
yesforparks@hotmail.com



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St. Clair Moss*

FOR THE NEXT CPS SCHOOL NAME



The League of Women Voters of Columbia – Boone County, MO
Vote August 2nd – Every Vote Counts!
 Click here for the Voter Guide Paid for by LWVMO Education Fund

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MISSOURI'S NEW VOTING LAW

For the August Primary — Nothing is changed!

Current Missouri Election Laws are still in effect for the August 2nd Primary. That means you can use any of the traditional forms of ID to vote, including a MO driver's license or state ID, the voter registration card received from the Boone County Clerk, student IDs, bank statements, utility bills, etc.

New Election Law Takes Effect After August 28, 2022

A major election law bill - HB 1878 — was passed on May 13, the last day of the legislative session. It went from an eight-page bill to over 50 pages, was not clearly written, and most legislators did not know what was in it. Gov. Parson signed the bill on June 29 and the law will go into effect August 28, 2022. It will affect **future elections**, beginning with the November General Election.

The League is working with the MO Voter Protection Coalition and the Elections Division of the Secretary of State (SOS) office to understand the provisions of the new law and how the provisions will be applied.

Here are some of the major changes to the election laws and what possible action may be taken:

- **Strict Voter Photo ID:** The only ID allowed will be an unexpired Missouri driver's license or non-driver's license, an unexpired US passport, or an unexpired federal ID. The MO Voter Protection Coalition, along with others, plans to file a lawsuit to challenge this provision. We do not know what the Court will do.
- **Voter Registration Volunteers** must register with the SOS: LWV volunteers who register to vote ten or more people in the

two-year general election timeframe must register with the Secretary of State.

Although there is a form now on the SOS website, the League has asked for clarification on whether there will be a revised form. The League believes this provision of the law will probably stand.

- **It is prohibited to provide an absentee ballot APPLICATION** to a voter without it being first requested by the voter. There are severe criminal liabilities in this provision. We expect this provision will be challenged in Court.

Two good provisions come with a very big caveat:

- **Change of Address** can be made **at your polling location** on election day.
- **Allows TWO WEEKS of NO-EXCUSE absentee voting** at the election authority's office but only during their office hours, and the strict photo ID will still be required. According to the law, if the strict photo ID part of the law is struck down by the Courts, then this provision will be struck down also.

There are many more provisions in this bill, and the League will keep you updated. **The provisions of this law go into effect on August 28 and will be in effect for the November 8th Election. However, please note that it is possible that there may be a temporary injunction (or other action) by the Court on some aspects of the law. We will provide information if that happens.**

— Carol Schreiber, Chair
Voter Service Committee
— Sharon Schneeberger, Chair
Redistricting Committee
— Marilyn McLeod, President
LWVMO

SEPTEMBER 6 ANNUAL LEAGUE PICNIC

Please save the date for our annual League picnic on Tuesday, September 6, at 5:30 p.m. We will gather at Gordon Shelter at Stephens Lake Park.

Food will be provided for a small cost, with regular, vegetarian, and non-gluten options.

Details on how to order your meal will be provided by email to all members during August.

— Pam Springsteel, Chair
Hospitality Committee

SEPTEMBER 15 LUNCH & LEARN COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL LEADERS



Our Thursday, September 15 Lunch & Learn Program at noon on Zoom will feature CPS Superintendent Brian Yearwood and School Board Chair David Seamon. They will share their goals at the beginning of this busy school year and answer your Zoom Chat questions regarding school safety, curriculum, school naming, curriculum, and more! Please join us. Note that

for this program only we are meeting on Thursday rather than our usual Tuesday.

You can view previous Lunch & Learn Programs at your leisure; links can be found on our website and our Facebook page. Thanks as always to Lauren Williams and the Columbia Public Library for co-sponsoring these programs.

— Barbara Hoppe, Chair
Lunch & Learn Committee

A PRODUCTIVE VOTER REGISTRATION SEASON

Between June 3 and July 6, members of the LWVCBC engaged in 15 separate Voter Registration events at several different venues. From the Downtown Post Office and the Daniel Boone Regional Library to a Parks & Recreation Fun Fest with a Juneteenth theme, several members of the LWVCBC registered voters (9), helped with address changes (4), answered questions (37), and distributed handouts/literature (100). Many thanks to the following members for their support in this effort: Valerie Holley, Zainab Jasim, Peggy Placier, Carla Klein, Marilyn McLeod, and Julie Saperstein.

Within days after the August 2 Primary, we will restart our Voter Registration efforts, beginning with the Voluntary Action Center's Annual Back to School event on Saturday, August 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Derby Ridge Elementary School. Stay tuned for a calendar and information on post-primary registration efforts leading up to the General Election on November 8, 2022.

In the meantime, if you would like to help with upcoming Voter Registration, please send me an email at linda.k.smith1954@gmail.com

— Linda Smith, Chair
Voter Registration Committee

HOW TO WATCH LWVCBC RECORDED VIDEOS

Do you know you can go to our LWV-CBC webpage at <https://lwvcbc.org/> and by clicking on the VIDEOS tab on the top banner, you will find our past Lunch & Learn and forums presentations, including the Candidate Forum for the Primary Election on August 2.

If you would like to watch one again, or if you missed a presentation and want to watch it at your convenience, please take a look.

