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## President's Corner

The December social was fabulous! My thanks to all who were able to attend. I think we all enjoyed the company and the conversation, and it was truly wonderful to see so many of our members in person.

Our annual Program Planning meeting will be held at the Poulsbo Library on Saturday, January 27. This is the meeting where we decide what we, as a local league, will focus our energies on. We started to explore some areas of interest at the December Social, and hope to continue that discussion, and come to consensus at the January 27th meeting. We are still cementing the details, so please be on the lookout for that information.

We are in the process of moving our website host to Club Express. This new host will make our Treasurer and Membership Chair roles much easier to maintain. Additionally, each member will have an individual password, which will be more secure than our current common login.

I hope you all find time during this Holiday season to spend time with the people who are most important to you. My best wishes to you all.

*Robin Muir, President LWV-Kitsap*

# A collage of pictures from the December Social



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## Kitsap County Draft Comprehensive Plan Documents Available for Review

**Comments now being accepted; two public meetings scheduled in January**

Kitsap County has completed preliminary draft documents for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update that will be available for public review over the next week. The Comprehensive Plan is a key document addressing countywide growth through 2044 and directs county actions towards the community's goals. The update includes four primary documents:

- **Draft Comprehensive Plan:** The Comprehensive Plan is the County's 20-year blueprint for growth and investment, and includes goals, policies, and strategies for how to achieve its vision.
- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS):** The DEIS provides an overview of planning-level, environmental impacts and alternatives, including mitigation measures, that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts.
- **Draft Capital Facilities Plan (CFP):** The CFP covers needed improvements to roads, utilities, parks, and services including those for school and fire districts, necessary to accommodate growth.
- **Draft Development Regulations:** Proposed amendments to Kitsap County Code include Title 16 (Land Division), Title 17 (Zoning), and Title 21 to direct development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement were released today, December 15, and the draft Capital Facilities Plan and Development Regulations will be available before December 22, 2023. All documents are or will be posted on the project website at [kcowa.us/compplan](https://kcowa.us/compplan).

There are two public comment periods running concurrently:

- Public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be taken until 4:30 p.m. January 31, 2024.
- Comments on the other documents may be submitted through at least **April 8, 2024** and depending on the topic, through December 2024.

Public comment is strongly encouraged as this is the most important time for input in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. Please submit comments early in the review process to ensure full consideration.

Public meetings to review the draft documents, ask questions and provide public input are scheduled for **January 11, 2024** (virtual via Zoom) and **January 18, 2024** (in-person event).

More information regarding these and future meetings including times, links and locations can be found at [kcowa.us/compplan](https://kcowa.us/compplan).

Written comments may be submitted directly to [compplan@kitsap.gov](mailto:compplan@kitsap.gov) or mailed to Colin Poff, Kitsap County Department of Community Development, 614 Division Street MS-36, Port Orchard, WA, 98366.

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## LWVK Membership Lists

**Reminder** that membership lists are for Kitsap League business only. Please refrain from using contact information for personal uses or non-League activities. If you have a question or have an interest that you would like to share with other League members, please contact the Board to discuss.

## Committee News

### *Healthcare Committee*

Dr. Alecia Nye, Dean of Nursing & Allied Healthcare Division of Olympic College, will speak about existing programs and future healthcare career pathways to support healthcare access and career opportunities in Kitsap County. The Healthcare Committee meets on Zoom the second Friday of every month, and the January meeting is at 12:30pm on January 12. All League members are welcome to attend the meeting. If you want to receive monthly emails about the committee meetings, contact the chair Leni Skarin.

*Leni Skarin, Committee Chair*

### *Early Education: 0 to 3*

The 0 to Three Committee is embarking on updating some of our tools - PowerPoint Presentation and Flyers.

In the case of the flyer, and at the suggestion of Kitsap Public Health, we hope to use both sides and include Maternal Services. A stumbling block is downloading a symbol that would fill in some dead space at the bottom of the flyers. We think we've got that solved. We also want to revamp some wording that would make it more scientifically accurate - it would just be a word or two, but it would make a difference.



In the case of the PowerPoint presentation, the committee is presently looking for ways to pique the interest of more organizations and are searching for strong, meaningful data.

We are also looking forward to the next legislative session and will talk more about it in our next report. Below is the symbol we think will work.

