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## 2012 CALENDAR

**October 4, 7:00 p.m.**  
Candidate Forum; Buena Vista

**October 8,** Bond Issue Briefings; Salida and Buena Vista

**October 11, 7:00 p.m.**  
Candidate Forum; Salida

**November 6,** ELECTION DAY

**November 12 –** LWVCC Organizational Structure of Chaffee County Government; Salida

**December 10 –** LWVCC Civility and Democracy; Buena Vista

## 2013 Calendar

**January 7 –** LWVCC: Fracking Study, with a Consensus; Buena Vista

**February 11 –** LWVCC: Intergovernmental Agencies within Chaffee County; Salida

**March 11 –** LWVCC: Update from Chaffee County Commissioners; Buena Vista

**April 8 –** LWVCC Annual Dinner: Update on Browns Cañon National Monument, Tentative; Salida



Issues Forum in Salida, October 2011  
Cheryl Brown-Kovacic Moderating

## League to Sponsor 2012 Candidate and Issue Forums

Chaffee County Voters have two opportunities to hear local candidates press their case for election and to learn about bond issues on the ballot for both school districts:

- Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 East Main St.
- Thursday, Oct. 11 at the Salida City Council Chambers, 448 East First St.

Each forum runs from 7-9 p.m.

**Candidates for Colorado House District 60** are Pier Cohen (Dem), Curtis Imrie (write-in), M. Bruce Waters (Lib), and Jim Wilson (Rep).

**Candidates for Chaffee County Commissioner** for District 1 are Dennis Giese (Rep), Rebecca Hitchcock (write-in), and Jim Osborne (Dem); for District 2, Frank Holman (Rep), Kathryn Wadsworth (Dem).

Jacqueline Sobczak will moderate the BV forum and Myra Barrett will moderate the Salida forum.

**Each candidate will present opening and closing remarks** and answer questions prepared by the League and also submitted from the audience. After the structured part of the forum, candidates will be available to talk informally with attendees. The League structures the forums with strict adherence to non-partisan ground rules, agreed to by the candidates and viewable at [lwvchaffeecounty.org/forums/](http://lwvchaffeecounty.org/forums/).

**The League will offer information about bond issues** for each school district and provide Pro/Con Colorado Ballot Issues pamphlets at both forums.

**The forums will be recorded** and replayed on BV TV Channel 12 and Salida TV Channel 10. KVRH and KSBV will also air them. The air time and replay schedule will available after the forums at [lwvchaffeecounty.org/forums/](http://lwvchaffeecounty.org/forums/). Salida and Buena Vista libraries will have DVD copies for checkout.

**October 9 is the last day to register to vote** or make changes to your registration. To register online, see [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com).

**The general election is November 6.** Mail-in ballots will be sent out on or shortly after October 12; early voting begins October 22. Further information on ballot drop off sites, early voting, and voting centers can be found under "Elections" at [chaffeecountyclerk.org](http://chaffeecountyclerk.org).



## Leadership Team 2012-2013

**Carol Sanford**, Liaison to  
LWVCO & LWVUS, and  
Treasurer

**Jan Scar**, Secretary

**Marjie Gray**, Voters Service

**Nita Stevens**, Membership

**Myra Barrett**, Membership

**Jeanne Younghaus**, Finance

**Nancy Walters**, Publicity

**Karen Robinson**, Meetings

**Susan Bristol**, Events

**Tracy Craig**, At-Large

**Jackie Sobczak**, At-Large

## Committee Members

### Finance

Jackie Sobczak

### Meetings

Tracy Craig

Jeanne Younghaus

### Voters Service

Myra Barrett

Marilyn Box

Karen Dils

Betsy Neas

Elizabeth Ritchie

Karen Robinson

Barbara Seeling

Melissa Smith

Jackie Sobczak

Nancy Walters

### Fund Raising

Marilyn Box

### Publicity

Tracy Craig

Gail Brooks (website hosting)

### Hospitality

Betsy Downing

Mary Helen Dunn

### August Picnic

Marilyn Bouldin

Barbara Seeling

## LWVCC Holds Briefings on School Ballot Issues



### For Salida School District R31

**When:** October 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 11:30

**Where:** The home of Janet Reginald at 6450 County Road 178, Salida.  
Call her at 221-9745 for directions.

**Who:** League members and guests

**Why:** A member of the Salida School Board will be there to discuss the Longfellow Elementary School bond issue. This school has been deemed one of the top five neediest facilities in the state. The presenter will discuss why total replacement is necessary, what the anticipated costs are, and how the grant from B.E.S.T. will be used. The presenter will also answer any questions.