HELPING YOUNG VOTERS FIND THEIR VOICES IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

The Education Committee has been working over the past 11 months to identify ways to increase/improve the education of young people, grades 9-12, to enable/encourage/expand their participation in the election process, including:

- Registering to vote.
- Voting.
- Helping others to vote.

Through a partnership established with the leadership of Columbia Public Schools (CPS) and with input from CPS high school students, the Committee has identified the following strategies to advance this goal:

- Continue collaborating with CPS to create a presence in the high schools to eliminate gaps between learning and action.
- Focus LWVCBC education efforts with high school students on action. For example, making it easy for high school students to register to vote when they turn 18, and distributing sample ballots just before an election.
- Help to provide a forum for student voices to be heard.
- Take advantage of students' interest in contributing to these efforts, especially with

communications such as websites, posters, and group meetings. Young people's perspectives on effective outreach are critical. Experience is learning.

- Use electronics! Redesign the LWVCBC website for ease of use and have a section that focuses on young voters. Develop electronic methods to maintain dynamic contact with students who wish to affiliate with the League.
- Explore a youth membership option.

Next Steps In partnership with CPS leadership, other LWVCBC committees, and students themselves, Education Committee members will initiate work to:

- Create a youth section on the LWVCBC website.
- Implement Register-to-Vote birthday parties for CPS students when they turn 18.
- Develop get-out-the-vote-informed strategies to get students to the polls, including individualized voting plans.
- Develop and offer neutral nonpartisan issue forums.

— Zona Burk, Chair
Education Committee

CALLING ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS HELP DIVERSIFY OUR MEMBERSHIP

We need you to help our League better represent the women of Columbia-Boone County. We need the energy and vision of all women, especially young women, young mothers and professionals, and women of color. Here are two ways you can help:

- Do you know someone who would benefit from being a league member? Please carry a membership form with you at all times -- you can use the one on the back page of this newsletter. Or, you can ask Meredith to print you some LWVCBC business cards that you can share with people you happen

to engage in a conversation about the League.

- Would you consider joining Meredith Donaldson, Ruth Milledge and Kate Canterbury in developing some member recruitment goals and strategies for the coming year? We would appreciate your input and use your time well in a few meetings to develop a plan. Please join us!

For more information, contact Meredith Donaldson at mkdonsn@gmail.com or 573-289-3018.

—Meredith Donaldson, Chair
Membership Committee



Upcoming League Events!



AUGUST 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	August 1	2	3	4	5	6 Voter Registration VAC Back to School Event
7	8	9 “What the Heck is Going on with the Economy?” Library 6:30pm In-person and Zoom	10	11	12	13
14	15 LWVCBC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom	16	17	18 LWVMO Webinar on Missouri’s New Voting Law 7pm Zoom	19	20 Voter Registration Indian Hills Park 12-2pm
21	22 Sept Voter Articles Due to Editor	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	SEPT 1	2	3
4	5	6 LWV on Paul Pepper Show KBIA 8:50 am	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Lunch & Learn Columbia Public School Leaders Zoom at Noon	16	17 Constitution Day Forum 7pm Zoom
18	19 LWVCBC Board Meeting 7pm Zoom	20	21	22	23 Oct Voter Articles Due to Editor	24
26	26	27	28	29	30	

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MEMBER NEWS**Welcome to New Member:
Christy Samuels**

140 Single Members (1 student).
56 Household Members (28x2)
4 Life members

Current Total Membership = 201
Membership Renewal is in November of each year

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 of our League.**

Individual Dues \$65 _____ ***\$87** _____

Household Dues \$100 _____ ***\$122** _____

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 _____

Donation to subsidize dues for \$ _____

members who cannot afford membership rates.

General Donation \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

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 \$ _____

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COLUMBIA UTILITY RENEWABLE ENERGY UPDATE

The City Council on July 18 instructed Columbia Water and Light (CWL) to create a plan to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030.

The first item on the agenda that evening was the 2022 Renewable Energy Plan, previously called the annual Renewable Energy Report. I and three others took the opportunity to again advocate for rapid action regarding renewable energy. The Climate and Environment Commission in March sent the Council a recommendation for 100% renewable energy by 2030. The Water and Light Advisory Board, which normally would be a major voice, has not made any comments on the timetable. Often in the past, the Council has simply “accepted” the report. This time there was considerable discussion regarding reaching 100% renewables. At the end of the Council meeting, when new items can be discussed, member Betsy Peters suggested that CWL provide a report on reaching 100% renewables by 2030. I think that report might reach the Council in two or three months, and at the second of two meetings the Council could vote upon it.

I take this opportunity to remind you that 100% renewable means that the utility will purchase a

quantity of renewable energy that equals the annual energy sold. There will still be some electricity used in Columbia that originates from fossil fuel, but this will be offset by renewable energy generated within the region. I also remind you that Columbia has no ability to cause the closure of coal-fired electric generators with which we have contracts and to whom we will still be paying the fixed costs within the contracts. (Those fixed costs are recognized by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) — a regional transmission organization in which CWL is a member — as representing part of Columbia's required generation capacity for peak energy use.)

This is the time to tell the City Council that you support the League's position for 100% Renewable Energy by 2030. I expect the League to let us know when the Council will vote on the issue. The Council members are influenced by a strong show of public support, so it will be very helpful to have a large crowd of supporters at that meeting.

— Dick Parker, Chair Emeritus
Energy & Climate Committee