



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR MAY AND JUNE 2013



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President's Message

The League year is coming to a close. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 25. League members will vote on next year's program, adopt a budget for next year, elect new officers. In addition, members will have an opportunity to offer directions to the new board as to what goals they would like LWVDC to achieve in the next year. Plan to attend the meeting and have your say.

I will be completing a year as the President of LWVDC, You may remember that I assumed the presidency a year ago when Nancy Ruel had to resign for health reasons. I am happy to tell you that Nancy has recovered nicely from her surgery. She still faces months of physical therapy and a time to regain her strength. We all wish her well. I also want to thank Nancy for her year of service as the President of LWVDC.

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Thanks also to Geri Houser for her time serving as our Secretary. She resigned from the board when she decided to run for public office. We were sorry to lose her but; our non-partisan policy requires that board members may not run for public office.

We had a busy and successful year. An election year is always intense and this year especially since we had so many candidate's forums. It has been a pleasure serving with the bright, dedicated League leaders. Everyone does their job with dedication and good spirit. Board members have been quick to step in when we needed some extra help. I want to wish the board good wishes for next year.

Dolores Ellis

First Thursday Luncheon Topic

9-1-1 Local Option Levy Tax Rate 3¢ Lower Than Current Rate Levy will appear on May 21 ballot

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On February 25 of this year, Deschutes County Commissioners approved placement of the Deschutes 9-1-1 Local Option Levy renewal on the May 21 ballot. The Levy was to renew a current rate of 23 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for another five years. No new taxes were proposed. The current 9-1-1 Local Option Levy expires June 30.

On Monday, March 18, the Commissioners considered and approved reducing the Levy rate by three cents, to 20 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. This revision reduces the May 21 Local Option Levy tax rate with by 3 cents in what taxpayers currently pay for 9-1-1 emergency communication services (\$72 per year instead of \$78 per year for a property worth \$200,000. The \$72 figure includes the 9-1-1 permanent tax rate).

The change came after additional detailed analysis of the timing of needed capital expenditures over the next 5-10 years, and the possible use of 9-1-1 reserve funds to augment operational expenses if necessary. Combined with the desire to only assess Deschutes County residents what is absolutely necessary, the District is confident that the 3 cent reduction per \$1,000 of assessed value will maintain 9-1-1 service at current levels. The revised .20 cent per \$1,000 9-1-1 Local Option Levy, that renews services for five years, will appear on the May 21 voter's ballot.

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The Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District is among 46 primary "Public Safety Answering Points" in the State of Oregon and is only one of five that are currently funded as an independent taxing District.

It is the mission of Deschutes County 9-1-1 to provide prompt assistance in a caring, resourceful and professional manner. Agency dispatchers provide certified advanced emergency medical help and are capable of delivering immediate patient care over the phone. Along with local law enforcement and fire agencies, Deschutes 9-1-1 is a vital organization that helps ensure a solid public safety foundation that can significantly contribute to economic development efforts in Deschutes County. Deschutes County 9-1-1 takes all 9-1-1 calls in Deschutes County (roughly 162 per day) as well as all non-emergency calls for public safety in the County for a total of more than 300,000 phone calls a year. Deschutes 9-1-1 provides dispatch and support services for 13 public safety agencies which covers an area in excess of 300,000 square miles and includes portions of the six surrounding Counties outside of Deschutes County. To learn more about Deschutes County 9-1-1 and the 9-1-1 Local Option Levy, please visit deschutes.org/911 or call (541) 388-0185. Follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/Deschutes911](https://www.facebook.com/Deschutes911). ##

Luncheon Speakers

Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District

Rob Poirier, Director of Deschutes County 9-1-1, started his public safety career in August of 1993 when he was hired as a police/fire/EMS dispatcher for the Sweet Home Police Department. Prior to entering into public safety Rob spent time in the Hotel/Resort industry, construction and spent four years in the United States Marine Corps.

Prior to his appointment as the Director of the Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District in October of 2010 Rob was employed by the Lebanon Police Department and the Santiam Canyon Communications Center in Stayton, OR.

