



LWVUV CALENDAR

Sept. – Dec. 2026

Sept 8 K-12 Safe & Healthy
Schools Consensus Zoom
Mtg. 10:30AM

Board Zoom Mtg . 11 AM

Sept 10 Secretary of State Tobias
Read Public Forum 6-7:30PM,
Roseburg Library

Sept 15 Postcard Party 1:30 -3PM,
Umpqua Watershed

Sept 16 Postcard Party 6-7:30PM,
Umpqua Watershed

Oct 8 Board Zoom Mtg. 11AM

Public Forum TBA

Oct 15 Learn About
Gerrymandering Forum 6-7PM,
Blake Norton presenting

Nov 3 Election Day

Nov 16 Youth Homelessness
Forum 6-7:30PM

Dec 8 Meet & Greet 6-8PM TBA

Dec 10 Board Mtg in Glide. 11 AM

**All forums will be held in-person at
the Roseburg Public Library , 1409
NE Diamond Lake Blvd.*

Welcome Autumn: Election Season is Here!

Hello, League Members!

Are you getting enough information about the upcoming election? That is almost a joke—if it weren't all so overwhelming. Like many of you, I'm receiving nonstop emails, texts from fundraisers, messages from state and local government, campaign updates, and now even questions about AI.

So, please take care. Watch for burnout. Take a few moments to breathe—it is good for your health. LWVOR has also shared helpful thoughts on burnout. Let's all take a deep breath, then return to the work: computers, sign making, phone calls, and all the other ways we show up. We will get through this together.

And let's have some fun while we're at it. Speaking of fun, we have several upcoming opportunities to gather together. The Oregon Secretary of State will speak with us at the library on Sept. 10, Braver Angels will address the community on Sept. 9, and our Postcard Parties are scheduled for Sept. 15 and 16. We will address postcards, enjoy a few snacks, and reconnect with one another. Look for the article about the parties later in this newsletter.

October and November events are still taking shape. A few details remain to be resolved, but once plans are finalized, you will hear more. In the meantime, please look forward to Dec. 8, when we will visit League member Sharon Lee Schwartz's new Majestic Theatre in town. Congratulations, Sharon Lee—we are excited to visit!

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I suggest you do not use the USPS, our postal service, when delivering your ballot. Because of all the bad news around the Postal Service lately, either use official drop boxes or walk it into the Clerk's office.

Thank you to all volunteers for your work as Observer Corps members: Linette Torres, Alice Lackey, and Nancy Livers; as Garden Tour committee members: Peppi Melick, John Jachetta, Brenda Biermann, Susan Uravich, and Nancy Farris, our beloved former Chair. Wishing health, prosperity, and most of all, democracy for us all.

Robin Wisdom

LWV Umpqua Valley President

Oregon's Secretary of State, Tobias Read, Comes to Roseburg

We are pleased to announce that the office of the Secretary of State Tobias Read has confirmed he will speak to Douglas County at the Roseburg Public Library on Thursday, September 10th from 6PM to 7:30PM.

All League members are invited to help us prepare. Set up is at 5PM and we must be out of the Library by 8 or 8:30PM. We need members to help greet people, hand out 3 by 5 cards and pens to write questions for the Secretary to answer and encourage people to fill out evaluation forms at the end of the event. League members will be given the questions to be screened before they are asked of Secretary Read. We screen out duplicates and inappropriate questions or comments. Prepare your questions ahead instead of waiting until the last minute. Be sure you bring with you your question on a 3 by 5 card legibly written so it can be read by others. One question per card, please.

And, oh, yea! Help us get the word out by distributing the event flyer following this article. There's also a link on our home page (lwvuv.org) We reserved the Library's Ford room which only holds 140 people. First come, first seated. The event will also be recorded and posted on our YouTube site afterwards (<https://www.youtube.com/@lwvumpquavalley>). This information will also be on our website: <https://lwvuv.org>.



OR Secretary of State Tobias Read

Visiting Roseburg ...



The Public is
invited to attend!

Tobias Read,
Secretary of State

Roseburg Public Library
Ford Room

Thursday, September 10, 2026

6PM - 7:30PM

Bring Your Questions to
ask the Secretary!

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Postcard Parties to Encourage NAV Voting

Now here's a great idea. For a long time now we have wanted a way to connect with Non-Affiliated Voters (NAVs), in Douglas County. With your help and the support of the League of Women Voters Oregon, we can make an impact before the mid-term elections take place.

League of Women Voters Oregon (LWVOR) has offered to pay for postcards to be mailed to NAVs in Douglas County. Of course, we don't have enough money to contact all of them as there are thousands. LWVOR is being very generous offering to pay for up to 750 stamps per League for postage. And our League board of directors has agreed to pay for stamps over and above what the state League will pay for.

LWVOR has created and printed postcards and they have delivered names and addresses for us to use from the DMV. They will reimburse our League for 750 postcard stamps at \$0.65 each. That's \$487.50. We would need to purchase those and save the receipt for reimbursement purposes. If we are able to mail 1600 postcards (our original goal), then the rest of the postage would need to be paid by our own League - \$552.50, which the LWVUV board has agreed is a worthwhile expenditure.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it :

We will address each postcard by hand, and write a little something like "Please Vote!"; on each card so it looks personalized. Then we will hold on to the cards until the end of September so they can all be mailed at the same time and be received before ballots go out. The League will provide the postcards, addresses, stamps, pens and light refreshments.



WHEN AND WHERE?

Tuesday, Sep. 15 at 1:30 to 3PM (Set up at 1PM)

Wednesday, Sep.16 at 6 to 7:30PM (Set up at 5:30PM)

Location: Umpqua Watersheds' Clubhouse at 533 SE Main St, Roseburg.

Bring a friend! And please feel free to distribute the attached poster.

