

LWVNEW MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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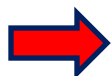
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LWVNEW has a NEW website!

www.LWVNEW.org

Check it out!!

VOTER SERVICE

UPDATE! PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY IS BACK ON, STATE & FEDERAL PRIMARIES STILL SET FOR JUNE 23

After the State Board of Elections cancelled New York's Democratic Presidential Primary, a federal court has overturned the decision and the presidential primary is back ON. What hasn't changed? There are still other important Democratic and Republican state and federal primaries that day.

NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 93 PRIMARY

Here in LWVNEW territory, we have candidates vying for a chance to fill the NYS Assembly seat currently held by David Buchwald (Assembly District 93). Mr. Buchwald is running for Congress and will not be contesting his assembly seat. Here is a list, as of now, of the candidates running in June's AD93 Democratic primary:

- >Kristen Browde
- >Bedford Supervisor Chris Burdick
- >Jeremiah Frei-Pearson
- >Mark Jaffe
- >Alex Roithmyer

The winner of the Democratic primary will face Republican John Nuculovic in the November general election.

LWVW must wait for the official candidate list generated by the Board of Elections. Candidates will then be invited to participate in the online Voters Guide at Vote411.org and the Guide should be live no later than the first week of June. In the meantime, we suggest you do an online

search for each candidate to gather information about them – a worthwhile endeavor while we are all stuck indoors! AD93 includes Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Salem, Pound Ridge, and parts of Somers.

CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARIES

If you reside in Mount Kisco, you are part of US Congressional District 17, which is currently represented by Nita Lowey. She is not running for reelection, so Mount Kisco voters will have the opportunity to pick a congressional primary candidate that day.

**Please see the “News from the County League” section of this newsletter on page 4 for information on the candidate forum for the CD17 Democratic primary.*

Here is a list of the candidates, as of now, running in June’s CD17 Democratic primary:

- >Assemblyman David Buchwald
- >State Sen. David Carlucci
- >Asha Castleberry-Hernandez
- >Evelyn Farkas
- >Allison Fine
- >Mondaire Jones
- >County Legislator Catherine Parker

>Adam Schleifer

Here is a list of the candidates, as of now, running in June’s CD17 Republican primary:

- >Yehudis Gottesfeld
- >Maureen McArdle Schulman

Again, once the League receives the official candidate list generated from the Board of Elections, candidate Vote411 participation can begin. Until then, why not do an internet search on your own?

ABSENTEE VOTING

UPDATE! Recent Executive Orders issued by Gov. Cuomo will allow all New Yorkers to vote via absentee ballot for the June

primary AND will ensure all registered voters in NYS receive an absentee ballot application by mail. The return envelope will have the postage paid.

Questions?

Westchester County Board of Elections:

- > Main # 914-995-5700
- > Absentee Ballots 914-995-5285
- > Registrations 914-995-5713
- > boe-westabsentee@westchestergov.com

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION INFO

- >CHECK BOX FOR ‘TEMPORARY ILLNESS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY’ IN SECTION 1
- >CHECK BOX FOR ‘PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY’ IN SECTION 2
- >FILL OUT SECTIONS 3 THROUGH 6
- >LEAVE SECTION 7 BLANK (IT PERTAINS TO THE GENERAL ELECTION)
- >**SIGN AND DATE**