Rob has been an active member in the Oregon APCO/NENA chapter where he is a member of the Legislative Committee. He is also the Chapter's representative on the Board of Public Safety Standards and Training, serves on that Board's Executive Committee and is the Chair of the Telecommunication's Policy Committee. Rob holds an Executive Certificate for Certified Telecommunicator and a Basic EMD certificate.

Rob is active in the local community serving on the Board of United Way Deschutes County and is a member of the volunteer management team for the Oregon Jamboree. He likes to spend time with his wife and granddaughters. His hobbies include: home improvement, gardening, hiking, cooking and yes... shopping with his wife!

Bend-La Pine Schools

Ron Wilkinson has been a passionate public educator for the past 41 years, and is in his 5th year as superintendent of the Bend-La Pine Schools.

His career includes 33 years in Oregon wrapped around 8 years in Washington. Ron came back to Oregon, to Bend-La Pine in 1998 as Director of Human Resources, became Deputy Superintendent in 2001, and superintendent in 2008. Prior educational experiences include 15 years as a middle school principal in Oregon and Washington, 5 years as a high school assistant principal, 1 year working for an educational consortium school improvement project, and 5 years as a junior and senior high teacher.

Ron was named the 2012 Superintendent of the Year for Oregon, served as past president of the Oregon Association of School Executives, serves on the State Supt's Vision & Policy Task Force, Confederation of School Administrator's Board of Directors, served on the Higher Education Action Team (HEAT) for central Oregon,). Locally, he is a City Club member, a Leadership Bend graduate and served two terms on the United Way of Central Oregon's board of directors. In addition, he teaches a part of the administrative licensure program in Central Oregon for University of Oregon.

Action Alert

**Gun Safety Bills Coming up Soon for a Vote
Your help is needed!**

On April 18, the Senate Judiciary Committee advanced four bills to the floor of the Oregon Senate, including a stronger universal criminal background checks bill than what was being considered in Congress. The League **strongly supports** these bills, based on the LWVUS Gun Safety position. A vote of the full Oregon Senate can occur at any time. That's why we need your help **now**.

Please contact your Oregon Senator and encourage him or her to support these bills on the Senate floor.

You can find your legislator here. And be sure to include the bill numbers in the subject of your phone call, letter or email (Please support SB 700, SB 347, SB 699, SB 796). The bills are:

Senate Bill 700: Universal Background Checks - Closes the private sales loophole so criminals and other dangerous people can't buy guns.

Senate Bill 347: Gun-Free Schools - Gives school districts the authority to prohibit guns on campus.

Senate Bill 699: Guns in Public Buildings - Ensures that citizens cannot openly carry guns in buildings where public bodies are deliberating.

Senate Bill 796: Training for Concealed Handgun License - Requires citizens to attend an in-person class before obtaining a concealed handgun license. With the defeat of background check legislation in the U.S. Senate last week, it has become even more important for Oregon to join with other states that have recently passed gun safety legislation. For more information on the bills, please go to Ceasefire Oregon.

For questions contact Marge Easley at marge.easley@frontier.com or call 503-638 7023.

Your participation is essential to get these bills passed.

Please contact your Senator today!

Hi all - this is a forward from the Oregon LWV. You may purchase tickets at the annual meeting on Thursday, or by emailing Sara Langton at saral@bendbroadband.com or by calling at [541-382-5158](tel:541-382-5158).



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Drawing will be held May 18, 2013, 8 pm at The Mill Casino, North Bend, OR. Ticket holders need not be present to win. Maximum number of tickets to be sold: 2000

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DESCHUTES COUNTY

FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON

May 2, 2013

Ron Wilkinson

Superintendent of Bend-La Pine School District

Andrea Wilson

Bend-La Pine School District

Will be speak about the upcoming
School Ballot Measure for the Bend La Pine School District
and

Rob Poirer

will speak about the upcoming 911 Ballot measure.

Both or these ballot measures will be on the May ballot.

Come and learn about these important measures.