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The League of Women Voters of Volusia County, a nonpartisan organization, presents...

Ballot '06 Public Forums

- Friday, Sept. 22**      **Bishop's Glen, 900 LPGA Blvd., Holly Hill**  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.      \*FL House of Representatives, District 27  
                                 \*Circuit Court 007, Group 27 Candidates for Judge  
                                 \*County Court, Group 5 Candidates for Judge  
                                 \*Amendments to the Volusia County Charter and to the FL Constitution
- Saturday, Oct. 7**      **Candidate Forum EAST and Amendment Presentations**  
9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.      **News-Journal Center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach**  
                                 \*FL Senate Dist. 8  
                                 \*FL House of Representatives, Districts 26, 27, and 28  
                                 \*Volusia County Council, District 3  
                                 \*County Court, Group 5  
                                 \*Circuit Court 007, Group 27  
                                 \*School Board, District 3  
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1:00 – 4:00 p.m.      \*\*DBCC West Campus, Bldg. 6C, DeLand, 1155 County Rd. 4139 (Directions below)  
                                 \*FL House of Representatives, Districts 26, 27, 28, and 33  
                                 \*Volusia County Council Districts 1 and 5  
                                 \*County Court, Group 5  
                                 \*Circuit Court 007, Group 27  
                                 \*Amendments to the Volusia County Charter and to the FL Constitution
- Saturday, Oct. 21**      **Luncheon Meeting with AAUW: Presentation of Amendments**  
11:00 a.m.                      to the Volusia County Charter and to the FL Constitution  
                                 Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach  
                                 RSVP J. Moore by Tues., Oct. 17: 386-760-0034 or LWVVC@cfl.rr.com
- Wednesday, Oct. 25**      **Citizens of Ormond Beach Candidate Forum**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.              **City Commission Chambers, 22 S. Beach St.**  
                                 \*FL House of Representatives, Districts 26 and 27  
                                 \*Amendments to the Volusia County Charter and to the FL Constitution

## **President's Column: Casting an Informed Ballot**

The Voter Service schedule that's printed on the first page of this VOTER is actually Phase II of this year's VS schedule. In August the LWVVC sent a pre-primary election schedule of candidate forums and ballot issues presentations to all members.

Now, thanks to her extensive League experience, good organizational skills, and indefatigable persistence, Ann Smith has again created an ambitious general election schedule for League members and Volusia County voters. You will note that it includes candidate forums and ballot issues presentations in several locations across the county. This effort represents the League of Women Voters at its best!

The forum locations, dates, and times are set; the letters inviting participation have been sent to the candidates; and LWVVC members are being recruited to serve as forum facilitators. Now, we should provide one more service to our communities: **You and I need to guarantee a good attendance at these forums. If you have email, a copy of the front page of this VOTER will be sent to you.**

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS "BALLOT '06 PUBLIC FORUMS" SCHEDULE TO THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO DISTRIBUTE AMONG THE MEMBERS.**

Whether or not you have email, I'd like to suggest that each member of the LWVVC make multiple copies of the front page of this VOTER in astro-bright yellow and take them to all the meetings you attend in September and October. Also...

Take them to work and place them in colleagues' mailboxes.

Post them above the copier or water cooler.

Place a stack on the information table in the foyer of your place of worship.

Take some to the public library near you.

Distribute them at your homeowners' association meeting.

Post them on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Tack a copy up at your multiple-mailboxes location.

Ask your hairdresser/barber if you could leave copies for other customers.

Knock on your neighbors' doors, encourage forum attendance, and leave a schedule.

One last comment: We all know how confusing the ballot questions will be for voters. There are six proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution and seven proposed amendments to the Volusia County Charter. At each of our public forums, time will be given for the distribution of information regarding all the proposed amendments, as well as short presentations and a question/answer session. Call a friend and invite that person to go with you to one of the forums.

