

LWVOR Local Program — July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012

As part of its ongoing local program, the Oak Ridge LWV provides voter education and registration, candidates' forums, other forums on public issues, and programs such as Breakfast with our Legislators, and Lunch with the League. In addition we take action when appropriate on our local, state, and national positions, and, after consensus, on local study issues.

The proposed local study and action program* for 2011-2012 is:

Education

Study and monitor the quality of the Oak Ridge Public Schools, especially as impacted by local, state, and federal funding, state and federal mandates, and community factors; emphasis will include the Diploma Project and State and Federal standards.

Continue the Partner in Education program with the Oak Ridge High School Social Studies Department.

Collect information on the role of community colleges in society, programs available, and how to make the opportunities more accessible to students of all ages and interests.

Voting Mechanics

Track election law legislation including choice of voting machines and voter registration qualifications.

Gather information on various methods of voting, e.g., absentee by mail, early voting, convenience voting.

Observe and study poll worker training, preparation of voting machines, and polling place procedures.

Observer/Monitoring Corps

Continue the Observer/Monitoring group, following the City Council, County Commissions, School Board, Planning Commission, Industrial Development Board, and Healthy Start, housing, and environmental/remediation programs as well as the Elder Citizens Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Educate the membership and the public as appropriate.

*Along with the proposed local study and action program stated above, Board sponsored committees may be organized in the areas of Transportation, the Environment, and Housing, if there is sufficient interest. Any action determined to be appropriate in these areas can be taken at a later date following LWV procedures.