



CASCADE ECHOES

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2013

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At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend)**. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

10 Board Meeting

12 Fall Workshop, Eugene

15 Membership and Public Forum on the Urban Growth Boundary. "Is the UGB Strangling Bend?" 5-8 pm at the downtown Bend Public Library, Brooks Room. See articles pages 3,4,5,6

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5 ELECTION DAY

7 FIRST THURSDAY LUNCHEON, OSU Agricultural Extension Service

At **Black Bear Diner (1465 NE 3rd Street, Bend)**. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.
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14 Board Meeting, 10am

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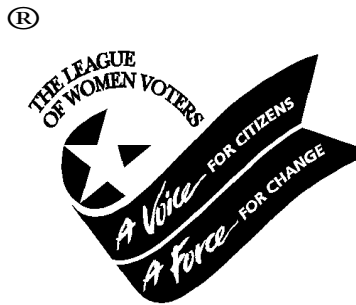
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Local

www.lwvdeschutes.org/index.htm

State

www.lwvor.org

National

www.lwv.org

Nationwide Election Information

www.VOTE411.org

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President's Message

It looks like Fall is upon us, nearly overnight, as usual. Chilly mornings and turning leaves seemed like a welcome relief from the recent heat. I'm sure that feeling will fade soon as the cold sets in.

Our league study, "Agriculture With A Local Focus," got off to a good start at the September membership meeting. It was a pre-study effort to narrow the array of options involved in agriculture. Some of what we discussed included the uses of GMO's, herbicides and pesticides in our plants and antibiotics in animals.

There are many opportunities coming soon in which to participate in league activities. It would be fun to see some new faces!

Welcome to this month's edition of Echoes Magazine!

Warm regards,
Geri Hauser/co-president

Greetings from Membership:

We have received the membership renewal forms and membership dues for this coming year from the following members:

Jodie Barram	Andrea Blum
Corol Ann Cary	Carl Casebolt
Carol Cavoretto	Bonnie Corley
Joe Corley	Anita Elliott
Carol Elliott	Patrick Flaherty
Marie Gibson	Pat Gibson
Anne Goldner	Dalyte Hartsough
Don Hartsough	Geri Houser
Evelyn Lamb	Sara Langton
Dick Linford	Suzanne Linford
Denise Mahoney	Eve McFarland
Susie Penhollow	Jacqui Pennock
Terry L. Reynolds	Ruth Schassberger
Kim Smith	Laurel Sorlie
Oscar Sorlie	Valerie Ann Wright

The following people are honorary members and so do not pay dues: Bill Bodden, Cathy Casebolt, Fran Greenlee, Jeanne Moeller and Dorothy Stenkamp.

Thank you, for your support and dedication. We need it and thrive on it. Because of your commitment to voter education and involvement we help citizens actively and knowingly participate in government at the local, state and national level.

To those of you that have not yet made the commitment this year please keep in mind that this nonpartisan grassroots organization impacts directly on issues that touch all of our lives as well as the lives of our children, grandchildren, neighbors and parents. Keep Deschutes County intellectually alive and lively. Renew your membership today. Thank you. Send checks payable to LWV-DC (\$65 per person, \$97.50 for two people in same household) to: Sara Langton, Treasurer
61327 Rock Bluff Lane
Bend, Or 97702

Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Save the date of Sunday, December 15th for our annual LWV Holiday Party. Members and friends will gather for a gala luncheon buffet at Awbrey Glen Country Club at 1 PM. We plan to have a Silent Auction and a "Buck-a-Book" table during the event, with your help. So begin now to plan what you would like to bring for the auction. Think of things you would enjoy receiving or giving as a gift (flowering plant, pretty platter, fancy napkins, wine glasses, special holiday treats, etc.) Even if you are not able to come to the party, you could still contribute some small gift for the auction and/or the book table. Any books that are not sold will be donated to the library.

Watch for more details about the Holiday Party in the next newsletter.



First Thursday Luncheon Topic

There will be two tax measures on the November ballot. Kelly Cannon-Miller will present the city measure. Dan Despotopulos and Commissioner Tony Debone will present the county measure.

