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Mission Statement:

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that promotes informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership is open to both men and women of voting age.

On October 13, the LWVEP will present non-partisan factual information regarding the ballot issues which Colorado voters will find on the November election ballot at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room at the Municipal building, 170 McGregor Avenue across the street from Bond Park. The League will also be presenting the same information in the morning at the League meeting in the Hondius room of the Estes Park Public Library at 9:00.

On Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. the LWVEP will host the candidate forum in the board room of the Municipal building.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The President of the League of Women Voters of the United States, Elisabeth MacNamara, was one of the speakers at the League Day, held September 25, 2010. She pointed out that the League has been on a journey for 90 years. Voting rights and information, helping citizens to be informed, making information available to all citizens is a big part of our job. Voting is one of the most fundamental rights we have. Our job is not over when it comes to information and helping people to vote.

Our Ballot Issue pamphlets are here and ready to be distributed to all in the Estes Valley. Please help us get the word out to all that the LWV Ballot Issues present the pros and cons on each issue. Donna Shavlik 577-9598 and Mary Sue Rohwer 586-5801 would appreciate any help you can give them in getting the Ballot Issues to different locations.

The Ballot Issues forums will be October 13 at 9 - 11 a.m. in the Hondius Room and that same evening in the Town Board Room from 7 - 9 p.m. On October 14 at 7 - 9 p.m. in the Town Board Room we will have the Candidates Forum. Also, if you can help with this event, please call Donna and Mary Sue.

We heard about the "Ugly 3" at the Back to LWV Breakfast. After listening to our speakers, the word "scary" was used. Without going into the details any more at this point, I will quote Bill Owens, who served two terms as governor of Colorado and one term as the state treasurer, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is". Nothing describes these three measures better."

Also, we heard from the Park School District R-3, about 3C, which is a local initiative, which asks the voters to give the officials the right to borrow money to cover cash flow issues. This would not be necessary if Amendment 61 fails. If it passes then there is a cash flow problem, unless 3C is approved.

I hope you will plan to attend the Ballot Issues meetings and the Candidates Forum.

Diane Burkepile

Voter Service

The Voter Services Committee and the Estes Valley Library are offering voter registration for the community two days this month. On September 10 five people registered to vote. The next date for registration is September 17th from 12-2 pm and from 3-5 pm at the Library.

Since there are so many candidates and so many issues, there will be two Voter Forums this year. The first one will be on the Issues, October 13 in the Town Hall from 7-9 pm. The Candidate Forum will be the next night, October 14 in the Town Hall from 7-9 pm.

Sue Pinkham will give a PowerPoint presentation on the Issues, and Donna Shavlik will be the moderator for the Candidate Forum. The Committee decided to focus on the local candidates, so the Form will include candidates for the State House and Senate, for the County Commissioners, and the Sheriff.

Please plan to attend the Forums and encourage your friends to attend as well. Understanding the issues is particularly important this year.

Donna Shavlik

Mark Your Calendar League Events this year - 2010

October 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Hondius Room, Estes Valley Public Library. Subject: Ballot Issues

October 13 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Town Boardroom - Ballot Issues presentations

October 14 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Town Boardroom - Candidate Forum

October 19 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hondius Room, Estes Valley Public Library
Great Decisions session

October 27 -11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Brown bag lunch in the Hondius Room, Estes Valley Public Library. Subject: Committee Reports and a new project to be presented (note new time)

November 2 Election Day

November 10 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Hondius Room, Estes Valley Public Library. Subject: RMNP Issues/Update,

Dec. 8, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Good Samaritan, Subject: Meet the newly elected Legislators Hot cider and refreshments will be served

Come and bring your friends!!

Great Decisions: Chair Sue Magnuson

Great Decisions has been meeting now for over a year and there have been some great discussions and lots of interesting facts we have all enjoyed learning. I hope more of you will join us. Everyone has an experience, a thought, a perspective to expand the group's scope of understanding. I always come away with the thought...wow, I didn't know that! As League members I know we all agree that being informed is important! So, please join us.



This is an additional ballot question for residents in the Park R-3 School District.

BALLOT ISSUE 3C

SHALL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT R-3 DEBT BE INCREASED \$2,500,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST OF UP TO \$2,700,000, BUT WITH NO INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES AUTHORIZED BY THIS BALLOT ISSUE (PROVIDED THAT SUCH DEBT AUTHORIZATION IS EFFECTIVE ONLY FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR AND ONLY IF AMENDMENT 61 IS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE STATE ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010), FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCURRING A SHORT-TERM LOAN OR ISSUING TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES TO ALLEVIATE THE TEMPORARY CASH FLOW DEFICITS REALIZED BY THE DISTRICT DUE TO THE RECEIPT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES LATE IN THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR; WHICH LOAN OR TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES SHALL MATURE NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2012, SHALL BE PAID FROM PROPERTY TAX REVENUES ANTICIPATED TO BE COLLECTED IN THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST, BE SUBJECT TO REDEMPTION, WITH OR WITHOUT PREMIUM, AND BE ISSUED AT SUCH TIME OR TIMES, AT SUCH PRICES (AT, ABOVE OR BELOW PAR) AND IN SUCH MANNER AND CONTAINING SUCH TERMS AS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DETERMINE?

YES

NO

Park R-3 is one of only seven school districts in Colorado, 100-percent locally funded by property taxes. In the past, Park R-3 was the recipient of a zero-percent loan program from the state to resolve the cash-flow between the time our taxes are collected, and the time the school expends those funds to teach our children. This November voters will make a decision on Amendment 61, which if approved, would prohibit the state's zero-interest loan program. The school board is requesting voter approval to allow the school to borrow with no increase in property taxes. Approval would provide the financial cushion needed to fund the district should Amendment 61 pass.