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 995-5700 Absentee Ballot Application.		BOARD USE ONLY: Town/City/Ward/Dist: _____ Registration No: _____ Party: _____ Processor: _____
This application must either be personally delivered to your county board of elections not later than the day before the election, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than 7th day before election day. The ballot itself must either be personally delivered to the board of elections no later than the close of polls on election day, or postmarked by a governmental postal service not later than the day before the election and received no later than the 7th day after the election.		
1. I am requesting, in good faith, an absentee ballot due to (check one reason): <input type="checkbox"/> absence from county or New York City on election day <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> temporary illness or physical disability <input type="checkbox"/> permanent illness or physical disability <input type="checkbox"/> duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled <input type="checkbox"/> patient or inmate in a Veterans' Administration Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> detention in jail/prison, awaiting trial, awaiting action by a grand jury, or in prison for a conviction of a crime or offense which was not a felony		
2. absentee ballot(s) requested for the following election(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Election only <input type="checkbox"/> General Election only <input type="checkbox"/> March Village Election <input type="checkbox"/> Special Election only <input type="checkbox"/> Any election held between these dates: absence begins: ___/___/___ absence ends: ___/___/___		
3. last name or surname: _____ first name: _____ middle initial: _____ suffix: _____		
4. date of birth: ___/___/___ county where you live: _____ phone number (optional) email (optional): _____		
5. address where you live (residence): street _____ apt _____ city _____ state NY zip code _____		
6. Delivery of Primary Election Ballot (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver to me in person at the board of elections. <input type="checkbox"/> I authorize (give name) _____ to pick up my ballot at the board of elections. <input type="checkbox"/> Mail ballot to me at: (mailing address) _____ street no. street name apt city state zip code _____		
7. Delivery of General (or Special) Election Ballot (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver to me in person at the board of elections. <input type="checkbox"/> I authorize (give name) _____ to pick up my ballot at the board of elections. <input type="checkbox"/> Mail ballot to me at: (mailing address) _____ street no. street name apt city state zip code _____		
Applicant Must Sign Below		

MAIL TO: WESTCHESTER BOARD OF ELECTIONS, 25 QUARROPAS ST, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601

> After applying for an absentee ballot, you will receive:

- 1. Absentee Ballot: must be filled out and inserted into...

2. Ballot Envelope: Must be sealed, then **signed and dated** and inserted into...

3. Pre-addressed Return Envelope: *New! No stamp necessary, return postage will be paid for absentee ballots as well.*

>When will the absentee ballot be mailed to me? Your absentee ballot materials will be sent to you at least 32 days before federal, state, county, city or town elections in which you are eligible to vote. If you applied after this date, your ballot will be sent immediately after your completed application is received and processed by your local Board of Elections. Complete the ballot, SIGN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, and mail to your county Board of Elections. The voter's signature on the return envelope will be used to validate the ballot.

>What if I am not at my normal voting address during the election?

Voters can request their ballot be sent to an alternative address on their absentee ballot application. Voters who are currently forwarding their mail to another address should contact their county Board of Elections to ensure that they are still on their voter rolls.

>What is the deadline to apply to vote by absentee ballot? And to submit the absentee ballot?

- **June 16** is the last day to postmark an absentee ballot *application*
- **June 22** is the last day to apply *in person* at your county Board of Elections
- **June 22** is the last day to postmark an absentee *ballot*
- **June 23** is the last day to deliver an absentee ballot *in person* to the BOE

>What if I have a disability that does not allow me to read or sign the application or ballot? You may sign the absentee ballot

application yourself, or you may make your mark and have your mark witnessed in the spaces provided on the bottom of the application. Please note that a power of attorney or printed name stamp is not allowed for any voting purpose. For more information about voting absentee with a disability, please contact your county Board of Elections.

REGISTER TO VOTE – THERE'S STILL TIME!

If you'd like to register to vote in time to participate in the June primaries, print out and complete a registration form. **Friday, May 29** is the postmark deadline. See the previous page for the County BOE's White Plains mailing address.

Download voter registration form here: <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/images/stories/pdfs/voterregeng.pdf>

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS 2020

UPDATE! School board and budget elections are **rescheduled for June 9th** and will be held by mail, with return postage included. Each school district will send out postcards with the date of the election, date of budget hearing, definition of qualified voter, and an absentee ballot.

Please check the school district websites for more information:

Bedford Schools: www.bcsdny.org

Katonah-Lewisboro Schools:

www.klschools.org

North Salem Schools:

www.northsalemschools.org

Below is the contact information for our school districts. You MAY have better luck reaching someone via email than by phone.

