

**Field Trip to Blue Heron Park, Phoenix, Oregon**  
Thursday, November 11, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Join Jim Buck, LWVRV member, as he leads a short walking tour and discussion of the Blue Heron Park Almeda Fire restoration efforts:

- Blue Heron Park
- Blue Heron Park Pollinator Garden
- Blue Heron Park Community Garden
- Bear Creek Greenway

We will meet at the Blue Heron Park picnic shelter at 11:30 AM. The park is located at 4385 South Pacific Highway in Phoenix [Google Maps](#). Dress for the weather.



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## President's Pen

Margie is taking the month off. Below is a reminder of our leadership team.

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## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – LWVRV – Our Ongoing Challenge.

--- By Joyce Puccini Chapman, for now

The most touching and informative program we've watched lately is the documentary "Civil War" that first aired on MSNBC on Sunday, October 24, 2021. I can't do justice to attempting to explain, but this link to the [official trailer](#) may help. What I can say, is if you care about our country and our democracy, watch it. We are more convinced than ever that we must talk about our country's past, both the good and the horrible, or our democracy will not last. That may sound dramatic, but we believe it to be true.

Dr. David W. Blight, Yale History Professor, was featured in several segments of the Civil War documentary. Dr. Blight published "Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory" in 2001. A [plot summary](#) of his book states in part, "In his historical non-fiction book...American historian and author David W. Blight argues that in the four decades following the Civil War, the dominant narrative that emerged of the war was not one of fighting to end the horrors of slavery and to ensure freedom for all Americans. Rather, in America's collective memory, the war took shape as a conflict between two armies full of brave soldiers on both sides fighting for what they believed. While this reconciliation may have resulted in greater solidarity among white Americans, the author argues that it obscured and even threatened to negate the narrative of black emancipation over which the Civil War was really fought. ..."

The words "a conflict between two armies full of brave soldiers on both sides..." are eerily prescient to words spoken by then President Trump who, on [August 17, 2017](#) in referring to violent protests over the removal of a General Robert E. Lee statue in Charlottesville, Virginia, said, "you also had people that were very fine people, on both sides." Dr. Blight refers to the erasure of black Americans from the Civil War narrative. In order to make white people comfortable, the North and the South glorified the bravery of their soldiers and quickly began to ignore the moral issues related to slavery and emancipation, over which the war was fought. That group decision to make white people comfortable haunts us to this day. I urge you to read the plot summary and to consider reading his book. My copy is on back order.

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### Membership:

Welcome to our newest member, **Kathy Conway**! On the membership form, Kathy expressed interest in Environment/Climate Change. She is a co-facilitator of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN).



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We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the access, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

## Drop Off Your Ballot by Tuesday, November 2nd!

Every election is important and your vote matters! Drop your ballot off at a drop box by 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 2nd! The League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley has studied the Jackson County Assessor issue and recommends a **YES** vote for the Jackson County Assessor ballot.

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## Charitable Giving

The holiday season is a time when we are asked to consider contributing to our favorite causes. The League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley is a membership organization, conducts action and advocacy based on our positions, and is a nonprofit 501 (c)(4) corporation. Donations to the League of Women Voters of Rogue Valley are tax-deductible. Click here to [donate](#). Also, we thank the members who are able to donate a little “extra” when they renew their membership.

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## Pesticides and other Biocides

Thank you, Kathleen Donham, for leading the Pesticides and other Biocides discussion on October 11 and consensus questions on October 25. Also, many thanks to those who participated in consensus and contributed their time and ideas.



## LWVRV Calendar

### November

- Thursday 11 Blue Heron Park Field Trip, 11:30 – 12:30
- Thursday 18 Board meeting, 10:30
- Saturday 27 Newsletter submissions due

### December

- Thursday 9 Members meeting, 11:30 – ZOOM
- Thursday 16 Board meeting, 10:30
- Monday 27 Newsletter submissions due

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