



The Kitsap

Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

APRIL 2018

What Has the LWVK Water Resources Committee Been Up To?

When: April 18
Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon
Where: Sheridan Park Community Center
680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton

Come find out what the Water Resources Committee has been learning about water and infrastructure in Kitsap County. The group formed in May 2017 and identified questions about drinking water, wastewater treatment, and stormwater management in Kitsap. We have begun to educate ourselves on these topics and will debut and provide you a copy of ‘A Practical Guide to Kitsap Water’ we have prepared. We also will share topics we plan to continue to explore and engage you in a discussion about how to have public meetings on water and infrastructure needed. Please join in the conversation!

Directions to the Sheridan Park Community Center:

From South Kitsap: Take the Clare Avenue exit from the Warren Avenue Bridge, follow Clare Avenue down the hill almost to Lebo, then turn right into the parking lot behind the red brick building.

From North Kitsap: Take Warren Avenue, through the Sheridan Avenue stoplight and turn right on the Callahan Avenue exit off the Warren Avenue Bridge, keeping right follow the road to the bottom of the hill, turn left on Lebo and follow under the bridge to Clare, turn left and then left again into the parking lot behind the red brick Sheridan Community Center. We are in the Lounge.

Kitsap League Board

President Myra Howrey	Treasurer Adrienne Davis
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Mark Your Calendar

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April 7, Board meeting, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., community room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale

April 11, SK Unit meeting, 9 a.m., Port Orchard Library; CK Unit

members welcome; Adrienne Davis

April 18, “What Has the LWVK Water Resources Committee Been Up To?” 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Sheridan Park Community Center; Betsy Cooper See **CALENDAR** on Page 2

President's Corner

Mark your calendars for April 18 to hear all about Kitsap County water issues. That meeting will be at the Sheridan Park Community Center in Bremerton. And, as stated elsewhere in this Voter, the redistricting update meetings have been rescheduled to April 21. Please try to attend these meetings. Note that even though the April 21 meetings are on Bainbridge and in Bremerton, any League member can attend either (or both) of the meetings.

The Annual Meeting will be May 16 at the Island Lake Community Room with State Senator Christine Rolfes as our speaker. This is our annual business meeting where we adopt program, a budget, bylaws changes and elect officers and directors for the upcoming year. It's a great chance to catch up with fellow Leaguers you've not seen in a while, have a great lunch and hear all about the past legislative session from Sen. Rolfes.

We also will have our annual silent auction. This year the LWV Kitsap Ed Fund will receive the proceeds. We have conducted so many public meetings and other educational projects that our Ed Fund balance is lower than we would like. The good news is that we have been using the funds for what they are intended for and the bad news is that we now have to be more intentional with our educational funding.

Remember that these tax-deductible donations are welcome from our members, and you always have an opportunity to make such a donation when paying your yearly dues. Out of each \$60 dues payment, \$19 is paid to LWVWA and \$32 to LWVUS.

We count on our members, along with the generosity of Bainbridge Island community members who donate to the Ed Fund through One Call for All and donors to the Kitsap Great Give to help make our Candidate Forums, Public Meetings and publication of They Represent You possible.

See you all soon.

Myra Howrey, LWVK President

Thanks to Pam Hamon!!!

Kitsap League has received a donation to thank Pam Hamon for all her help in setting up Voter Registration Events for other community groups. Pam has been tireless in her devotion to this effort and we all appreciate her hard work. The person who sent us the donation has joined the Vashon Island Unit of the Seattle-King County League and is busy planning future voter registration events there. Kudos to Pam!



Mark Your Calendar for Kitsap Great Give

This year's Kitsap Great Give officially is April 24. It's an excellent way to donate to our local League. Just go online to www.kitsapgreatgive.org and fill out the donation form. Don't want to wait? You can give early, beginning April 10. Your donation will be processed right away and you'll get a receipt.

Voter Forums: Time to Step Up

The 2018 elections start soon and we need YOU! The start of candidate filing week is May 15. Once the candidates have committed, invites for League candidate forums start to go out for primary forums. Come help plan which races League will cover, how we can build our audiences and how you can fit in to Make Democracy Work!

Meet up: Thursday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Kitsap Fire Station, 6470 Seabeck Hwy NW, Silverdale, WA 98383.

Directions: Take the Newberry Hill exit off Highway 3 and go west about 3 miles until the road T's into Seabeck Highway. Take a left onto Seabeck Highway NW and the destination will be on the left in about 1 mile. There is a fire station traffic light but that is not the drive-way to the parking area.

