



# Henderson County Bulletin November 2017

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## General Meeting

November 16<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 – 5:30 PM

Chamber of Commerce

### Achieving Home Sweet Home — A Look at Affordable Housing in Henderson County

During our January planning meeting, the issue of Affordable Housing generated much interest among our members. As a result the Board, during its program scheduling chose this complex issue for a November program the goal of which is to educate members and those from the general public who wish to learn more. The selected presenters will provide a snapshot on the many aspects of this critical issue which impacts all of us. We will hear from representatives about the current efforts to provide safe and affordable housing for persons of limited income; the status of county housing efforts including an update on action items in the Henderson County 2020 Comprehensive Plan, successes in development efforts and challenges, infrastructure and density issues in the City and the County and numerous other issues. We are excited about this presentation. You are encouraged to invite guests and please come with interesting questions.

#### Presenters:

Sarah Grimes - Exec. Director, Housing Assistance Corporation

Autumn Radcliff - Henderson County Director of Planning Department

John Connet — City Manager, Hendersonville

## Calendar

- November**
- 2- Board Meeting 10 - 12, WCCA
  - 3- LWVNC Council Meeting. City Ops
  - 7 – Election Day – Municipalities
  - 16 – General Meeting, 4-5:30, Chamber
  - 20 – Immigration Mtg., 1:30, St. James
  - 23 – Thanksgiving
  - 24 – Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform, Historic Courthouse, 4 – 4:30
  - 29 – Education Team, 9:30, Co-op
  - 30 – Observer Corps, 11:00 am, Thai Spice
- December**
- 7 – Board Meeting, 10 – 12, WCCA
  - 17 – General Mtg., Holiday Gathering: “Gift of Words”, 2:00 – 4:00, Co-op
  - 18 – Immigration Mtg. 1:30, St. James
  - 20 – Education Mtg., 9:30, Co-op
  - 29 – Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform, Historic Courthouse, 4:00 – 4:30 PM

## Management Team

**Nan Jennings & Rachel Poller,**  
**Co-Conveners**  
**Linda Hansma, Secretary**  
**Stan Kumor, Treasurer**

*“Where annual elections end, tyranny begins.”*  
*James Madison*

**PROMOTE THE VOTE – ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 7TH**



## **Member Survey Results**

- Majority of respondents preferred our current meeting time of 4:00 – 5:30 PM;
- Majority preferred a weekly short e-mail message with calendar and quarterly Bulletin;
- Majority had no preference regarding month of Annual Meeting, prefer a luncheon, are okay with the \$24.00 cost and preferred changing the venue;
- Majority wish to receive communication from State/National; and
- Majority advocate, split evenly between weekly & monthly communication.

***As a result of the survey look for changes in our upcoming communications!!***



# Holiday Gathering

"The Gift of Words," our holiday gathering, will be held on Sunday, December 17, from 2-4 PM at the Hendersonville Co-Op on Spartanburg Hwy. Join us, and bring a friend, for food and thoughtful reflections about holidays past, present, and around the world! Members are asked to bring a children's book (board books, picture books, for ages 3-5) for donation - this year, to the Helping Hand Developmental Center. Also bring a favorite holiday treat to share on our refreshments table. For further information, contact Sharon Burlingame, 692-4012.



## ***ERA-NC ALLIANCE conference October 15, 2017***

Henderson County LWV members in attendance: Lee Luebbe, Melinda and Jim Lowrance, Gayle Kemp, Princess Ferguson, Linda Miller and Judy Wilkes

Only two more states are needed to ratify the ERA as Nevada ratified the ERA in February. Members of ERA-NC are seeking new members to help in their struggle to get the North Carolina legislature to ratify the ERA. Want to join the effort? Go to [www.era-nc.org](http://www.era-nc.org) and join; the ERA-NC Alliance needs everyone!



# Voter Services

*Please note Because of holidays at the end of November and December, the Voter Services Team will meet instead only on Wednesday, November 15, at 1:00, at the First Congregational Church. The agenda will include reviews of the October activities and planning for the upcoming months*

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> Meet and Greet Event for Municipal Candidates**



## October General Meeting - Immigration

LWVHC was pleased to welcome David Nieto and Immigration Attorney Shoshana Fried to a panel exploring DACA, also known as Dreamers. David Nieto shared his story of coming to Henderson County at 5 years old, saying the Pledge of Allegiance every day in school through his graduation from North Henderson High School, and then realizing that he cannot work, get a driver's license or attend college, because of his undocumented status, even though he feels he is an American. With DACA he was able to complete his college education and has a good job. Since that program has been rescinded by the Trump Administration, he is left with fear and uncertainty. Shoshana Fried, of Pisgah Legal Services, spoke of the ways PLS is helping undocumented immigrants avoid deportation and find legal ways to stay in this country. Nan Jennings gave an overview of DACA, and Lee Luebbe spoke about LWVHC's efforts to help undocumented people here in Henderson County. Senator Thom Tillis has co-sponsored legislation in the Senate which could help Dreamers; **your advocacy this week could be calling him or sending him a postcard!**





# Day of the Dead



On Sunday, October 29, the League hosted a table at the Day of the Dead festival from 3:00 – 6:00 at Sugarloaf Elementary School. We had stickers, tattoos, candy, and pencils for the children. And for the adults we had info on One Stop Voting as well as general information about voting and the League. Thanks to Judy and John Hansen and to Julie Touchstone for helping to staff the table and for helping to pack up everything at the end. Thanks also to Katie Winkler and Connie Vera, instructors at BRCC, for helping at the table all afternoon. Connie and John both speak Spanish so having them there was very helpful. The Russian delegates from the Open World program enjoyed the festival also. The afternoon was a wonderful celebration of the music, food, dance, and traditions of this holiday.



# Greenways

The League of Women Voters has been working closely with the Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway to promote more greenways in Henderson County. We hope to schedule their great new "Why Greenways?" presentation for one of our meetings next year. In the meantime, you can preview the presentation at the Library in Fletcher on Wednesday, November 15, or at the Etowah Library on Monday, December 4. Both presentations are at 5:30 and open to the public. They will be given by Katie Breckheimer, a lively speaker whom all will enjoy. Attend with a friend or two if you can.



## **Carola Cohn – Celebration of Life Gathering**

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-4:00pm**  
**The Mountain Lodge & Conference Center**  
**755 Upward Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731**  
**RSVP at [justjoshin26@gmail.com](mailto:justjoshin26@gmail.com) or 805-461-1212**