### **Ballot Issues: Joint Meeting with AAUW**

On Saturday, October 21, the LWV-Volusia County is meeting with the AAUW-Daytona Beach Chapter at 11:00 a.m. at the Palmetto Club, Daytona Beach. LWV members will present and lead a discussion about the proposed amendments to both the County Charter and to the FL Constitution. Handouts will also be available so that all attendees can follow closely the discussion of the pros and cons. Both the state League's support or opposition for each proposal and our own local League's support or opposition for each proposal will be part of the presentation. For reservations call Judy Moore, 386-238-7361, or emailing [mail@lwvvc.org](mailto:mail@lwvvc.org). Your luncheon choices, \$15.00, are seafood salad or beef with noodles.

## VOTER SERVICE REPORT

Well, we are off and running. It is that time of the year when the League's Voter Service activities are in high gear. So far we have had candidate forums in New Smyrna Beach and DeLand to prepare citizens for the primary. Other forums are planned for Bishop's Glen in September, an EAST side and WEST side candidate forum on October 7, and an Ormond Beach forum on October 25.

Voter Service is also prepared to speak to groups explaining the proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution and to the County Charter. We have done this once and it was very successful. We are ready to devote as much time as is necessary to help explain the proposed amendments, so help us get the word out that we have this information and would like to share it with others.

Important items/dates to remember:

- 1 Primary Election: September 5, 2006
- 2 Early Voting for General Election: October 23 to November 4
- 3 You must have picture identification and a signature in order to vote at the polls this year. (Your Voter Information Card, which used to be a Voter Identification Card is not longer adequate to allow you to vote.)

If you are interested in helping with forums or becoming a part of the Alternative Voting Systems Consensus Study Committee,

## Thank You

We would like to thank the following members for their recent contributions to the LWV-Volusia County.

Robert Bullard

Audrey Montgomery

Billie Donovan

Eleanor Montgomery

Pat Drago

Larry and Judy Moore

Carlyn and Fred Hamilton

Jan Paul

Lynn and Len Lempel

Helen Scott

*Your generous contribution will help us to carry out the voter service and citizen education programs that we have planned for the year. –The LWVVC Board of Directors*

## Welcome New Members

### Jay Crocker

New Smyrna Beach, FL

Jay has been practicing criminal defense in Volusia County for 15 years.

He is a 6<sup>th</sup> generation Floridian.

### Neil Ryan Crocker

New Smyrna Beach, FL

Neil, who has joined as an associate LWV member, attends Chisholm Elementary School. He loves surfing and is a Harry Potter fan.

### Bonnie McMillen

Holly Hill, FL

Bonnie is a long term community activist. Her interests are observing local government and the environment.

### Audrey Montgomery

Ormond Beach, FL

Audrey, a retired elementary school principal from the Fairfax County, VA, Public Schools, has lived in the area since 1996. She looks forward to registering voters again!

### **LWV-FLORIDA ALTERNATIVE VOTING SYSTEMS CONSENSUS STUDY COMMITTEE**

If you are interested in exploring different methods of voting, like Approval Voting, Borda Count, Condorcet, or Instant Runoff Voting, contact Ann Smith at 238-7361 for the newly formed Alternative Voting Systems Study Committee. We will be gathering information to disseminate to the membership for a consensus meeting in November. You can also email Ann at [mail@lwvvc.org](mailto:mail@lwvvc.org).

### **Volusia/Flagler Sierra Club**

The Volusia/Flagler Sierra Club will meet on Wed Sep 6, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AT MAINLAND HIGH SCHOOL, intersection of Clyde Morris Blvd. and US 92. Linda Chapman, environmental teacher on assignment for Volusia County Public Schools, will provide an overview of environmental programs in the schools throughout the county, particularly the Rose Bay Project, which Sierra Club has been following for several years. Bring a friend and come early for mingling and munching.

### **Citizens Academy**

Would you like to know more about your county government? Consider applying for the Citizens Academy fall 2007 class. You have just missed enrollment to qualify for the current session which convened August 15<sup>th</sup>. It will meet each Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the next twelve weeks.

