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Pass the Word

Mail Ballots for the EPURA special election ballots go out to voters living in town by December 21 and must be returned by January 12, 2010.

Happy Holidays!

Voters Forum

The Future of EPURA

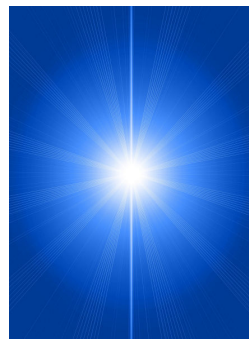
**Monday, December 7th
7pm
Town Boardroom**

Bring your questions and neighbors

December Meeting

**Wednesday, December 9th
9 am
At the
Estes Park Memorial Observatory
1400 Manford Avenue**

Honoring Green Businesses in Estes Park



President's Letter December, 2009

Dear Members,

By now I hope you've enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving, been a part of, or seen the Catch the Glow Parade and made your shopping list and updated your calendar for events to attend.

Residents of the Town of Estes Park will be asked to vote on whether or not to abolish EPURA. EPURA is such a complicated issue that I hope you'll come to the Voters' Forum December 7, in the Town Board Room. A panel will present information on both sides of the issue, then the audiences' questions will be read by the moderator and answered by one or two of the presenters. If you can't be there in person, and if you have questions, please send them to either Karen Ericson or Donna Shavlik who are doing a wonderful job of putting this Voters' Forum together.

Our only meeting in December is Dec. 9 where the League and the Community Recycling committee will be honoring businesses that have gone "green". We will also develop a better understanding of what "green" means. This meeting will be held at the new observatory north of the high school.

Please introduce your self to our new members, Jan Bridges, Audrey Putney, Marsha Yelick & Bruce Nichols.

Bill & I will be celebrating grandchildren's birthdays in December so won't be able to participate in the League events so will look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Sue

Sue Pinkham
President



Mark Your Calendar

December 7	7 pm	Voters Forum on EPURA
December 9	9 am	Honoring “Green“ Business in Estes Park: Irene Little Estes Park Observatory
December 14	3-5 pm	<i>Women Lead the Way</i> Author Talk by Linda Tarr-Whelan Hondius Room
December 15	noon	Great Decisions Discussion Group Hondius Room
January 13	9 am	Sustainability in Estes Park Hondius Room
January 15&16		Earth Fest at the Stanley Hotel
January 25	9 am	LWVCO Legislative Conference
January 27	TBA	Program Planning (National and Local)

December Meeting

The December 9th regular meeting will be held at the Estes Park Memorial Observatory on 1400 Manford Avenue, north of the High School.

The Recycling Committee will honor those businesses who have contributed to making Estes Park greener this year by taking part in the CAST challenge, donating reusable bags to the Newcomers, using biodegradable or recyclable containers instead of Styrofoam, and a few individuals for special effort..

Come celebrate with coffee and holiday cookies.

To reach the Observatory turn east on Manford Ave at the first light on Hwy 7, drive to the end of Manford Ave and turn left into the faculty parking lot.

Membership Update

If your name is not on this list, you need to send \$50 (individual) or \$75 (couple) to:

LWV of Estes Park
PO Box 562
Estes Park, CO 80517

Janice Bridge

Audrey Putney

Harriet Burgess

Frank & Donna Shavlik

Jim and Diane Burkepile

Mary Ann Snowden

Margaret M. Clark

Linda & Richard Stratton

Richard and Lois Dickerman

Mary Swann

Betty Dutton

David & Marcia Tavel

John & Karen Ericson

Frank & Virginia Thompson

Larae & Roger Essman

Joyce Tremble

Dorothy Gibbs

Jean Weaver

Helen R. Hondius

Sharry White

Patricia Kurfman

Muriel Whiting

Steve & Irene Little

Marsha Yelick & Bruce Nickels

Susan Magnuson

Randall Maharry

Ranee Morrison

Robert & Berniece Peters

William & Susan Pinkham

Learning Events in December

Women Lead the Way

On Monday, December 14 in the Hondius Room at EPPL, there will be a special author presentation. Linda Tarr-Whelan will discuss her new book: *Women Lead the Way: Your Guide to Stepping Up to Leadership and Changing the World.*

A friend of League member Donna Shavlik, Ms. Tarr-Whalen was an Ambassador to the UN Commission on the Status of Women for President Clinton, and draws on her broad background to offer a “women-led strategy for change.”

Sounds like the ideal book for League members.

The event is sponsored by the League, the Woman's Club, the Library and Mac-Donald's Bookstore



Great Decisions Discussion Group

The first meeting of the Great Decisions Discussion Group, sponsored by the League of Women Voters Estes Park and the Estes Park Public Library, was a great success with over 20 participants interested in talking and learning about policy in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The next regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 15, in the Hondius Room, when the topic will be US & rising global powers.

Bring a brown bag lunch and come as early as 11:30 to socialize and eat, or join us at noon and eat your lunch as we discuss. We will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month through June 2010.

Call Linda Stratton for more information at 586-1708.

HERE, AGAIN, IS THE VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE UPDOMING ELECTION.

EPURA Special Election

Voters who live within the Town limits of Estes Park will have the chance to vote again soon. They will be asked to decide whether or not to abolish the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority (EPURA) using mail-in ballots due back (not postmarked) by Friday, January 12, 2010 at 7 pm.

If You Won't Be in Town

The ballots will be mailed to all registered voters the week of December 21, 2009 and **cannot be forwarded** by the Post Office. If you will be out of town you should request a ballot be sent to your alternate address. You can find the required form, the ***Colorado Mail-In Ballot Application***, online at: www.larimer.org/elections and www.estes.org/townclerk.

The form is also available from the Town Clerk's office in Room 150 of Town Hall, located at 170 MacGregor Avenue, during normal business hours. You can also call Larimer County Elections at 970 498-7820.

The completed form, ***Colorado Mail-In Ballot Application***, must be returned by January 5, 2010 to the Town Clerk's office or Larimer County Elections at PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522.

If you have not received a ballot or filled out the required form, do not hesitate to call the Town Clerk at 577-3702 or Larimer County Elections at 970 498-7820 before the deadline.

Deadline for Ballots

Ballots can be returned (not postmarked) by 7 pm On Friday, **January 12, 2010**, to the Town Clerk's office, the County offices at 1601 Brodie, Estes Park, or Larimer County Elections at 200 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins.

There will be a Voter's Forum on EPURA on Monday, December 7, 2010 at 7 pm in the Town Boardroom.



Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, 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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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