



September 2020

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Calendar of Events

Sept 3 (Thursday): Noon
LWVLL Lunch & Learn
via Zoom:

*Voting Rights, Voting Right Now:
Principles and Practicalities of
Voting in Lancaster County.*

John Cartier, Civic Nebraska, and
David Shively, Lancaster County
Election Commissioner

*See article at right, and full fall
schedule on page 2.*

Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5 (Mondays):
7-9 PM

***Dark Money: Montana to
Nebraska and Beyond***

Course on dark money in politics
co-sponsored by OLLI, Common
Cause, and LWVLL.

Registration is required; cost \$20.
*See article at right, and more
details on page 5.*

Lunch & Learn series to begin September 3rd via Zoom

The LWVLL Lunch & Learn series will be moving to Zoom this fall, due the pandemic. Details on how the Zoom links will be distributed to members and guests, as well as the full fall schedule, can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

For this first month, join us as we welcome guests John Cartier, Director of Voting Rights for Civic Nebraska, and Lancaster County Election Commissioner David Shively, speaking on the topic *Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principles and Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County.*

Note: Members of the Lincoln/Lancaster League of Women Voters should have received an email with a Zoom link early this Saturday, 8/29/2020; however we know that email is sometimes unreliable. If you believe that you are a currently paid member, but did not receive the email, please send a note to JimJohnson_1958@yahoo.com and we will get you the information. Nonmembers, or members of other Leagues, can register at <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/> (deadline Monday, August 31, for this Thursday's meeting.)

The Zoom broadcast for this meeting will begin on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 on Zoom at noon.

See page 2 for more information about the series.

Dark Money course: Tips on Registration

On page 5 of this newsletter you will find information about a course on Dark Money, co-sponsored by OLLI, Common Cause, and the Lincoln/Lancaster League of Women Voters. It has been noted that the registration information on the OLLI site may not be intuitive for those who are not OLLI members; Nancy Comer has submitted the following more detailed instructions for those who need it:

To register for the OLLI Dark Money classes, if you are not an OLLI member, use these directions: Go to <http://oli.unl.edu> and click "Online Registration."

1. Scroll to the bottom of Section 1 and select Add an account. Fill out email, address, etc and Submit.
2. Skip Section 2 and go to Section 3. Scroll to the bottom and select the Open to the Public tab. Then select from the Monday classes, Dark Money, and click that little box. (Note that the box will not be visible until after you have created your account in Step (1) above.)
3. Proceed to Check Out where you can submit the \$20 for the four class sessions. You do **not** need to pay the additional \$75 OLLI membership fee to take this class!

Lunch & Learn via Zoom: Fall schedule begins September 3

Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principles And Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 on Zoom at noon

After getting your positive opinions on the survey the Lunch and Learn Committee sent to you earlier in the spring, we are moving forward with Zoom programming this fall.

All LWVLL members will be automatically sent a Zoom link for each of the programs. (Note: Link for the September 3 meeting was emailed earlier on 8/29; if you are a paid member but did not receive a link, please contact Jim.Johnson_1958@yahoo.com and we will check it out.) **Members will not have to register for each meeting.** They will simply click on the Zoom information sent in a monthly email. We are trying to make it as simple as possible for you join us for each of the four programs.

If you would like to invite friends who are not members to join us at no charge, they may register at the web link <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/> for more information. Please put the word registration in the subject line. All programs begin at noon.

| Date | Title | Speakers |
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| September 3 rd , 2020 | Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principles and Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County | John Cartier, Director of Voting Rights and Dave Shively, Lancaster County Election Commissioner |
| October 8th, 2020 <small>please note date change</small> | The Electoral College | John Comer, Professor Emeritus, UNL Department of Political Science |
| November 5 th , 2020 | Redistricting and Apportionment | Gavin Geis, Executive Director, Common Cause Nebraska |
| December 3 rd , 2020 | Women's Suffrage | Dr. Deborah Turner, President of the National League of Women Voters |

If you have any questions, please email Karen Dienstbier kdien@allophone.com



Tuesdays on PBS, beginning September 8 at 8/7c

The right to vote was fought for and won by three generations of American women over the course of more than seven decades.

The Vote comes back to PBS on Tuesday nights in September at 8/7c, starting September 8. It is also available to stream now [on the PBS website](#) and the [PBS video app](#).

Watch now at <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/vote/#part01>.