A varied mix of interests became apparent as the participants introduced themselves with short biographies. It was especially interesting to a staff member from Library Services, who noted there were only five native Floridians participating in this program class enrollment is restricted to twenty members.

The highlight of the opening session was an hour and one-half visit at the Elections department with Supervisor Ann McFall. Before leading us on an extensive tour of the various sections of her department, Ann called on a member of the staff to demonstrate the touch screen voting machine. The department had the distinction of settling into the grand historic courthouse immediately following the completion of its recent restoration. They have taken great care in preserving the pieces of history which they have encountered.

The Citizens Academy coordinator, Dona DeMarsh gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on the various structures of government. Following that, was a presentation by two representatives from Community Information which covers a wide selection of activities such as marketing, public awareness, television and website management.

The agenda for the entire twelve-week program has been scheduled. It promises seminars, workshops, and field trips to county facilities with some hands-on experiences included.

At the close of the day I left highly impressed by the enthusiasm displayed in each of all the county personnel encountered throughout the day.

*Rosemarie Gore*

### **UN Day Celebration, Saturday, October 21**

The United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA) will be hosting a UN Day Observance on October 21, 2006, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at Daytona Beach Community College. The UN Day will feature Dr. Elizabeth Bowen, physician and educator, whose primary responsibility at the UN is the promotion of the organization's global health programs. Other functions that day will be the Model UN by the Student Alliance and a Film Festival by UN Works. Lunch will be served also. RSVP Judy Assad at [assadj@erau.edu](mailto:assadj@erau.edu).

## LWVVC Calendar 2006-2007

Tuesday, Sept. 5, <b>2006</b>	Primary Election	Wed. , Jan. 10, <b>2007</b> 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, MPO/VCOG/WAV Offices 2570 Intern'l Spdway Blvd, Daytona Beach
Wednesday, Sept. 13 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, MPO/VCOG/WAV Offices 2570 Intern'l Spdway Blvd, Daytona Beach	Friday-Saturday	LWVF Board of Directors meets in Daytona Bch
Sept. 18-20	Schedule interviews with FL Senators, Districts 1, 7, 20	January 19-20	TBA: Place & Time of Fri. dinner with State Board
Friday, Sept. 22 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Candidate Forum and Amendment Presentations Bishop's Glen, 900 LPGA Blvd, Holly Hill	Saturday, Jan. 27 TBA: Place and Time	Volusia County Water Authority/Management Update
Saturday, Oct. 7 9:30 a.m. 12:15 p.ms	Candidate Forum EAST and Amendment Presentations News-Journal Center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach	Wednesday, Feb. 14 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting Place will be changed because of Daytona 500
Saturday, Oct. 7 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Candidate Forum WEST and Amendment Presentations DBCC DeLand Campus, 1155 County Rd. 4139, Bldg. 6C	Saturday, Feb. 24 TBA: Time and Place	Legislative Issues Update: ERA
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Voter Registration Deadline for General Election	<b>March</b>	Launch <b>Hot Topics</b> Get-Togethers
Wednesday, Oct. 11 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, MPO/VCOG/WAV Offices 2570 Intern'l Spdwy Blvd, Daytona Beach	Wednesday, Mar. 14 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, MPO/VCOG/WAV Offices 2570 Intern'l Spdwy Blvd, Daytona Beach
5 Saturday, Oct. 21 11:00 a.m.	Proposed Amendments to FL Constitution & Volusia Co. Charter Joint Meeting AAUW, Palmetto Club, Daytona Beach	March 18-20	LWV-Florida Legislative Seminar, Tallahassee
Wednesday, Oct. 25 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Citizens of Ormond Beach Candidate Forum & Ballot Issues City Commission Chambers, 22 S. Beach St., OB	Saturday, Mar. 24 10:00am – 1:00 pm	Recycling (Garage) Sale, Dennis & Summer Clayton 5830 Spruce Creek Woods Dr., Port Orange
Wednesday, Oct. 25 Oct. 23 – Nov. 4	NSB Hob Nob, Brannon Center, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Early Voting Period for General Election	Wednesday, April 11 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 2570 Intern'l Spdwy Blvd, Daytona Beach
Tuesday, Nov. 7	General Election	Saturday, April 28 TBA: Time and Place	LWVVC Annual Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 8 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, MPO/VCOG/WAV Offices 2570 Intern'l Spdwy Blvd, Daytona Beach	Wednesday, May 9 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, MPO/VCOG/WAV Offices 2570 Intern'l Spdwy Blvd, Daytona Beach
Saturday, Nov. 18 Place	LWVF Alternative Voting Study, TBA: Time and Place	Saturday, May 12	LWVVC Observer Corps Meeting, TBA: Time &
Nov. 13 – 17	Schedule interviews with FL Representatives, Dist. 26, 27, 28	May 18-20	LWV-Florida 31 <sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention, Tampa (?)
Wednesday, Dec. 6 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	LWVVC Holiday Get-Together, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. John and Chris Moseley, 2 Oak Village Dr., OB	Wednesday, June 13 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	LWVVC Board Meeting, MPO/VCOG/WAV Offices 2570 Intern'l Spdwy Blvd, Daytona Beach

