



The Bi-Annual Newsletter
of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters Marion County Chapter

The Conservation Voter

Sparking Marion County's Green Energy Revolution

For many working families in Marion County, issue Number One is the economy followed by jobs, education and health care. It can be easy to push the environment down the list when layoffs, swine flu and rising health care costs dominate the news and our thoughts.

But there is one thing that we cannot afford to let fall off our radar: energy. In order for us to build a 21st century economy, we will have to work toward energy conservation, better auto fuel efficiency standards, increased federal funding for alternative energy and improvements in our mass transportation. OLCV is working hard on these priorities.

Fortunately, we have the opportunity, right here in Oregon, to pass legislation that will help cut energy use from dirty sources, increase investments in clean, renewable energy sources and increase funding to improve our transportation options. Achieving these goals is good for the economy, too, and will create stable jobs for working Oregonians.

For these important bills to pass, we will need engaged citizens, willing to talk with elected officials about our energy priorities and who, in the coming years, will use their vote as their voice. That's why we're working hard to re-build our Marion County Chapter.

2010 will present us with many challenges. But with strong community leadership and a solid volunteer base, we can transform these challenges into opportunities to elect leaders in line with our values, leaders who will fight to protect Oregon's environmental legacy and see that our children have secure jobs and healthy and safe places to raise their own families.

This is your chance to help OLCV build a new future for Marion County. You can help make the need for cost saving energy measures, energy conservation and green jobs impossible to ignore. If you're not already involved with Marion County OLCV, call Tresa Horney at 503-224-4011 ext. 206 or email her at tresa@olcv.org to help spark Marion County's green energy revolution.

OLCV is working with the Oregon Conservation Network (OCN), a coalition of more than 40 environmental groups in Oregon, to pass these two environmental priorities. But we can't do alone.

The six priorities of the fifty-group coalition are to Implement Global Warming Solutions, Promote Water Conservation, Preserve Oregon's Coastal Legacy, Increase Transportation Options, Ensure New Energy Supplies are Responsible, and Stop the Spread of Invasive Species.

Visit www.oregonpriorities.org to learn more about these and other environmental priorities in the 2009 Legislative Session.

TAKE ACTION!

Call your state representative and ask them to support Senate Bill 80 and House Bill 2001. Urge them to protect Oregon's legacy for future generations.

Don't know who your legislators are?

Visit: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/>

And don't forget:
ELECTION DAY IS MAY 19th!

Marion County OLCV WANTS YOU!

The Steering Committee of the Marion County OLCV is looking for new members to be on the front lines of our work electing pro-environment candidates to office and holding our elected leaders accountable for preserving Oregon's environmental legacy.

If you are interested in campaigning for local candidates who share your values, talking to your local leaders about our priorities, and helping generate the resources needed to win campaigns **please contact Tresa Horney: 503-224-4011 ext.206 or tresa@olcv.org.**

The Steering Committee needs your talent and commitment to continue our success!

Please consider making a donation to support OLCV's work in Marion County. www.olcv.org/Marion

Upcoming Events in Marion County

Salem Progressive Film Series

The Accidental Advocate

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Doors Open at 6:15 Film Begins at 7:00

The Grand Theater, 191 High St. NE, Salem

Breakfast on Bikes in Salem

Friday, May 29, 2009

The Mid-Willamette Valley Chapter of the Bicycle Transportation Alliance produces

Breakfast on Bikes on the last Friday of each month.

For more information visit: <http://breakfastonbikes.blogspot.com/>

Cherriots Open House

Cherriots is redesigning Salem/Keizer bus service to better meet the needs of the community.

For dates and locations of upcoming open houses visit: www.cherriots.org



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Steering Committee
YOUR NAME HERE

Get involved with the Marion County OLCV as a member of our steering committee.

Email tresa@olcv.org to learn more.

Why Repower Oregon?

Marion County OLCV would like to thank everyone who attended our event on April 16th: Why Repower Oregon?



Special thanks to our guest panel (pictured here from left to right): Jeff Bissonette, consumer advocate at the Citizens Utility Board; Bob Stacey, Executive Director at

1000 Friends of Oregon; Catherine Thommasson, President of Physicians for Social Responsibility; and Bill Bradbury, former Secretary of State.

It was a fantastic presentation with experts speaking from several different points of view on the issues that we'll face if we don't take action NOW to fight global warming.

We are still working hard to pass critical legislation that would help Oregon become a leader in the fight against global warming.

Visit the Oregon Conservation Network's website to learn more about what you can do to help pass this vital legislation at www.oregonpriorities.org.

To get involved this election visit www.olcv.org/Marion

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