

Civics for Adults Update, January 28, 2020
[Interesting Facebook posts after the schedule!]
Upcoming Workshops

Misinformation, Fake News and Political Propaganda

We are overwhelmed with information. Learn to distinguish truth from fiction using critical thinking strategies with political ads, news headlines, graphs / charts, language choice in messaging, statistical data and other types of information. Become your own "factchecker"!

"Loved it."

"Would be nice if it was a series over a few nights"

"...well-rounded, wide array of examples. Thank you so much! This was fun and informative!"

WEDS FEB 19 6:30-8:00 BETHANY LIBRARY ANNEX 4888 NW BETHANY BLVD, PDX

SUN APRIL 5 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY- SHUTE PARK 775 SE 10TH AVE

Elections and Campaign Finance

This is a unique workshop covering numerous topics related to our electoral systems and presenting specific ideas for bi-partisan civic/political engagement, some active right now! Topics: Voting as Constitutional right(?), Voter Rights, Voter Fraud, Voter Registration, Voter Turnout, Alternative Methods of Determining Winners, Redistricting, Electoral College, Campaign Financing, SuperPACS and 501(c)4s, Contribution Limits, Dark Money, Campaign Finance Databases, Public Financing of Elections

"... this was an excellent presentation."

"I consider myself a well-informed citizen but I learned a great deal of new information."

"You are a great teacher, Donna."

"Very good, solid information – This is what all Americans need to know."

"Thanks for another informative workshop."

SAT APRIL 18 2:00-3:30 BETHANY LIBRARY ANNEX 4888 NW BETHANY BLVD, PDX

SUN APRIL 26 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY- SHUTE PARK 775 SE 10TH AVE

New Name! The Constitution – Fulfilling Democracy's Promise?

By looking back at the creation of the Constitution and tracing major changes to its interpretation we puncture some myths and develop a broader perspective that helps us evaluate its meaning more thoughtfully.

"Amazing what was done [the creation of the Constitution] and what issues still remain."

"Every citizen should take this serious look at our Constitution."

"Good level of history and contemporary political ideas, their evolution and relevance to today."

Thurs April 2 6:00-7:30 Sherwood Pub. Lib. 22560 SW Pine St, Sherwood, OR

Sun May 17 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY- BROOKWOOD 2850 NE BROOKWOOD PKWY

Citizen Activism 101 — Making Change Happen

Improve life for yourself and your neighbors. Learn about types of advocacy and strategies for change. Brief historical perspective; Examples of successful advocacy—local-national; Choosing your battles; Who makes the rules?; Getting heard; tools for change; "Tracking" state and federal legislation.

"Excellent. Thanks!"

"I loved that you customized your presentation to our area".

"Really liked your explanation of state government, especially the example of an individual's testimony...removed the anxiety of presenting testimony that most of us feel so intimidated [by]"

SUN JUNE 7 1:00-2:30 HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY-BROOKWOOD 2850 NE BROOKWOOD PKWY

Facebook posts

Hey folks, this is exciting. I was interviewed by a weekly YouTube show out of Roseberg. The 30-minute interview really gave me a chance to discuss each of my workshops. Check it out!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMI3E6i->

[GhE&fbclid=IwAR00O8KTON4ptZPI_69NbFVamoV2P6DEBIUiEsr1hm_BsAG1WAY_kgpsmEQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMI3E6i-GhE&fbclid=IwAR00O8KTON4ptZPI_69NbFVamoV2P6DEBIUiEsr1hm_BsAG1WAY_kgpsmEQ)

Heads up - as you know my workshops are non-partisan and that was the basis of the interview. However, the show is produced by a “progressive” group. I appreciated their opportunity to get the word out about Civics for Adults.

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The **Oregon Legislature** starts up again on Feb 3, for a short, 5-week, session. Many legislators hold Town Halls prior to the start; it's a great way to get up-to-date on what they will focus on. Here is info on the Town Hall being held Thursday night by Rep Tina Kotek, Sen Lew Frederick, and Rep Tawna Sanchez.

https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORLEG/bulletins/276725d?fbclid=IwAR06REvBDULXGDxIHYetTJHII2NRNb2IT607uPoLBHO_1eX5mhCd9G2FfAQ#.XieBNJ1ebYI.facebook

[Learn how to find and track bills, get email alerts, and provide testimony (aka your thoughts) to the legislature in the Citizen Activism workshop!]

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Senate **Impeachment Trial** continues. Here is Day 8 - https://www.c-span.org/video/?468552-1/senate-impeachment-trial&fbclid=IwAR1Qh4SJIHccQA6j3PHLoN7r38E2fe0vv_yPfrXnuVMteDDJk-YIU_T3lw

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Here is a fun and instructive 12-question **quiz on the Census!**

https://www.pewresearch.org/quiz/census-knowledge/?fbclid=IwAR1EEjOSJHO5MoZ8rByKnHzc2P1WuByNXKOkK_yiv4UEv9ZW4_k6KBX12tQ

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Here's what we don't know! I am sorry to say that **Americans are woefully ill-informed about the Constitution**, itself. <https://www.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org/americans-are-poorly-informed-about-basic-constitutional-provisions/>

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I'm always looking for info on strategies and successes in advocacy and found this article to be fascinating.

The '3.5% rule': How a small minority can change the world

https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20190513-it-only-takes-35-of-people-to-change-the-world?fbclid=IwAR2Mefj5JNds6Q-yqtA_DpVCU_FAIyCvfvVcmPdqb23mdKS1E1vhIkK9mw

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2019 Poverty in Multnomah County Report

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bx48_RZJeigR9dIzJCby5Kkk--FgWuAW/view?fbclid=IwAR3JHhhOPuP3Q0JN4Q_23kTzLZH0w7n7Vkt3QG8QPz3PMJ10mU3EI-Ezq5A

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Lots more interesting posts on the Civics for Adults Facebook page.

<HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PG/CIVICS-FOR-ADULTS-1490728887922036>