# OBSERVER CORPS

## Port Orange

Installing a new front door? Water heater? Dishwasher? Did you get a permit from the city? Because of the hurricanes, the state has mandated that property owners get permits for those types of installations. Port Orange just updated city regulations to comply with state law.

· City retention ponds – the council feels strongly that retention ponds should be accessible for public use whenever safe and reasonable.

· Gas costs more – the city is requiring a decrease of 10 gallons per vehicle per month in use of city vehicles in order to stay within budget. Hybrid cars are being tested. The city expects a 33% increase from FP&L. High fuel costs may decrease the use of fuel.

Port Orange shares the League's interest in student government involvement. Students from Atlantic and Spruce Creek High Schools who participated in their schools' "city government" attended Port Orange City Council meetings where each student introduced herself/himself and told the council what government position was held. The council enjoys interaction with the students and always makes the students feel important.

Affordable workforce housing is a growing concern. The council approved establishing the City's State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP). SHIP funds are provided by the state to the county and used for new construction, rehabilitation, down payments, mortgage buy-downs, acquisition of property for affordable housing. This initiative is still in its infancy. The council does not want tracts of lower priced housing and seems to prefer options such as infilling. A number of ideas were discussed.

The City is involved in the 7-county Regional Planning Council. In a survey, the council found that protection of water is the number one concern of citizens with education coming in second. Our population of 3.5 million is expected to grow to 12 million by 2050. Halifax Hospital—Port Orange is scheduled to open in November.

The City has submitted a Large-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the State for compliance review. Included in the package is a 56 acre property that runs along Spruce Creek and abuts Gamble Place. The request will change the zoning from Environmental Systems Corridor and Urban Low Intensity to Conservation and Public/Quasi-Public. The owners, who live on the property, want to create an environmentally sensitive recreation facility that would operate in cooperation with Gamble Place. They would offer small-scale group picnicking, canoeing, and camping. They also hope to build a small "pancake" restaurant similar to the Old Mill Restaurant in DeLeon Springs State Park.

*Summer Clayton*

## Daytona Beach Shores

Daytona Beach Shores is doing some remarkably innovative things with their limited space. They are buying up land for pocket parks and for making the walkways safer for bicyclists and pedestrians. They also intend to bury all the utility lines along A1A in their city. They will fund this partially from a bond issue to be placed on the ballot.

