

League of Women Voters will host state lawmakers

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Since it was founded by suffragettes in 1920, the League of Women Voters has worked to promote its vision of civic engagement.

That tradition will continue Saturday, when the League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette hosts its annual legislative breakfast.

The organization invited Tippecanoe County's state legislators: State Senators Brandt Hershman and Ron Alting, along with State Representatives Tim Brown, Sheila Klinker, Don Lehe, Sally Siegrist and Sharon Negele. Siegrist, Klinker and Alting had agreed to attend as of Thursday afternoon, according to Rae Schnapp, coordinator of the legislative breakfast for LWV of Greater Lafayette.

The League invited them to field constituent questions and discuss legislative issues before the Indiana General Assembly.

Breakfast begins at 9:15 a.m. for those that have paid or pre-registered. The panel begins at 10 a.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

The event will follow a particular format, which organizers said helps maintain the quality of the discussion.

"We believe very much in civility and thoughtfulness," said Patsy Hoyer, advocate for LWV of Greater Lafayette.

Attendees will submit their questions on note cards and like-questions will be consolidated. Then a moderator will then ask the final version of the question.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization but does hold positions on issues including environmental protection, redistricting and education.

Anyone who wants to attend the panel portion of the program should arrive at the MCL Restaurant & Bakery at 521 Sagamore Parkway West in West Lafayette by 10 a.m. on Saturday. Contact the league about the event by emailing breakfast@leaguelifayette.org or calling 765714-4829.

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League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette celebrated the 95th anniversary of the national organization in September 2015. JOHN TERHUNE/JOURNAL & COURIER