*Rosalind Renouard, Chair*

## Democracy Lobby Week January 2024

Sign Up and Get your Legislative Fix Here

### Saturday, January 6 | Speak-Up School

**Register Now:** [Attend Speak-Up School](#) and learn how to effectively engage with legislators and use resources like the [Legislature's website](#) and the League's [Legislative Action Newsletter](#). Get a preview on YouTube at this [link](#).

### Monday – Friday, January 22 – 26 | Democracy Lobby Week

**Register Now:** [Meet with Lobby Team members](#) to learn about the issues coming up in Washington's 2024 legislative session. Attendees can also meet with their legislators. Our annual Democracy Lobby *Return to ["In This Issue..."](#)*

Week with [Fix Democracy First](#) will be taking place again in January 2024.

**Tentative Schedule** (Legislator appointments will be happening throughout the week)

### **Monday, January 22**

10-11:30am – Special ACT Program - How a Bill Becomes a Law

6-8pm – Main Program

### **Tuesday, January 23**

6-8pm – Environmental Program

### **Wednesday, January 24**

6-8pm – Democracy Program

### **Thursday, January 25**

6-8pm – Social & Economic Policy Program

### **Friday, January 26**

6-7pm – Celebration & Share

## **Mondays, January 6 – March 11 | ACT via Zoom (Held Weekly on Mondays)**

**Register Now:** Action Coffee Time (ACT) gatherings are weekly informational and question-and-answer sessions using League, state, and community resources to provide the background information you need on topics related to current Washington State legislation. [Register Here.](#)

2024 is a short legislative session but every week you can learn something new, all from the comfort of your own living room. Jump into these topics for January!

- **Jan 8:** Legislative update and how to use the Legislative Action Newsletter.
- **Jan 15:** FairVoteWA: Proportional Representation and Multi-Member Districts.
- **Jan 22:** How a Bill Becomes Law (in Washington)
- **Jan 29:** Breaking down Even Year Elections

Missed one? No problem! Catch it on [YouTube](#) anytime.  
Suzanne Schreiner

## **Unit News**

### ***Bremerton/Central Kitsap Unit***

December is the fifth anniversary of the Bremerton/CK Unit's revival. We first met on December 15, 2018, and have continued to evolve into an integral part of the Kitsap League. Many thanks to our "charter" members who have found their niche in the LWV-Kitsap League: Regina Adamson, Debi Braner, Char Burnette, John Cervinsky, Maureen Cervinsky, Maryanne Confar, Kathleen Gallagher, Brooke Healy, Victoria Hilt, Virtue Ishihara, Anne Lunden, Connie Marchant, Janice McLemore, Alan Miles, Robin Muir, Candy Rankin, Gail Sackman, Linda Streissguth, Sunny Wheeler, and Gregg

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Wheeler. We each contribute what we can to ensure that we live in "...a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate."

Bremerton/CK Unit meets every third Saturday of the month, at 10am. The meetings are hybrid. **For January 20th only**, the in-person meeting will be held at 10:30am, at the **Sylvan Way Kitsap Regional Library conference room**, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton. In February, the Unit will resume meeting at the Kitsap United Way in Bremerton.

**The Unit has a new Zoom link and password**, so if you want to attend remotely, please go to the League's "For Members" calendar for the new login information, or please let Maureen know if you would like to be added to the B/CK Unit email list to receive this information directly.

*Maureen Cervinsky, Unit Chair*

### **North Kitsap**

The next meeting of the North Kitsap Unit will be at the Poulsbo Library on January 22 at 1pm. This is later than our usual time due to a scheduling conflict, but it provides us an opportunity to hear about an interesting new affordable housing project proposed to be built in Kingston in 2024. The builder is David Smith of Central Highland Homes, and the project is Spring Hill. It will provide housing for working families earning \$45-50K a year. The project site is on 20 acres that includes wetlands so to minimize any impact the housing is clustered in one corner of the site.

David has built other housing projects on Bainbridge as well as in Poulsbo. This project has received letters of support from Kingston Affordable Housing Working Group, Kitsap County Affordable Housing Task Force, Kingston Chamber of Commerce, Kitsap County Chamber of Commerce, Kingston Kiwanis, Bremerton Housing Authority, Kitsap Community Resources, and Kitsap Transit.

David will describe some of the challenges he addressed in protecting the wetlands as well as to maintain the affordability of the units for working families. This kind of affordable housing is sorely needed, and the demand is not being met, but this might be one example of where it is being done in an environmentally acceptable manner. Please plan to attend and learn more about it.