Voters should vote "YES" and grant permission for the Park School District R-3 to borrow funds for a single year for the following reasons:

Permission is valid only if voters of the State approve Amendment 61 to the State Constitution.

There will be NO increase in property taxes if District voters vote "YES" and grant permission to our school district to borrow these funds for the 2011-2012 school year only with a June 2012 repayment.

If Amendment 61 passes, the State of Colorado will be unable to provide the District (and many other school districts in the State) with interest-free loans to cover our District's cash flow needs from mid-November 2011 to March 2012.

If the District does not receive these interest-free loans from the State to cover its cash flow needs, the District must ask permission from District voters to borrow funds if Amendment 61 passes.

If Amendment 61 passes and local voters do not grant the District permission to borrow these funds for the 2011-2012 school year, the District will not have enough funds to operate schools from mid-November 2011 until March 2012.

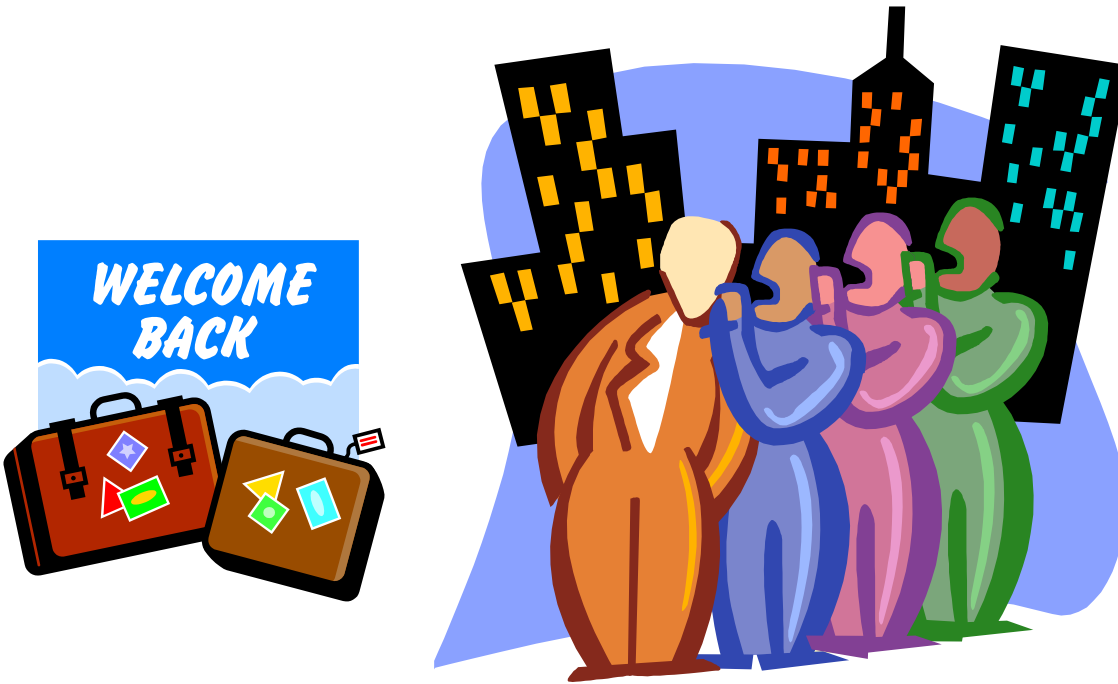
The District is seeking borrowing authority in this November 2010 election even though these funds will not be needed until November 2011, a year after this election.

If voters do not grant the district permission to borrow these funds, families will leave our school district. The departure of these families will impact all members of our community, not just those families with children in our schools.

WELCOME



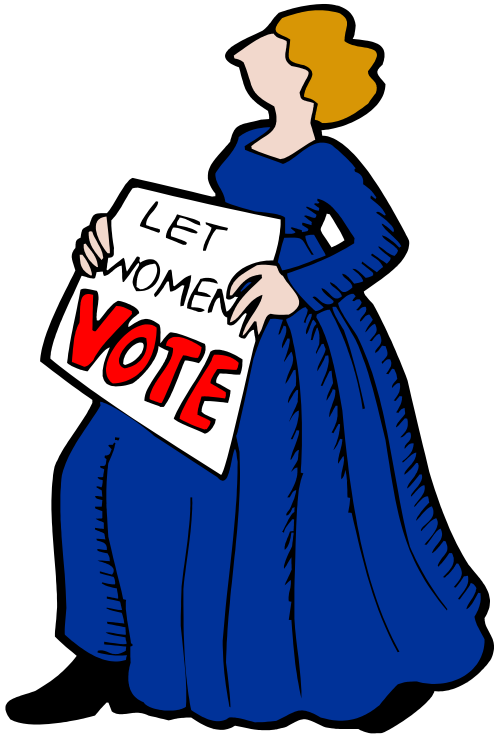
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Membership Chair : Rane Morrison

Welcome back
Jean Menning
Pat & Jill Hardman

Berniece Peters is always glad to receive your membership check .
Individual memberships are \$50.00 per year.
Family memberships are \$75.00 per year.



Editor: Sue Pinkham

**We have the right to vote
Now
Let's get others to join us!!**

**See you at the Forums!
Wednesday, October 13
Ballot Issues
9:00a.m.—Library
7:00 p.m. - Town Hall Board Room**

**Thursday, October 14
Candidate Forum
7:00p.m. Town Hall Board Room**

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