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WA State Presidential Primary Suspended... Now What ?

Washington became the first U.S. state to suspend its 2012 presidential preference primary election , a move signed into law by Governor Christine Gregoire (D) due to budget constraints. What this means to the voter is that Washington state voters, unlike previous years will not be receiving a Presidential Preference Primary Ballot in the mail this year. (Do not confuse this with the General Election held in November 2012 in which the entire nation votes for their choice for President. It is only the Presidential Preference Primary- mail out ballot- that has been suspended.)

This year, our State will rely on a precinct caucus-convention system, (similar to Iowa) for nominating national convention delegates.

Republican Precinct Caucuses being held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 in three locations around Cowlitz County are particularly important in the Presidential candidate nominating process.

Washington will use the system of precinct caucuses, or neighborhood gatherings sponsored by Democratic and Republican parties. The caucuses gauge support for each presidential candidate and party platforms.

Here is the bottom line for any registered voter in Cowlitz County that would like to have the opportunity to state their preference for the Republican Presidential Nominee...there will be no ballot arriving in your mailbox....*you must do so by attending your local caucus*. The Cowlitz County Republican Party had no involvement in the decision to cancel the Presidential Primary mail ballot. This was a decision made by the Legislature and approved by the Governor.

ABOUT THE COWLITZ COUNTY REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES

You live in a voting "precinct". Most Precincts (except two) will meet in a "Joint Caucus" at the Cowlitz County Expo Center at the corner of 7th Ave and Washington Street, Longview. All caucuses will meet March 3, 2012 and begin promptly at 10:00AM.

If you live in the Delameter (#26) precinct your caucus will be held at the Tinney residence, 855 Sandy Bend, Castle Rock.

For the Lynwood (#44) precinct, the caucus will be held at the Pagel residence, 2503 Cowlitz View Dr., Longview.

Again, ALL other Cowlitz County precincts will meet at the Cowlitz County Expo Center at the corner of 7th Ave and Washington Street, Longview.

All caucuses will meet March 3, 2012 and begin promptly at 10:00AM.

If you don't know your Precinct, visit <http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/olvr/site/> and enter the requested information. Or call the elections office to find out your precinct number: (360) 577-3005.

Your "all volunteer" Cowlitz County Republican Party has organized and financed these caucuses for your participation. We hope you will attend and be part of this very important political process. Our State and our Nation are counting on your participation!

Registration at each location will start at 9:00 AM, followed by a presidential candidate preference poll, issues polling and the election of delegates (and alternate delegates in the event the delegate is unable to fulfill their commitment) to the Cowlitz County Republican Party Convention. There is no cost to attend the caucuses.

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ABOUT THE COWLITZ COUNTY REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION

Delegates elected at the March 3, 2012 precinct caucuses will go on as delegates to the County Convention being held on April 21, 2012 at McClelland Arts Center 951 Delaware, Longview. There is a \$10.00 registration fee payable at the door.

Caucus Delegates and other registered voters hoping to attend the State Convention as delegates (Tacoma on May 30 - June 2nd) must first be elected as delegates at the County Convention. Registration starts at 8:00 AM. The Convention will conclude at 5:00 PM.

With the increasing recognition of the importance of SW Washington, many statewide and local elected officials and candidates are likely to attend.

ABOUT THE REPUBLICAN STATE & NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

The Republican State Convention will be held in Tacoma, WA on May 30 - June 2, and the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL August 27- 30. This year, Cowlitz County has been allocated 26 Delegates and an equal number of Alternates, elected at the county convention to the state convention, with three Delegates and Alternates elected there to the national Convention from the 3rd Congressional District.

WSRP State Chair Kirby Wilbur believes Republicans are likely to turn out in record numbers for both the Caucuses and County Conventions with the likelihood of electing a Republican Governor and picking up numerous state house and senate seats in 2012. With redistricting and early organizing, Republicans can possibly locally pick up a state house seat and/or state senate seat in the 19th Leg. Dist.

Larry S. Wendfeldt

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Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee

If you have questions regarding the upcoming caucuses or conventions, please email Chairman Larry Wendfeldt at info@cowlitzrepublicans.com. For more news, upcoming events and information visit www.cowlitzrepublicans.com

The Cowlitz County Republican Women's Club is seeking new members

We are a group of dedicated women who love God and country and do all that we can to bring honor to both.

We meet on the third Monday of each month at noon in the Fireside Room of the Monticello Hotel in Longview. Our business meeting is always preceded by a special guest speaker.

The officers for 2012 are: Norma Peters, president; Lorene Taylor, vice president; Barb Dunlap, secretary; and Wanda McCaine, treasurer.

For more information, please contact Norma at 636-4553 or simply attend our next meeting and check us out. Guests are always welcome.

Meetings & Events

Central Committee Meeting

When: Every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

Where: Cowlitz County Admin Building

Description: Monthly meeting of the Central Committee. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

Republican Women's Club

When: Every 3rd Monday of the month at 12:00pm

Where: Fireside Room at the Monticello

Description: Monthly Meeting of the Republican Women's Club

President: Norma Peters

Young Republicans Club

When: Every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

Where: UIT office, 959 15th Ave, Longview

What: Monthly Meeting of the Cowlitz County Young Republicans

www.CowlitzRepublicans.com

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2012 Cowlitz County Republican Annual

Lincoln Day Dinner

Saturday March 24, 2012

Attend the Cowlitz County Republican Party annual fundraiser dinner complete with Live and Silent Auctions, Dessert Dash, Raffles, and good company!

Details

Saturday, March 24

Loowit Room at Cowlitz County Regional Conference Center

5:30pm - VIP early meet & greet with candidates and elected officials

6:00pm - Dinner and Social

Dinner Tickets: \$40 each

VIP Meet & Greet Pass: \$100 each, does not include meal

Table Captain: \$320 (seats 8, includes 1 VIP Pass)

Master of Ceremonies: Washington State Senate Candidate Rick Winsman (19th Leg. District)



Get your Pass for our VIP Meet & Greet + Photo Op with Republican Candidates and Elected Officials:

U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler

Attorney General and WA Gov. Candidate Rob McKenna

WA Gov. Candidate Shahram Hadian

U.S. Senate Candidate Michael Baumgartner

WA 18th Dist. Rep. and Candidate Ed Orcutt

WSRP National Committeewoman Fredi Simpson

Register online at www.CowlitzRepublicans.com or call (360) 431-1324

Please complete this form in full. Make checks payable to "Cowlitz County Republican Party" Mail to: P.O. Box 2327, Longview, WA 98632

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of Tickets (\$40 each): _____ Number of VIP Passes (\$100 each, does not include meal): _____

I would like to be a Table Captain (\$320, includes 1 VIP ticket, seats 8)

Please choose one: Chicken and Beef Vegetarian

Payment Method

Check enclosed VISA MC

Name on card: _____

Total:\$ _____

Card #: _____

Expiration : _____ 3-digit code: _____

3-digit security code located on the back of card

Signature _____

Thank You!

If registering a group please include Name, Address, Phone Number, and Meal Choice for each person.