Luncheon Speakers

Kelly Cannon-Miller is the Executive Director for the Deschutes County Historical Society, and is currently serving as a member of the Steering Committee for the Art and Culture Alliance and on the Bend TAPS--which stands for Tourism, Arts and Public Safety. She joins us for educational outreach about Bend's creative economy, the Arts and Culture Alliance

Dan Despotopulos has been the Director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center for almost 14 years and would like to inform the group of the impact the Fair & Expo Center has on Deschutes County. Dan grew up in Massachusetts, one of 8 children and graduated from Salem State College, Salem, Mass. He worked for the State of Massachusetts for 7 years for the Dept. of Environmental Management. He was West Coast Manager for the Ice Capades, overseeing 8 ice skating Facilities and National Director of Hockey Operations for 12 years, Vice President of Operations for Dorothy Hamil International for 3 years and owner of the San Diego Ice Arena before becoming director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo.

Tony Debone grew up in a suburb of Detroit Michigan. He attended Northern Michigan University graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Electronics Technology. He worked for the Air Force Space Command as a contractor at the Satellite tracking facility and other branches of the military in Hawaii. Tony met his wife Kathy, a native Central Oregonian in Hawaii, they married and moved to Seattle, WA where he worked as an Associate Computational Scientist doing drug discovery research. They then moved to La Pine to be closer to family. Prior to being a Commissioner, Tony served on the Board of Directors of the La pine Park and Recreation District, the La Pine Rodeo Association on Land Acquisition and was involved with the new-incorporated City of La Pine in 2006. Tony currently volunteers or is a member of many Central OR organizations and he became Deschutes County Commissioner in January 2011. His current term expires in January 2015.

IS THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY STRANGLING BEND?

The League of Women Voters of Deschutes County is sponsoring a public forum to discuss this question.

Join us on **Tuesday, October 15th** in the Brooks Room at the Deschutes Public Library in downtown Bend. **We'll begin at 5pm for an informal period including refreshments. The Forum will begin at 5:30 pm** with Dave Jones serving as our moderator, introducing the speakers and explaining the ground rules for the Forum.

Our speakers will be:

- Senior Planners for the City of Bend Community Development Department: Damian Syrnyk and Principal Planner, Brian Rankin, who will give us a brief history of the plans for an expanded Urban Growth Boundary [UGB];
- Bruce White, Attorney and development spokesperson who will discuss why he believes there is an URGENT need to accelerate the process;
- Paul Dewey, an Attorney and Executive Director of Landwatch, that appealed the City's proposed expansion of the UGB in 2010;
- And City of Bend's Mayor Jim Clinton to discuss what the public/political pressures and considerations are, and how the City is planning to address them.

The City Planners' background presentation will have approximately 15 minutes and each of the other speakers will have 10 minutes.

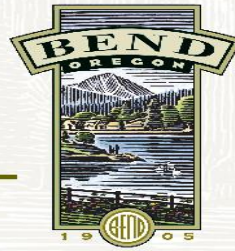
We anticipate an opportunity (when the presentations are finished) for panel members to ask one question of another panel member for clarification.

Then the moderator will ask for questions from the audience. We expect this question and answer period to last 30-45 minutes, with Forum ending by 7:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: LEAGUE members are invited to bring savory or sweet snacks to share with our guests

Bend Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Remand and Timeline

*Background
Elements of Remand
Timeline
Game Plan for Completion*



*Damian Syrnyk and Brian
Rankin
Community Development
Department
August 6, 2013*

The Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)

- Is a line that is mapped around a city and identifies those lands that can be urbanized over a 20 year period
- Is required by Oregon law to have 20-year supplies of buildable land for housing and employment
- Is recognized on a city's and a county's official comprehensive plan and zoning maps, and has a legal description
- Is **not** a city's boundary: changes to a UGB do not also change a city's corporate limits

Background on UGBs

- Established by cities coordinating with counties and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- Adopted by both City and County; state must approve before final
- Based on 20-year coordinated population and employment forecasts
- Based on demonstration of need for land
- Developed by evaluating alternative boundaries

City Adopted UGB Expansion - 2009

- Meet Growth Needs to 2028
- Housing, Employment, Park, School, Institutional, Other Land Included
- 16,681 New Housing Units
- 22,891 New Jobs

Economic Lands Element of 2009 UGB Economic Land Needs

- 1,008 Commercial
- 118 Industrial/Mixed Use
- 144 Public Facility
- 119 in residential areas
- 252 medical uses
- 112 new hospital site
- 225 new university
- Two, 56 acre industrial sites

