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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PORTLAND AND THE MULTNOMAH BAR  
FOUNDATION BEGIN CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Government in our Daily Lives – Foundations and Today**

What is the "General Welfare," as cited in the U.S. Constitution? What is the role of government now in promoting the general welfare? Today, the League of Women Voters of Portland Education Fund announced the beginning of a six-part series of civic education forums, supported by a grant from the Multnomah Bar Foundation. These forums will focus on current policy debates: their foundations as government responsibilities and their status today. The first program will be held on September 24. All six forums will begin at 7:00 pm in the Board Room of the Multnomah County Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. The events are free and open to the public.

**September 24 – The General Welfare; What Is It, Who’s Responsible?**

**October 29 – Communications; Freedoms, Limitations, Responsibilities**

**November 19 – Transportation; From Here to There - How and Who Pays?**

**February 11, 2014 – Agriculture; Managing Food**

**March 18 – Education; Connections for Success**

**April 8 – The Economy; The Web That Keeps Us Going**

In announcing the “Government in Our Daily Lives” series, the League said that the program was designed to expand the availability of factual, expert knowledge on public policy issues. The growing challenge of distinguishing fact from fiction in the electronic age motivated the League to seek grant support from the Multnomah Bar Foundation (MBF). The MBF shares its mission to advance civic education and thoughtful engagement in the democratic process. The grant will enable the League to convert the content of its highly regarded public forums to short form electronic media, web streaming and print media suitable for a variety of education venues.

All events will be taped and televised on MetroEast Community Media during the weeks following each forum. Information about televised dates and upcoming forums, and resource materials are available at [www.lwvpx.org](http://www.lwvpx.org).

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