Bedford:

914-241-6011; clacolla0598@bcsdny.org

Katonah-Lewisboro:
914-763-7020; kmonzon@klschools.org
North Salem: 914-669-5414;
mrhuda@northsalemschools.org

ANNUAL MEETING

As you may (or may not) know, the League year runs from July 1 to June 30. Each June, LWVNEW holds its Annual Meeting to prepare for the coming League year. Annual Meeting is usually held at a local restaurant and involves good food, catching up with League folks, and listening to a featured speaker. The board is still busy trying to figure out what Annual Meeting 2020 will look like during these unique times but League business must be done no matter what; there needs to be a budget, board, and agenda for 2020-2021.

According to the LWVNEW bylaws, members must receive certain items no later than 30 days prior to Annual Meeting: a proposed program called an *Outlook for Work*; a proposed budget; and a proposed slate of candidates for positions that will become vacant on June 30. Please watch your inboxes and mailboxes for these items, as well as for information regarding how we will conduct the meeting.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY LEAGUE (LWVW)

CANDIDATE NIGHTS

As with any scheduled event these days, the forums are subject to change.

***VIRTUAL EVENT VIA ZOOM**

**Candidate Forum for 17th Congressional
District Democratic Primary
Thursday, May 21st, 7-9 pm**

Again, CD17 includes Mount Kisco.

Congressperson Nita Lowey is not running for re-election; these June primaries will

determine the candidates who will be on the general election ballot.

The LWVW candidate forum contact:
lwww.cf@gmail.com.

***VIRTUAL EVENT VIA ZOOM**

**Candidate Forum for Democratic Primary
for Westchester County D.A.**

Thursday, May 28th, 7-8:30 pm

Registration details to follow.

Contact: judiel728@aol.com

Check the County League's calendar for registration instructions for these virtual events: <http://lwww.org/calendar.html>.

NEWS FROM THE STATE LEAGUE (LWVNY)

The NYS League has released a text alert system to keep voters up to date on changes related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Stay Up to Date on Voting Changes
Related to COVID-19 in NY**

**Text VoteNY to
474747**

Text VoteNY to **474747** to receive updates from the League of Women Voters of NYS and stay in the know on all things voting in 2020.



There have already been many significant changes to voting procedures and there will likely be more. When changes occur, the League updates voters and shares relevant information. (Testimonial: the service was very helpful while putting this newsletter together!)

The League will also use this system to announce the release of the electronic ballot guide, Vote411, and to remind people to vote. *Sign up and keep up!*

JOINT LETTER ON CARES ELECTION FUNDS

Below is an excerpt from the *Let NY Vote* coalition (of which LWVNYS is a part) to the governor and state government leaders, urging a revisit of the state budget to include language to authorize Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding – money that has already been allocated for 2020 elections in New York State.

“We write to urge you to revisit the state budget to include language to authorize the use of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding that has already been allocated for 2020 elections in New York State.

The CARES Act stimulus package includes \$400 million in new Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds for states to utilize to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 election cycle. States can use these funds to purchase cleaning supplies, protective masks for staff and poll workers, resources to meet the increased demand for mail ballots due to self-isolation and quarantine in response to COVID-19, and temporary staff to process the increased absentee ballot demand. However, in order to qualify for funding, states must commit to a 20% match to be paid over two years.

With your action, New York State would qualify for \$20 million through the CARES Act and be required to commit \$4 million in match funding funds. County Boards of Elections will likely need to make these purchases regardless of the CARES funding and could qualify as an in-kind match for

the grant; but without appropriate statutory language in the state budget, the State Board of Elections will be unable to receive and spend these funds...”

<https://www.lwvnyonline.org/advocacy/vote/2020/april/Let-NY-Vote-Joint-Letter-on-CARES-Election-Funds.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE (LWVUS)

2020 CONVENTION GOES VIRTUAL

Every two years, LWVUS holds its Convention. This year’s event was scheduled for June in Washington, DC. Due to the pandemic, the 54th LWVUS Convention will now be a virtual event.

More here: https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/update-convention-2020#utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=04232020

VOTE 411!

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, candidates will be participating in the **League’s online Voters Guide** at www.Vote411.org. This site is a terrific resource and is much more user-friendly than it used to be. Enter your address and the site will generate the races and candidates that will be on *your* ballot.

www.Vote411.org



COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS!

www.2020Census.gov

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