The meeting will be in the large community room of the Poulsbo Library. It will be a hybrid meeting so let others know about this opportunity. To clarify, **Monday, January 22, 1pm at KRL Poulsbo**.

*Carol Larsen, Interim Unit Chair*

### **South Kitsap Unit**

The SK Unit meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30am via Zoom. Our next meeting is January 9. Contact: Janet Stegemeyer, [jans@oz.net](mailto:jans@oz.net), 360-471-9470.

*Janet Stegemeyer, Unit Chair*



Voter Outreach Booth Aug. 2022 FLASH-BACK to a sunny day at the Port Orchard Farmers Market. SK Unit volunteers: Front L to R: Kathy Campbell, Brenda McCormick, Jeannie Allen, Janet Stegemeyer. Back L to R: Mara Schmerfeld, Rochelle Karlsen, Judy Rae Karlsen. Not pictured: Gary Beanland.

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## Leadership Kitsap 20 Under 40

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**CONGRATULATIONS 2024 HONOREES!**

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<b>DEZIRAE BATES</b>	<i>Kitsap Credit Union</i>
<b>KIMBERLY BIALOCK</b>	<i>Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office</i>
<b>CHRISTINA BLACK</b>	<i>Bon Cheveux Salon and Spa</i>
<b>ADAM BOYD</b>	<i>North Mason Regional Fire Authority</i>
<b>AMBER CALDERA</b>	<i>Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe</i>
<b>KRISTOFER CARLSON</b>	<i>Kitsap County</i>
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<b>RYAN NELSON</b>	<i>Cornerstone Cleaning</i>
<b>LEIYOMI PRECIADO</b>	<i>Kitsap Mental Health Services, Young Democrats of Kitsap Peninsula</i>
<b>MIRANDA SMALLWOOD (HULTIN)</b>	<i>North Kitsap School District, Kingston High School</i>
<b>BECKY WALL</b>	<i>Rice Fergus Miller</i>

Leadership Kitsap's [20 Under 40 Awards Program](#) seeks to identify and celebrate exceptional business leaders under the age of 40 who are dynamic trailblazers in the Kitsap community. We want to share their stories and celebrate their successes, bringing these individuals together to grow into a powerful network of young leaders who can then leverage that network to make even more great contributions to our region's economy and civic dialog. **Congratulations Victoria!**

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## Voter Team

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If you have questions or would like to submit an article for a future issue of the Voter, please reach out to Cat. The Voter team welcomes your feedback!

### Affordable Housing Project Coming to Kingston



Builder David Smith will discuss a new affordable housing project coming to Kingston in 2024. He'll describe the project and the challenges of keeping it affordable while also addressing environmental concerns.

**January 22, 2024 at 1pm**

**Watch in person at the KRL Library in Poulsbo,  
or watch live on Zoom**

For more information and Zoom link, go to  
[www.lwv-kitsap.org/affordable-housing-in-kingston](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org/affordable-housing-in-kingston)



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## Mark Your Calendar

### Sat Jan 6, 2024

10am: LWV-Kitsap Board Meeting

Where: Zoom

### Tue Jan 9, 2024

10:30am: SK Unit Meeting

Where: Zoom

### Fri Jan 12, 2024

12:30pm: Healthcare Committee

Where: Zoom

### Sat Jan 20, 2024

10am: LWV CK/Bremerton Unit Meeting

Where: Sylvan Way Kitsap Regional Library conference room, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton (Hybrid)

### Mon Jan 22, 2024

1pm to 2:30pm: Presentation: An Affordable Housing Project Coming to Kingston

Where: Kitsap Regional Library, Poulsbo, 700 NE Lincoln Road, Poulsbo

### Sat Jan 27, 2024

10:30am to 2pm: LWVK Program Planning Day – All Member Meeting (Hybrid)

Where: Public Library, Poulsbo

### Sat Feb 3, 2024

10am: LWV-Kitsap Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Where: The Pearl on Oyster Bay, 550 Russell Road, Bremerton

### Fri Feb 9, 2024

12:30pm: Healthcare Committee

Where: Zoom

### Tue Feb 13, 2024

10:30am: SK Unit Meeting

Where: Zoom

### Sat Feb 17, 2024

10am: LWV CK/Bremerton Unit Meeting

Where: United Way of Kitsap County, 645 4th Street Unit 101, Bremerton (Hybrid)

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