

**LEAGUE LINES
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OF THE BRAINERD LAKES AREA**

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

SUBJECT: RIVERS TO RAILS INITIATIVE

SPEAKER: BRUCE BUXTON, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

*LOCATION: THE SKILLET RESTAURANT
123 WASHINGTON ST NE, BRAINERD*

*DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY, NOV. 8
PROGRAM AT NOON
11:30 SOCIAL*

The Rivers to Rails Initiative is a collaboration and joint effort of the city of Brainerd, Brainerd Housing and Residential Authority, Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corp., the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce and many individual volunteers. The six segments of the project include a comprehensive plan and infrastructure; community space, trails and parks; arts and culture; marketing initiatives, special projects and events; existing buildings, business and housing and new development/redevelopment. (Source: Brainerd Dispatch)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We have had a busy month with all of the candidate forums. Overall, they were a success. They were well attended and also had a lot of online views. I would like to thank everyone who helped out. The forums would not have been successful without all of the great volunteers. We will have a board meeting after the monthly membership program. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Becky LaPlante, President

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

In state and federal elections, towns with less than 500 registered voters are not required to open until 10 a.m. but most choose to open at 7 a.m. Polling hours end at 8:00 p.m.

It is easy to prepare to vote by visiting the Minnesota Secretary of State website. Ballot information is posted by address. Please visit the following website to view sample ballots.

<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot>

MAIL-IN BALLOT DEADLINE

Voters that vote exclusively by mail must return their ballot to their elections office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, which is Tuesday, Nov. 6, to have their ballot counted. Voters who need to register, or who have lost or spoiled their ballot, may come in person to their elections office.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live.--Flora Whittemore

LEAGUE PRINCIPLES

- The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that all powers of the U.S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial.*
- The League of Women Voters believes that democratic government depends upon informed and active participation in government and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.*
- The League of Women Voters believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote; that every person should have access to free public education that provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination.*
- The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, the clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.*
- The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation, promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest, share in the solution of economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promote a sound economy and adopt domestic policies that facilitate the solution of international problems.*
- The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of world peace.*

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