*Patricia Gadbow*

## Oak Hill

Oak Hill is vying with Daytona Beach for champion of autocratic rule "in the sunshine." Sandy Horikami forwarded this email address for the commentary of Mike Lafferty in the Orlando Sentinel July 16, 2006. When members in the audience tried to speak up they were first ignored, and then told they would be thrown out. An event which didn't happen. Two months later the State Attorney's office, presumably at the behest of the Mayor, received charges under the state's anti-pain-in-the-neck statute. Video of the meeting indicate the meeting was somewhat out of control. For the full article go to [www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/volusia/orl-sunlaff1606jul16,0,5342068.column](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/volusia/orl-sunlaff1606jul16,0,5342068.column)

Mike Lafferty had another article government in Volusia County cities in the July 6, 2006 Volusia and State section of the Orlando Sentinel. This one in regards some of the same issues that the News-Journal has remarked on in recent articles; namely membership in the Yacht Club for Commissioners and a private suite at Daytona International Speedway.

**(TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OBSERVER CORPS AND HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED, CALL PAT GADBAW, OBSERVER CORPS CHAIR, c/o the League 386-238-7361 OR EMAIL PAT AT [mail@lwvvc.org](mailto:mail@lwvvc.org))**

## How to Review Agenda or Minutes of your Local Government

Council	Meeting times and Minutes and Agenda information
Daytona	1st & 3rd Wed. 7:PM commission Chambers city Hall <a href="http://www.ci.daytona-beach.fl.us/">http://www.ci.daytona-beach.fl.us/</a>
DeBary	2nd Wed @ 7:PM, agenda and minutes not available
DeLand	1st and 3rd Mon. @7:PM <a href="http://www.deland.org/cityhall/act-cal.htm">http://www.deland.org/cityhall/act-cal.htm</a> <a href="http://www.deland.org/cityhall/act-cal.htm">http://www.deland.org/cityhall/act-cal.htm</a>
DB Shores	2nd/4th Wed @7:PM, <a href="http://www.dbshores.org">www.dbshores.org</a>
Deltona	1st & 3rd Mon. @7:PM <a href="http://www.ci.deltona.fl.us/2001/departments/city_clerk/Commission%20Meetings/Commission_Meetings_Index.html">http://www.ci.deltona.fl.us/2001/departments/city_clerk/Commission%20Meetings/Commission_Meetings_Index.html</a>
Edgewater	1st Monday & Wednesday @7PM <a href="http://www.cityofedgewater.org/city_clerk/meeting_minutes.php">www.cityofedgewater.org/city_clerk/meeting_minutes.php</a>
Flagler	1st @ 9:30, 3rd @ 4:30 Mondays <a href="http://www.flaglercounty.org/commission/meeting_dates.htm">http://www.flaglercounty.org/commission/meeting_dates.htm</a>
Holly Hill	2nd & 4th Thurs @ 7:PM <a href="http://www.hollyhillfl.org/">http://www.hollyhillfl.org/</a>
Lake Helen	1st Thurs of month @7:PM
New Smyrna	2nd/4th Tes @ <a href="http://www.cityofnsb.com/citycommission_agendasresults.htm">http://www.cityofnsb.com/citycommission_agendasresults.htm</a>
Ormond Beach	1st/3rd Tuesday @7:PM <a href="http://www.ormondbeach.org">http://www.ormondbeach.org</a>
Oak Hill	2nd Mon @ 6:PM <a href="http://www.oakhillfl.com/">http://www.oakhillfl.com/</a>
Orange City	2nd & 4th Tues @ 7PM <a href="http://www.ci.orange-city.fl.us/">http://www.ci.orange-city.fl.us/</a>
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Ponce Inlet	3rd Wed 6 PM (+ special Called) <a href="http://www.ponce-inlet.org/">http://www.ponce-inlet.org/</a>
Port Orange	2nd & 4th Tues. 7:PM Council Chambers <a href="http://www.port-orange.org/council">http://www.port-orange.org/council</a>
School Board	2nd/4th Tuesday 3:PM <a href="http://www.volusia.k12.fl.us">www.volusia.k12.fl.us</a>
South Daytona	2nd/4th Tues 7:pm <a href="http://www.southdaytona.org/commresources/council/cminutes.html">www.southdaytona.org/commresources/council/cminutes.html</a>
Volusia County	every other Thurs. @8:30 <a href="http://volusia.org/countycouncil/">http://volusia.org/countycouncil/</a>

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