Vote411.org

Oregon's Vote411 is located at <https://www.vote411.org/oregon>.

Find out the latest in your area about voting and elections. You can also register to vote or check your registration.

Registration Deadlines in Oregon

BY MAIL (POSTMARKED)
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

IN PERSON Tuesday, October 13, 2026

ONLINE Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Vote411.org will go live on 9/29/26



Paying Dues

If you have not paid your dues yet for 2026-2027, please do. There are several ways.

1) You can go into the LWV Portal and pay there (<https://portal.lwv.org/>).

2) Or send your check(s) to our Treasurer Sherry Couron at 2405 Whistlers Park Rd, Roseburg,

OR 97470. She will mail your check into LWV to be recorded.

The recommended dues rate for all Leagues across the country is \$75, but a member can choose to pay any amount higher than that, or any amount lower than that to a minimum of \$20. Our League receives 20% of the amount you pay, and the state League receives 47%. The remaining 33% stays with the national League.

If you would like to donate to our League, please send a separate check to Sherry. Or you can choose to enter a donation to our League specifically when you are in the online Portal. Look for a link to donate to our League only - that amount will not be counted as dues and will be forwarded to our local League account.

Yipes! Fees! Your Information, the Umpqua Valley board of directors has decided to pay most of the fees incurred when members pay dues. This info from LWV regarding fees: The credit card fee is 3.9% once + \$0.80 for each level. The fee for ACH (electronic payment) is 1.8% once+ \$0.50 for each level.

Sherry Couron's contact information: 2405 Whistlers Park Rd, Roseburg OR 97470 or couron121@msn.com
541-315-0048

Thank you for renewing and for your donations!

Douglas County Ballot Measures, Candidates & Drop Box Locations

Current Measures

Measure	Description
10-218 (PDF)	City of Sutherlin Imposes 3% Local Tax on Retail Marijuana Sales
10-217 (PDF)	City of Sutherlin Repeals citywide ban on marijuana facilities upon update of regulations
10-216 (PDF)	Glide School District Capital Improvement Bond
10-215 (PDF)	Reedsport ban of psilocybin related businesses

[Drop Box Locations in Douglas County](#)

Current Candidates

COUNTY OFFICES	FILED CANDIDATES	QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED
County Commissioner, Position 3	Chris Boice Steve Hammerson	Candidate Office Requirements



Current Statewide League Study

K-12 Safe and Healthy Schools Consensus Meeting at 10:30AM on Tuesday, Sep. 8th.

The LWVOR K-12 study is a set of three reports examining different aspects of K-12 education. The purpose of these reports is to provide background information so that League of Women Voter members in Oregon can reach consensus on issues regarding:

*** Exceptional Learners * School Safety * Career and Technical Education**

We will discuss the second of three sections of the study - Safe & Healthy Schools on Sept. 8 at 10:30AM. All members are welcome to attend. This will be a short meeting to be held before our board of directors's monthly board meeting. Here's the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82774039940>

Oregon Student Mock Election (OSME)

The Oregon Student Mock Election project is underway. If you have a special connection with a teacher in grades 6-12, or even 5 th grade, please encourage them to participate. The idea is that when students get to practice voting, they will build the habit of voting!

Mimi Alkire is the LWVOR Coordinator for this project. Teachers can reach out to her directly by email at mimi.alkire@gmail.com. This is an important step because most schools now have “cyber firewalls” and it is impossible to send an email directly to a teacher until that teacher has reached out to you. Jenny Carloni is going to schools in-person to deliver this information into the hands of a human. Call her at 541-672-1914, or text 541-430-9005, or email jennifer.carloni@gmail.com, if you need more information.

Students will be voting for Governor, a Senator, and a Representative. Mimi will even work with the teacher to develop a customized ballot for their students. It can include local ballot measures. The ballots look very much like the real thing! The lessons focus on doing research and becoming an informed voter.

OSME is endorsed by the Secretary of State and the Oregon Department of Education. Students will vote October 19-23 and results will be released to the public October 26-27. Oregon Election Day is November 3, 2026. Besides OSME, the League offers a wealth of free, award-winning Civics Education curricula. It can be found through the LWVOR website, lwvor.org. ***Help spread the word!***

From the LWVOR newsletter Sep 2026

Initiative Petition on Political Contributions

LWVOR is preparing to support an initiative petition addressing political campaign contributions in Oregon. Beginning in September, our state chapter will support an initiative petition alongside Honest Elections Oregon that would limit political campaign contributions to individuals. The proposal would seek to prohibit campaign contributions from corporations, political action committees, partnerships, trade associations, trusts, nonprofits, and unincorporated associations.

The initiative follows the approach of recently approved legislation in Hawaii and reflects an approach sometimes referred to as the “Montana Plan,” based on the idea that states can define the powers granted to corporations. States create corporations and establish, through statute or constitutional provisions, the powers those corporations may exercise. Most states, including Oregon, grant corporations broad general capacity to act, often including powers similar to those held by individuals when necessary or convenient.

The Oregon Legislature on March 5, 2026, passed HB 4018, the bill to destroy campaign finance reform in Oregon. The vote in the House was 39-19. The vote in the Senate was 20-9. Governor Tina Kotek signed HB 4018, despite receiving over 1,000 emails asking her to veto it. Oregon’s good government groups urged her to veto it. Even the national experts on campaign finance, the Campaign Legal Center, urged her to veto it.

There is much more work to be done.



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Links to Important Places

- **LWV – The national League LWVUV** –
Membership portal (where you pay your annual dues)
– <https://portal.lwv.org/>
- **LWVOR – the state League:** <https://www.lwvor.org/>
Legislative Reports – <https://www.lwvor.org/legislative-report>
- **Oregon State Legislature** – <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/>
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