

Healthy Democracy News



Greetings Fans of Democracy Everywhere!

We'll be sending out a shorter newsletter each month. We want to keep you up-to-date with all the Healthy Democracy happenings in a more digestible format.

With our plans for sending out a more frequent enewsletter, we want to give it a fancy name . . . something snazzier than "enewsletter." If you have any [suggestions](#) for what to call the monthly enews, we would love to hear from you!

Citizens Juries

Healthy Democracy is developing pilot programs in off-election years utilizing the [Citizens Jury](#) process on local government policy issues. Our experience with the CIR shows us that these processes increase trust between citizens and their government, and are an effective means of re-engaging the public in decision-making in a new and dynamic way.



The first [pilot Citizens Jury project](#), to be held in the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, was postponed until November to allow for additional panelist recruitment time. Citizens Jury panelists will gather to study and make recommendations on a question about city council compensation. The public is welcome to attend and observe, and it will be livestreamed.

Restoring Trust in Democracy: How You Can Make a Difference

Healthy Democracy will be scheduling public awareness events and video conferences about Citizens Jury work this fall. Watch the enews for updates on how you can be trained to assist Healthy Democracy on getting the word out to local governments or other partners who are interested in implementing this method of citizen engagement.

Our first in-person event will be held in Ashland, Oregon on Friday, October 18 at Southern Oregon University. More details will be available in the next enews.

Community Oregon

The 3-phase [Community Oregon program](#) joins rural and urban Oregonians together to better understand one another and to think about the kind of democracy they want to build together in



their state.

The Community Oregon Expo, the third and final phase of the 2019 program, will take place on Saturday, September 21 at [Concordia University in Portland, Oregon](#). Program participants will share their learnings via photos, film clips, journal entries or other creative means. This event will be free and open to the public; however, seats are limited. Please [register today](#) to hold your spot!



Civic Saturday

[Civic Saturdays](#) are offered in collaboration with the [Deliberative Democracy Consortium](#) and [Oregon Humanities](#). Civic Saturdays are a creation of [Citizen University](#), which develops programs on civic power and civic character designed to be spread across the country. The next Civic Saturday in Oregon will be held in [Crook County on September 12](#), and another will be hosted by Clackamas Community College on October 12. More are planned for early next year as well. Watch for updates on our website and Facebook page.



Citizens' Initiative Review

Linn Davis, Healthy Democracy's program manager, will be traveling to Buenos Aires, Argentina in September to make a presentation about the CIR at the city's 3rd Annual Conference on Urbanism, Mobility and Citizen Participation. We are excited for him to once again share our work on an international stage.

In November, Linn will be traveling to the municipality of Sion in southwestern Switzerland for the next CIR. In this 4-day session, citizens will be asked to prepare a report about an issue that will go to the ballot in February. This work is being done as a part of a Swiss National Science Foundation research project. [Learn more](#) about this exciting opportunity for our work to be taken outside the U.S. for the second time this year.

Staff Feature

On Monday, August 12, Healthy Democracy welcomed Farres Alkhaiyer, who is on a four-month fellowship from Lattakia, Syria. Funded by the U.S. State Department, Farres is a part of the [Community Solutions Program](#), a professional leadership development program for some of the world's brightest and most visionary young community leaders.

Farres will be sharing some of his observations and learnings during his time in the U.S. in the monthly enews and on the Healthy Democracy blog. Check out his first blog post, titled "[Dreams Away from Screams](#)."

Please join us in welcoming Farres by sending him an [email](#).

Healthy Democracy Calendar

- August 23-24 – Community Oregon Exchange – Sherman County, Oregon
- September 14 – Civic Saturday – C Bar C Ranch, Powell Butte, Oregon
- September 17-18 - Annual conference on Urbanism, Mobility and Citizen Participation - Buenos Aires, Argentina
- September 19-22 - America in One Room - Dallas, Texas
- September 21 – Community Oregon Expo – Concordia University, Portland, Oregon
- October 12 – Civic Saturday – Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, Oregon
- October 18 – Restoring Trust in Democracy – Southern Oregon University, Ashland, Oregon
- October 19 – Healthy Democracy Board Retreat - Ashland, Oregon
- October 24-25 - [2019 OAPA Annual Planning Conference](#) - Eugene, Oregon
- October 29 – [Imagine Tomorrow's Democracy, Today, Bridge Alliance Annual Member Summit](#) – Washington DC
- November 9-12 – Citizens Jury, Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus, Milwaukie, Oregon
- November 16-17 & 23-24 - Citizens' Initiative Review - Sion, Switzerland

Support Our Work

Here are a couple of meaningful ways you can support the work of Healthy Democracy.

Social Media Please visit our [Facebook page](#). Like our page! While you're there, please review us. While you're at it, [Google us](#) and do the same. We don't have much in the way of reviews on either site, and we'd love to populate those parts of our outward-facing social media so that folks can find us more easily when they search the internet.



Friend-raising Do you know people you think should know about Healthy Democracy, but you aren't sure how to approach them? Give us a call or [send us an email](#)! Healthy Democracy staff and board members are ready, willing and able to go along on visits to spread the word about this work to anyone willing to listen.

Donate Now more than ever, your financial support is deeply appreciated. Healthy Democracy works hard to be worthy of your gift, by ensuring the quality of our work, attention to the integrity of our programs and processes,



and inclusiveness of all who wish to participate more fully in their democracy.

Healthy Democracy conducts publicly available financial audits or reviews every year and also boasts a Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar as further evidence of our good stewardship of charitable gifts. Thank you in advance

for your support!

“The function of freedom is to free someone else.”

– Toni Morrison



Healthy Democracy's mission is to elevate the voice of citizens and improve public discourse for the benefit of all voters.

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