

LWVNEW APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

*The dates & locations for our student voter registration drives and for school board candidate forums are partially finalized. If you read through this newsletter, you will see the opportunities for participation and the relevant contact information. **Please consider helping out. This is what it's all about: VOTING! Getting new voters registered! And helping to educate voters!***

On a somewhat less hopeful note, New York State's redistricting process has taken yet another turn. Read on for the latest.

While the redistricting issue is out of our hands at this point, registering student voters is entirely in our hands. Let's do it!

--Katherine & Lisa

A warm welcome to our newest members:
Peter Parsons, Beth Falk, Linda Rae, Kimberly Morella, and Mary Shah!

MEMBERSHIP

ONLINE DUES PAYMENT

We now offer an online payment option if you'd prefer to pay your dues electronically. New and current members alike can pay their annual dues at the *Membership* page of our website:

www.LWVNEW.org/membership

VOTER SERVICE

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

The Westchester County League of Women Voters has set a lofty but worthy goal: contact the 100+ public and private high schools in the county about student voter registration.

We have been assigned 11 schools. We are conducting in-person voter registration at some and have offered to bring voter registration forms and information to the others. Completed forms from all of the schools will be hand-delivered to the Board of Elections in White Plains.

Plans are still taking shape but if you would like to help, please let us know as soon as possible. Our in-person schools are John Jay, likely Tues April 26; Fox Lane, Wed April 27; Harvey Wed May 18; Somers TBD. The shifts at all locations will run from 10 am until 2 pm. Registering students is so rewarding and a great way to spend a few hours.

Leave your name and availability with our Voter Registration Coordinator, Allison Chernow: alchernow@gmail.com or at LWVNEW@gmail.com

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS & BUDGET VOTES

The filing deadline for school board candidacy is April 18, so we should know by the 19th whether or not any of our three school districts have contested races. We've made it easy to stay updated on school board and budget info. Information and links for all three of the school districts in our area can be found on the Elections & Voting page of our website, www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

Bedford Central Schools

>Prospective school board candidate forms are available at the district office and on the district's website.
>Candidate Forum: If there is a contested race, we will be moderating a school board candidate forum on Wednesday, May 11. More info to follow. [Go to the Bedford school district's website for information and updates: 2022 Budget Vote and Trustee Election Information / 2022 Prospective Board of Education Trustee Info \(\[bcsdny.org\]\(http://bcsdny.org\)\)](#)

Katonah-Lewisboro:

>Prospective school board candidate forms are available by appointment at the district office.
>Special voter registration will be held by the school district on Saturday, May 7. This registration is for the May 17 election.
>Candidate Forum: The Parents Council will be holding a school board candidate forum on Monday, May 2. More info to follow. [Go to the Katonah-Lewisboro school district's website for details: Annual Budget Vote and Election - Board of Education - Katonah - Lewisboro School District \(\[klschools.org\]\(http://klschools.org\)\)](#)

North Salem:

>Prospective school board candidate forms are available by contacting the district clerk.
>Candidate Forum: Not yet scheduled
[Go to the North Salem school district's website for information and updates: Board of Education / Annual Budget \(\[northsalemschools.org\]\(http://northsalemschools.org\)\)](#)

Each district will post information on their websites about the proposed 2022-2023 school budgets and their public presentations.

[Got questions? Need more information? Contact your district's clerk.](#)

Bedford:

[Sandra Speyer 914-241-6000](#)

Katonah-Lewisboro:

[Kimberly Monzon 914-763-7020](#)

North Salem:

[Mary Rhuda 914-669-5414 x 1011](#)

MODERATOR TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a League moderator? Our own Susan Ferris Rights recently became the new LWV Moderator Coordinator for Westchester County and will be offering training. Learn a skill that facilitates voter education and can serve you in other areas of your life!
[Contact Susan if interested: 908-568-1884; susanferris123@gmail.com.](#)

REDISTRICTING

The congressional, state senate, and state assembly district maps that were drawn and approved by the state legislature have been invalidated by a New York State Supreme Court judge. The decision is being appealed. For now, things continue as if the new districts will still take effect for the fall election; needless to say, this has the potential to get even more complicated and confusing.

For background on the whole redistricting process, go to the *News & Events* page of our website: www.LWVNEW.org/events-1. The New York State League has issued a statement on the court ruling and continues to express its disappointment in the process.

From LWVNYS:

In 2014, with the support of the League of Women Voters of New York State, voters approved the establishment of an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) to draw new district lines free from partisan bias. A New York State Supreme Court judge's decision today invalidated the new Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly lines adopted by the Legislature on its own initiative. The Court found that the Legislature had failed to follow the Constitutional process approved by voters, and that the Congressional lines also violated the new anti-gerrymandering provisions of the Constitution. The Court ordered the Legislature to submit new maps, with bipartisan support, by April 11, 2022, or the Court will retain a neutral expert to prepare new maps. The Court's decision, if upheld on appeal, unsettles the 2022 election process. That unfortunate outcome is solely the responsibility of the state Legislature for ignoring the 2014 Constitutional amendment and the will of the voters. The League calls on the Legislature to promptly adopt redistricting lines with bipartisan support that comply with the Constitutional standards.

2022 ELECTION DATES

Tues May 17:

School Board Elections & Budget Votes.

Tuesday, June 28:

NYS Primary

June 16 - June 26:

Early Voting for Primary
(Time & places TBA)

Info available and periodically updated at our [Elections & Voting page](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting), www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

YOUTH

MEET OUR SIA 2022 STUDENTS



Kaeleigh Picco, Somers High School, and
Pierce Berke, John Jay High School
(photo credit: Barbara Dodds)

Youth co-chairs Barbara Dodds & Susan Polos and treasurer Del Bashkow met with our SIA students and their parents. Amtrak tickets have been purchased. As of right now, the May conference is still a go!

OTHER

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Our luncheon will be held at noon on Tuesday, June 14, in a private room upstairs at Lexington Square Café in Mount Kisco. The menu, cost per person, and other details will be sent to you shortly, as soon as they are finalized. We are delighted that our county legislator, Erika Pierce, has agreed to join us and be our speaker.

OUR WEBSITE

We populate and update the *Elections & Voting* page like crazy in the lead-up to elections. Our *News & Events* page has all

the latest on state & congressional redistricting, as well as a calendar listing events as they are scheduled. We highly recommend that you regularly visit the site. Make it a habit! www.LWVNEW.org

REMINDER

The new congressional, state senate, and state assembly maps take effect for the 2022 election; until that time, nothing changes with regard to representation. Candidates will campaign and run for office based on the new districts.

NOTE: THESE MAPS HAVE BEEN INVALIDATED AND WE ALL AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF AN APPEAL!

Town-by-Town

Bedford: Currently in congressional district 18, will be in CD 16 & CD 18 (depending on street address).

Currently in state senate district 37, will be in SD 42.

Current & future assembly district: 93

Lewisboro: Currently in congressional district 18, will remain in in CD 18.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 42.

Current & future assembly district: 93

Mount Kisco: Currently in congressional district 17, will remain in CD 17.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 37.

Current & future assembly district: 93

North Salem: Currently in congressional district 18, will remain in CD 18.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 42.

Current & future assembly district: 93

Pound Ridge: Currently in congressional district 18, will remain in CD 18.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 42.

Current & future assembly district: 93



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