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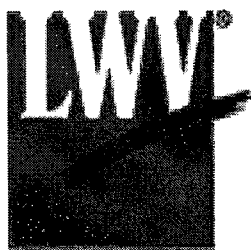
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RECYCLING FORUM

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a Recycling Forum on September 15, 7 pm, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. The forum is targeted both to individuals and businesses. Speakers representing the Cabell County Solid Waste Authority, City of Huntington, Allied Waste, Goodwill Industries, and the Rotary Club will present options for recycling in the Huntington Area. We are also asking the audience to share their ideas on how they Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Far too much of our household and business waste goes to landfills instead of being reused or recycled into new products. The goals of the Recycling Forum are to educate ourselves and the public on how we can reduce the generation of solid waste, promote the reuse of otherwise castaway materials, lessen environmental damage, and reduce energy usage.

Studies show that a considerable amount of energy is saved when manufacturing a product from recycled materials versus using virgin materials. Furthermore the damage to the environment from mining and harvesting is eliminated and non-renewable natural resources are not depleted. Because most plastics are made from petroleum, manufacturing from recycled plastics, when possible, will reduce the amount of petroleum we use in our modern society.

Please invite your friends and co-workers to attend the forum.

STATEMENT TO CITY COUNCIL

The Huntington City Council passed an ordinance that will reduce residents' solid waste fees if they subscribe to curbside recycling. Martha Woodward prepared the following statement to the Huntington City Council, and Mary Anderson presented it to City Council.

"The LWV of the Huntington Area supports this ordinance for several reasons. First, it is the right thing to do for our children, our city, and our world.

"Next, the city must pay for use of the landfill and this action diverts refuse from that landfill, thus saving both money and space.

"Furthermore, we must think of the economies of scale. The more people subscribing to the service reduces the price per unit.

"We know that manufacturing products from recyclables uses less energy than from virgin material. In a time of scarcer natural resources this is an important consideration.

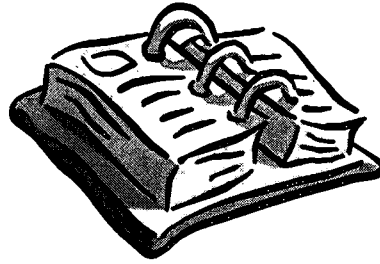
"Many of these 'throw away' products come from petroleum and we know where our country is right now with that.

"And finally, we come back to making a difference for our children and all those who come after us. We commend you for thinking in such a manner."

CANDIDATES MEETINGS

Because so many offices are up for election this year, we decided to add an extra candidates meeting to our elections year schedule. On October 2 at 7 pm, the League of Women Voters and the Southside Neighborhood Association will host the candidates for city offices at the Junior League Community Center, 617 Ninth Avenue. Giovanna Deveny will moderate the meeting.

CALENDAR



On October 9, 6:30 pm we will move to Woodlands for a candidates meeting. Dr. Donna Spindell will moderate this meeting. We have invited candidates for mayor, council (at-large and district 4), WV District 5 Senator, WV House of Delegates district 16, county sheriff, and county commission.

And on October 16, 7 pm the League of Women Voters, the Junior League of Huntington, and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women will sponsor another candidates meeting. We have invited candidates for sheriff, county commission, and the WV Legislature.

When you attend the meeting/s, please bring questions to write on cards. The moderator will ask the questions of the candidates.

CONSTITUTION DAY – SEPTEMBER 17

Many of our citizens are illiterate when it comes to knowledge about our US Constitution. Yet the constitution is what makes our country unique and is the foundation of our democracy. For that reason Senator Byrd, an expert on and defender of the Constitution, spearheaded the requirement that all federal agencies and every educational institution receiving federal funds are required to observe Constitution Day.

In 2007 the WV Legislature created the WV Civics Literacy Council. It was formed to promote civic education and citizenship among WV's youth and citizens. The League is cooperating in the effort to promote Constitution Day and week by asking you to have read aloud the preamble and/or the Bill of Rights at meetings you attend. Here is the preamble -- "*We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*" (Signed September 17, 1787)

There are many interesting websites associated with Constitution Day. Here is a website with a test on constitution facts that you may wish to take.
<http://www.constitutionfacts.com/>

LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$40 individual, \$55 for two in one household and \$24 for students.

To join, send your check to: Ann Spear,
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LWV Huntington Area
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September 15, 7 pm – Recycling Forum, Enslow Park Presbyterian Church
September 17 – Constitution Day
October 2, 7 pm – Candidates for Huntington's Mayor and Council, Junior League Community Center.
October 9, 6:30 pm – Candidates Meeting, Woodlands
October 12 – Herald-Dispatch's elections issue
October 14 – Deadline to register to vote
~~October 15 – Early voting starts~~
October 16, 7 pm – Candidates Meeting for WV Legislature, Cabell County Commission and Cabell County Sheriff - Junior League Community Center.

REGISTER-TO-VOTE EVENTS

We are planning several registration events. If you would like to help, contact Helen Gibbins, 736-3287.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER Sara Chapman

THE HERALD-DISPATCH

The League is cooperating with The H-D on providing candidates information in the newspaper, October 12, and on its website – crow.herald-dispatch.com/elections. Information on candidates from the primary election continues to be on the website, and as ~~candidates send in their answers to questions,~~ the new information will be added.

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