See you there. Bring your big ideas!

— Kim Abel, Catherine Ahl and Ann Smith

Member interest survey

Notice for all members: Please go to our website, www.lwv-kitsap.org, and click on the Members Only tab. Once there, enter the member password, and complete the INTEREST SURVEY. Your input will be helpful in matching interests/skills with the appropriate needs of our local league. Thank you.

League Carpool

Do you need to find a carpool to League meetings? Or are you available to provide rides to League meetings?

There is a call for carpool drivers on the Members Only page on our website, www.lwv-kitsap.org, with a link to the Carpool Registry. The information will be sent to Maurie Louis and she will forward it to the appropriate unit leader.

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April 18, Evening Unit meeting, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., community room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale; contact Audrey Wolf

April 21, Redistricting Report meetings: from 10 a.m. to noon, Suquamish Community Congregational United Church of Christ, 18732 Division Ave. NE; and 2 to 4 p.m., Sylvan Way Library, 1301 Sylvan Way in Bremerton

April 25, NK Unit meeting, 10 a.m., location TBD; CK Unit members welcome; look for an email to NK and CK members when location is determined; contact Pam Hamon

April 25, BI Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, downstairs meeting room of Bainbridge Library; contact Maurie Louis

Observer Team Report

The Observer Team is up and running. We have members currently observing city council meetings, hospital related meetings and housing boards. If you are interested in joining in on the fun and want the coveted LWV button and folder, please let me know by emailing me at annette@crmaxson.com or calling 206-347-6051.

Members can observe meetings in person or by way of television broadcasts from the comfort of your own couch.

Observing our local government in action educates and informs us about our communities and helps us all to become more informed voters.

Another informational meeting will be scheduled soon; please check the Voter and the LWVK website and

Facebook page.

Any member currently observing governmental agencies or boards who did not come to the meeting is asked to please let me know what meeting you are observing. I am compiling a list of meetings being observed as a reference for our team members. You can send them to me by email, snail mail or telephone. Thank you.

— Annette Maxson

Safe Firearm Storage Giveaway



Photos by Annie Strosnider

Sportsman's Warehouse in Silverdale was the scene of a gun safety event March 3 in which 40 community volunteers, including LWVK members, helped distribute 350 lock boxes, 50 trigger locks and 600 cable locks to local gun owners. The Safe Firearm Storage Giveaway was sponsored locally by CHI Franciscan Health Harrison Medical Center, Kitsap County Health District, Safe Kids Kitsap, Kitsap Suicide Prevention Coalition, LWVK and Lok-It-Up.



Local League members Audrey Wolf and Alice Millis were among the volunteers at the gun safety event. Also helping out were Leni Skarin, Barbara Paul, Helen Hoover, and Pam and Charlie Hamon.

Board Snippets — 3/03/18 No Quorum

1. Current membership is 138.
2. Items postponed to April board meeting:
 - a. 2018-2019 Budget
 - b. Local Program Planning report
 - c. Co-sponsorship policy review report
 - d. Bylaws final report
 - e. Approval of March Consent Agenda
3. Board members present gave go-ahead for Kim Abel to submit proposal for the OC Diversity Conference to April Board meeting.
4. Board members present were enthusiastic about having Lifetime Members tea in June.
5. Water Committee reported on its April meeting.

Helping Homeless Tip

TIP – Save your hotel samples (shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, etc.) and bring them to our annual meeting for collection. These items will be organized into toiletry bags for the homeless.

League 101

Planning for an April session of League 101 is under way. Newer members will be emailed information when the schedule is finalized.

ON THE WEB

Find our local League news, meeting notices, reminders and publications on our Facebook or our website, www.lwv-kitsap.org. Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.

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Regularly Scheduled Events/Meetings

Unit Meetings

Be sure to check with your unit leader for any schedule changes.

Bainbridge Island: 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, downstairs meeting room of Bainbridge Library; contact Maurie Louis

North Kitsap: 4th Wednesday of the month,

10 a.m., April location TBD; Bremerton and CK unit members are welcome; contact Pam Hamon
South Kitsap: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. at Port Orchard Library; Bremerton and CK unit members are welcome; contact Adrienne Davis

Evening Unit: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., community room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale; contact Audrey Wolf

Board Meetings

The board meets the first Saturday of each month. All League members are welcome.

Annual Meeting

Our League's annual meeting is in May, and includes a silent auction and lunch.