### For Buena School District R32

**When:** October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** BV Public Library, 131 Linderman Avenue

**Who:** League members and guests

**Why:** School Superintendent Robert Crowther and members of BV PEAKS (Buena Vista Partners Engaged Around Kids' Success) will discuss the bond issue and proposed mill levy.

BV PEAKS is a community group that listens to problems the school district is facing that could have a negative impact on education and the state of our community. Their key questions and discussion center on Community-School synergy. They charged themselves with answering the question: ***What can a group of community members do to protect and promote the educational experience of the students of Buena Vista School District?***

## Good News on Geothermal Regulations

County Administrator Bob Christiansen announced on September 24 that Chaffee County, along with Archuleta and San Miguel counties and the Town of Pagosa Springs, has received a Colorado Heritage Planning Grant to draft 1041 County and Municipal Regulations for geothermal development.

The League, as part of our geothermal study, had submitted letters to the Chaffee County Commissioners and the Salida City Council with recommendations for 1041 geothermal regulations. Our letter to the commissioners and the council, along with Christiansen's response, are posted at [lvchaffeecounty.org/league-positions-2/](http://lvchaffeecounty.org/league-positions-2/)

## Committees, Cont'd.

### Great Decisions

Marilyn Bouldin  
Mary Helen Dunn  
Scott Hartman  
Carol Sanford  
Nancy Walters

**Thank you, everyone who  
volunteers!**

## Changes in Voting Laws

Are you **sure** you're registered?

You are listed as an **inactive voter** if...

- You did not vote in the 2010 general election or any subsequent election **and**
- You did not respond to a mail-in postcard request.

Check or change your registration and party affiliation at [govotecolorado.com](http://govotecolorado.com)

## Two More Web Sites for Checking the Facts

[Face the Facts USA](http://Face the Facts USA)

"...delivers provocative facts about big issues to help Americans debunk myths, hold better conversations, get involved, and make choices as smarter citizens."

[Flackcheck.org](http://Flackcheck.org)

A sister site of [factcheck.org](http://factcheck.org), but on the lighter side of spin. Both are projects of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania.

## LWVCC Team Seeks Your Concurrence on New Nonpartisan Policy

Thanks to the work of Jan Scar and Marjie Gray, our League now has a new non-partisan policy that members can refer to. The Leadership Team approved the policy at the June 2012 Team meeting, and agreed that it should be posted on our website so members can comment and offer suggestions or changes if they want to.

The non-partisan policy ensures that members, particularly team leaders, do not engage in partisan activities, such as publically endorsing a candidate while identifying themselves as League members (e.g., wearing our League name tag or a button).

Take time to review the policy [posted on our website](#). Send your comments or questions to [marjiegray2fish@gmail.com](mailto:marjiegray2fish@gmail.com)

## League Day Highlights

- LWVUS President, Elizabeth MacNamara spoke passionately about fighting restrictive voting requirements and planned to visit with Secretary of State Scott Gessler that afternoon.
- Robert Semro of [Bell Policy Center](#) reviewed provisions of the Affordable Care Act, concurring with Tom Massey that no matter who is elected, parts of the act will go forward, if not "defunded" by Congress.
- Karen Connor of Delta County urged us to promote [Vote411.org](#) as a handy way to review election candidates and issues, and then create a personal sample ballot.
- Carol Sanford picked up materials for the Fracking Study. If you're interested in working with her, perhaps in a small discussion group, email her at [caroljean1945@gmail.com](mailto:caroljean1945@gmail.com).
- Carol also picked up pamphlets on the ballot issues, which are being distributed to banks, other businesses and the two libraries.

### To pique your interest in fracking:

"This year, 'carbon-dioxide emissions in the U.S. have dropped to their lowest level in 20 years' —down 14 percent from their peak in 2007. What wonderful 'green' initiative is responsible for this dramatic turnaround? Fracking." *The Week*, Sept. 20, 2012, quoting Bjorn Lomborg, in *Slate.com*,

At right, Nancy Walters & Gail Brooks explain how they developed our website, [lwcchaffeecounty.org](http://lwcchaffeecounty.org)