Voting tips and reminders submitted by Maureen Ose

The deadline to request an Early Vote/Absentee ballot by mail, fax or email: 6:00 p.m., Friday, Oct 23, 2020. (The form is available at this link:

<https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5601/Early-Vote-Application-for-the-November-3-2020-General-Election>)

Requests may be made in person at the Election Commission Office until 5:00 p.m., Monday, Nov 2, 2020. An agent acting on a voter's behalf has until 7:00 p.m., Election Day, Nov 3, 2020 to request an Absentee ballot. (A person may assist up to two voters by acting as their agent. An agent can complete and submit the early voting ballot application on behalf of the voter. A candidate or a member of a candidate campaign committee can only be an agent for his/her own family.)

There are nearly 196,000 registered voters in Lancaster County. The November 3rd General Election is right around the corner and more Lancaster county voters than ever before are expected to request Early Vote/Absentee Ballots. These ballots may be returned via USPS mail or, as many voters prefer, they may be dropped into the box at the Lancaster County Election Commission Office at 601 N 46th Street in Lincoln.

The League of Women Voters believes that voting is a fundamental right and all eligible voters should have the equal opportunity to exercise that right. We are dedicated to ensuring that our elections remain free, fair and accessible. Our democracy is strongest when everyone's voice is heard. Let's do everything we can to turn out the vote in November!

Other questions about voting can be directed to Election Commissioner Dave Shively at

Phone: 402 441-7311

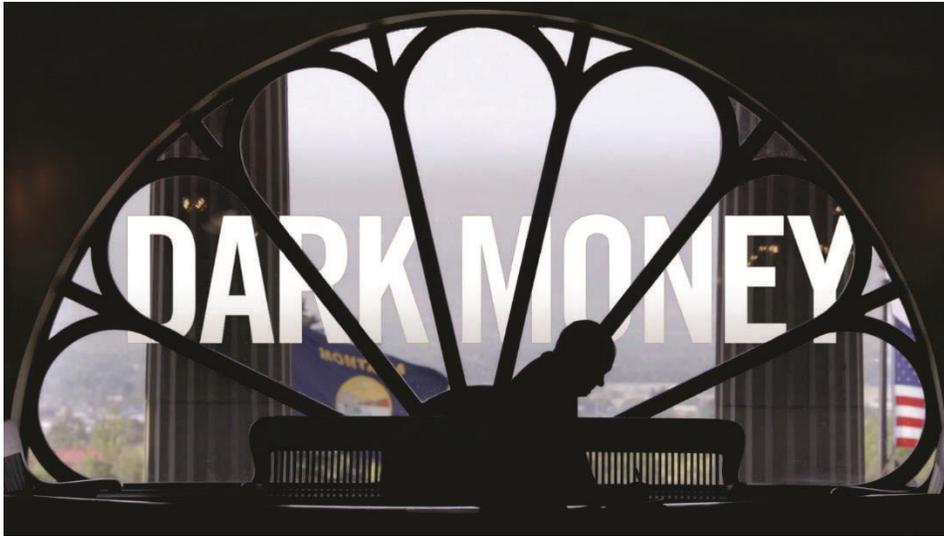
Email: dshively@lancaster.ne.gov

USPS Mail: Lancaster County Election Commission
601 N 46th Street
Lincoln, NE 68503-3720

If you live in Lincoln/Lancaster County

Return your ballot to the
Lancaster County
Election Commission
by USPS mail, or use
the convenient drive-up
drop box at:
601 N 46th St.
Lincoln NE 68503
(North side of building.
Available now til 8 pm 11/3/2020)





Dark Money: Montana to Nebraska and Beyond

A four-session course

The course begins with the PBS/POV documentary, “Dark Money,” a political thriller, which examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials. The film takes viewers to Montana—a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide—to follow a local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the US Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision.

The course then takes up dark money in Nebraska’s history of campaign finance laws and what is happening today. Each session will provide an opportunity for participants to share their own ideas and concerns about “dark money” and money in politics.

This course is open to the public. Registration is required.

Instructors: Jack Gould, issues/policy chair, Common Cause Nebraska; Kate High, League of Women Voters of Nebraska and LWVLL

Facilitator: Nancy Comer

Day/Dates: Mon, Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Select how you plan to attend the course.

Zoom

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Zoom Live Stream

Enrollment Limit: 125

[Register online at oli.unl.edu](https://oli.unl.edu)
Choose the “Open to the Public”



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