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Calendar of Events

**Sept. 2 (Thursday): Noon
LWVLL Lunch & Learn
via Zoom:**

Redistricting in Nebraska
State Senator Tom Briese,
State Senator Steve Lathrop,
and Facilitator Rachel Gibson
*See article at upper right, and
check out the fall schedule
and recordings of previous
programs on page 3.*

**Sept 18 (Saturday): 2 pm-8 pm
Voter Registration at
Latino Festival**

Requesting voter registration help
for at least a two-hour stint
*See article at lower right; contact
jgwitte@gmail.com to volunteer.*

**Sept 25 (Saturday): Time TBA
Voter Registration at
Sickle Cell Drive**

Mount Zion Baptist Church,
3301 N 56th St
Requesting voter registration help
for at least a two-hour stint
*See article at lower right; contact
jgwitte@gmail.com to volunteer.*

**Sept 28 (Tuesday): Time TBA
Voter Registration on
National Voter Registration
Day**

Location and Time TBA
Requesting voter registration help
for at least a two-hour stint
*See article at lower right; contact
jgwitte@gmail.com to volunteer.*

September 2 Lunch & Learn: “Redistricting in Nebraska”

The popular Lunch and Learn series, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County, will resume on Thursday, September 2 at 12:00 noon for the 2021/2022 season. Meetings this year will again be via Zoom.

Topic for the September 2 meeting will be “Redistricting in Nebraska,” with guests State Senators Tom Briese and Steve Lathrop, and facilitator Rachel Gibson.

If you are a member of LWVLL, or if you had registered for Lunch and Learn meetings last year, you should receive a Zoom link shortly, and a reminder notice the evening before the meeting.

Other guests are welcome and the event is free; however guests who are not League members and did not register for previous meetings will need to pre-register at <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/>. Registration deadline is Monday, August 30, for the September 2 meeting.

See page 3 for information about the fall programs; watch for the spring schedule in a future newsletter.

For recordings of presentations in the 2020/2021 season, see <https://lincolnleague.org/lunch-and-learn-schedule/#Recordings>.

Voter Registration Volunteers Needed

The League of Women Voters-Lincoln/Lancaster County works in partnership with the Lancaster County Election Commissioner’s office to register voters at various events. Volunteers are required to attend a short training session prior to helping with voter registration; if interested, contact Jane Witte at jgwitte@gmail.com and she will work with the Election office to get you set up with the required training. Certification is good for three years following the training.

We currently need registrars for the following events; volunteers can pretty much choose their time but we request that you consider at least a two-hour stint. Please contact Jane Witte at jgwitte@gmail.com to volunteer.

Latino Festival: Saturday, 9/18/2021, 2 pm – 8 pm
Antelope Park, 1650 Memorial Drive.

Sickle Cell Drive: Saturday, 9/25/2021, time TBA
Mount Zion Baptist Church, 3301 N 56th St.

National Voter Registration Day: Tuesday, 9/28/2021
Location and Time TBA.

LWV-NE Fair Maps Committee: Upcoming Events Related to the Redistricting Process

The Fair Maps committee from LWV-NE has been working to educate the public about the redistricting process as well as encouraging our state senators to keep the process fair, nonpartisan and transparent. Redistricting is an important part of keeping all of our votes equally weighted. However, the danger of gerrymandering exists any time these lines are augmented, and the effects are felt for at least a decade.

A special session of the legislature has been scheduled for mid-September to accomplish redistricting of congressional and state legislative boundaries. The Fair Maps committee is planning a Day of Action to address raise awareness and demonstrate our attention to lawmakers on September 18. Volunteers can participate in sidewalk chalking at the state capitol (9-11AM) or participate in community walks (9-11AM) on Saturday, September 18. There are also opportunities to help staff voter registration/redistricting information booths at various farmers markets (dates and times vary depending on the market) during the month before the event in addition to attending a poster making pep rally the night before (Friday, September 17 from 6-9 in Omaha).

We would appreciate you sharing this invitation with Lincoln League members. We also look forward to sharing more information and answering any questions at the Lunch and Learn on September 2nd. Questions can be sent to info@lwn Nebraska.org.

Thank you!
Sheri St Clair
LWV-NE Fair Maps Committee

Former LWVLL President Mary Boschult Receives Certificate of Appreciation from Lancaster County Commissioners and Election Commissioner David Shively

At the August 24, 2021 meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, awards and certificates of appreciation were presented by Election Commissioner David Shively to several people who had helped with making elections run smoothly. Former LWVLL President Mary Boschult was presented with an award in recognition of her ten years of service with the League and her work with the Election office as Volunteer Coordinator.

For those interested in watching the presentation, the meeting can be viewed online at <https://lnktv.lincoln.ne.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/775?channel=1>. The awards section are items 3(A) through 3(C) on the agenda, and that section begins at about 29:00 in the broadcast; the Boschult certificate portion begins at about 41:00.

Congratulations on a job well done, Mary!

Lunch and Learn: Upcoming, and Links to Previous Programs

Following is our fall 2021 schedule, and links to recordings of our 2020/2021 season Lunch and Learn speakers. Watch our newsletter for announcements of the Spring 2022 speakers.

Fall 2021 Lunch and Learn Topics and Speakers		
9/2/2021	Redistricting in Nebraska	Senator Tom Briese, Senator Steve Lathrop - Facilitator- Rachel Gibson, Nebraska League of Women Voters
10/7/2021	Nonpartisan Nebraska	Nathan Leach, Executive Director, Al Davis, Board Chair, Nonpartisan Nebraska
11/4/2021	Lincoln's Vision for a Climate-Smart Future	Miki Esposito, J.D., Senior Policy Advisor to Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, City of Lincoln, Nebraska
12/9/2021	Lincoln Airport Capital Improvements	David Haring - Lincoln Municipal Airport Director, Zachary Mora James - Lincoln Airport Authority Board Chair
Videos of previous presentations for the 2020/2021 season		
<i>September 3, 2020 Voting Rights, Voting Right Now: Principals and Practicalities of Voting in Lancaster County John Cartier, Director of Voting Rights and Dave Shively, Lancaster County Election Commissioner</i>		
<i>October 8, 2020 The Electoral College: Is It Still Relevant? John Comer, Professor Emeritus, UNL Department of Political Science</i>		
<i>November 5, 2020 Redistricting and Apportionment Gavin Geis, Executive Director, Common Cause Nebraska</i>		
<i>December 3, 2020 Dr. Deborah Turner, President of the National League of Women Voters Video unavailable. Please enjoy this video instead: https://www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvoters/videos/588949825314829</i>		
<i>January 7, 2021 Focus on the Coming Nebraska Legislative Session Analysts Craig Beck and Alex Serrurier, OpenSky Policy Institute</i>		
<i>February 4, 2021 The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg Anna Shavers, Associate Dean, NU College of Law; Eric Berger, Professor, NU College of Law</i>		
<i>March 4, 2021 Can't Trust it: Race, Policing, the Prison Industrial Complex Dr. Jeanette Jones, Associate Professor of History and Ethnic Studies, UNL</i>		
<i>April 1, 2021 Holding Cops Accountable; What is Happening Locally? Ishma Valenti, Director, Community Engagement, Clyde Malone Community Center</i>		
<i>May 6, 2021 Together One Lincoln Sändra Washington, Lincoln City Council</i>		

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