

LWVNEW AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

VOTER SERVICE

THIS IS THE TIME of year when the League really kicks into high gear. The “V” in LWV is what it’s all about: VOTERS. Time to inform, educate, and register!

VOTER REGISTRATION

LWVNEW will be participating in National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 22. We are in the planning stages and will, of course, update members with our plans as soon as they are in place.

You can register to vote online. Pass it on!
<https://www.ny.gov/services/register-vote>

CANDIDATE FORUMS

LWVNEW will be putting on candidate forums for locally contested races in Lewisboro and North Salem. These events will likely be virtual but will still require volunteers.

If you’d like to help, please contact Katherine Dering at dering.katherine@gmail.com.

VOTE 411

It’s still early but just a reminder that the League offers a terrific resource for voters: www.Vote411.org. Candidates will begin populating the site’s online Voters Guide in the near future. At Vote411.org, you can enter your address to find out where your polling place is and which races and candidates will be on your ballot. A comprehensive site well worth checking out this fall.

LWVNY TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

LWVNY offers a messaging service that helps voters stay up to date with any and all changes and deadlines related to voting in New York State. The latest example was a message which notified voters that, due to the pandemic, election law has been changed (as it was prior to the primary) to allow all NYS voters to vote via absentee ballot for the general election. *The beauty of this messaging service is that important information is pushed directly to you on your cell phone.* It couldn’t be easier.

Text VoteNY to 474747 to sign up.

VOTING IN THE GENERAL ELECTION

The State Senate and Assembly passed, and Gov. Cuomo signed into law, several bills to address voting in the general election during a pandemic. One allows ALL registered New Yorkers to vote via absentee ballot.

You can apply for an absentee ballot NOW!:
><https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/AbsenteeBallot-English.pdf>
><https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/AbsenteeBallot-Spanish.pdf>

The last day to apply by mail for an absentee ballot is Oct 27.

From the NYS Board of Elections: Please be warned that despite this deadline, the Post Office has advised they cannot guarantee timely delivery of ballots applied for less than 15 days before an election.

Advice from LWVNEW: Apply ASAP!!

EARLY VOTING

New York's Early Voting period will run from Saturday, October 24 to Sunday, November 1. Stay tuned for the Early Voting schedule and list of Early Voting polling places.

DEBATE DATES

The currently scheduled Presidential and Vice Presidential debates*:

Presidential

>Tuesday, September 29

>Thursday, October 15

>Thursday, October 22

Vice Presidential >Wednesday, Oct 7

**officially sanctioned by the Commission on Presidential Debates*

STAYING INFORMED**OUR WEBSITE**

If you have not already done so, PLEASE check out our (relatively) new website. This past spring, our *Elections & Voting* page was full of information regarding the school board & budget votes, as well as the New York State primary; we intend to have a comprehensive page for the fall as well. www.LWVNEW.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

We strongly encourage LWVNEW members who use (or just peruse!) social media to check us out on Facebook and/or Twitter. It is another way to stay updated, which is especially important in the fall. Consider getting in the habit of visiting our Facebook page or Twitter account a couple of times a week during election season. Do it now/soon and scroll through to see the information we've shared in the past. If you want to "like" us on Facebook or "follow" us on Twitter, that's great! If you just want to be a "lurker," that's fine, too.

Facebook: League of Women Voters of North East Westchester

Twitter: www.twitter.com/LWVNEW

OTHER**THE LEAGUE & THE POSTAL SERVICE**

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. has joined a lawsuit against the Postmaster General and U.S. Postal Service, asserting that recent changes to procedures and equipment present an undue burden on the fundamental right to vote, infringes on voters' free speech rights, and violates the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

Learn more here:

https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/groups-sue-postmaster-general-over-usps-changes?fbclid=IwAR3DoGC0tLYDvMnzME3pCr2cXj_reBrmwPuKcdR1Vlvit2bR_h0Jct_eM8g

LEAGUE LOOKING FOR MODERATORS

The Westchester County League is looking for moderators. Why not consider getting trained? When local leagues hold candidate forums, a member from outside the area is brought in to moderate. You could be that person – and due to Covid-19 and League events being virtual, you wouldn't even have to leave your house! Moderating is a great skill to have. If interested, or to learn more: **contact LWVW Moderator Coordinator Paul Schwarz at PKSchwarz1@gmail.com.**

CENSUS

If you have not already don't so, please don't forget to complete the 2020 Census ASAP!:

www.2020Census.gov

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