Final Remand Order

- Land for Housing
- Land for Employment
- Transportation
- Public Facilities
- Boundary Location

Major Issue Areas:

Final Remand Order: What it means

- Resolves many issues and focuses the work on remand tasks
- Will result in a decrease in the size of the UGB expansion
- Will increase residential development density in some areas
- Requires new technical, legal, and engineering analysis involving staff and consultants
- Will result in new City Council adoption and then subsequent approval and appeal process

Final Remand Order: What it does not do

- Require City to “start over” – *many issues are now settled*
- Dictate required density – *however, higher density is strongly suggested*
- Specify required “efficiency” measures – *however, additional measures are required*
- Specify areas to be included in or excluded from UGB
- Dictate acceptable final boundary size – *however, it will be smaller*

Final Remand Order: Land for Housing

- LCDC accepts population forecast of 115,000 in 2028
- LCDC accepts housing forecast of 16,681 new units in 2028
- Revise Buildable Lands Inventory
- Reconsider Housing Needs Analysis (type and mix)
- Consider additional “efficiency measures” and redevelopment potential

Final Remand Order: Employment Land

- LCDC agrees with need for 2 large (50+ acres) industrial sites, university, hospital
- LCDC agrees with need for future university and large medical campus sites
- Analyze 10% redevelopment / refill factor
- Remove “market choice” factor
- Reconsider 15% vacancy factor

Final Remand Order: Transportation

- Reconsider major projects when analyzing transportation costs
- Demonstrate reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Final Remand Order: Public Facilities

- Revise and re-adopt sewer and water master plans for current UGB only
- Re-analyze sewer and water service to serve UGB expansion area
- Sewage treatment plant master plan acknowledged

Final Remand Order: Boundary Location

- Reconsider “suitability” criteria
- Reconsider exceptions to priority categories
- Re-affirm need for university, medical, and large industrial sites

Game Plan for Completing Remand Remand Task Force:

- 3 - City Councilors and 2 - Planning Commissioners
- Review remand work products and policy guidance
- Meeting regularly now throughout remand process
- Time extension from the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) to complete the remand (June 30, 2017).
- Evaluating timeline and new approach to complete the remand

Timeline & Example of Work

Work Plan Dependencies 1) MPO Travel Demand Model Update (completed) 2) Residential Land Need Analyses (completed) 3) Employment and Other Land Need Analyses (completed) 4) Water Public Facilities Plan (acknowledged) 5) Sewer Public Facilities Plan (acknowledged)

All must be completed before significant work can be done on the UGB boundary and evaluation of infill

Sewer CSMP and PFP

- Soonest Sewer PFP can be acknowledged is March 2015, but it could take longer
- Assuming it would take another eight months to complete the modeling and boundary analysis plus five months for all local adoption, the earliest local adoption is April 2016
- This dependency plus appeals to LUBA have the most significant impacts on the timeline on all timelines
- **Concerns: too long, need better involvement and consensus, more transparent process, higher council priority**

Improving Speed with Quality

- Additional staff to do as much work as soon as possible prior to Sewer PFP acknowledgement
- Improve stakeholder and community buy-in along the way with decision making process similar to the SIAG process
- These will ideally reduce the time required to do analysis and appeals of end products
- Hold off on major outreach until Sewer PFP is acknowledged and UGB scenarios are known (mid 2015)

Looking Ahead What to Expect:

- Smaller UGB expansion
- Intense public scrutiny and involvement, particularly over the location of the boundary
- Potential for legal appeals regardless of the outcome or boundary
- Concerns about infill and redevelopment at odds with direction from the State

Remands Broad Implications

- Location, intensity, and type of future growth in Bend
- Impacts on public infrastructure – costs, timing, System Development Charges, rates
- Impacts to natural systems and resources such as rivers, habitat, farm and forest land
- Location of future parks and schools, commercial, industrial, and residential areas
- Bend's competitiveness, prosperity, identity, and appeal

For More Info...

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- Brian T. Rankin: (541) 388-5584 or brankin@bendoregon.gov
- City of Bend UGB Expansion:
– <http://bendoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=613>

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There is a separate dining room for our use.

There is no cost to hear the speakers;
however those wanting lunch should arrive
about 11:00 a.m. and order off the menu.

The speakers will begin at noon and allow time for questions from the audience.

No reservations are needed. This event is open to the general public.