

## LWVNEW APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

### FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

*We hope you enjoyed last month's Housing Compact program with Assemblymember Burdick. It is available for viewing-on-demand on our website.*

*There is a lot coming up: school board & budget votes, the Annual Meeting, a possible primary in Mount Kisco, and student voter registration. Dig in!*

*--Susan & Lisa*

### VOTER SERVICE

#### **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS & BUDGET VOTES**

School districts will be holding their school board elections and budget votes on Tuesday, May 16.

#### **Bedford Central Schools**

BCSD has two school board trustee seats that are up for election. The district has asked us to hold Tuesday, April 25 as the date for a candidate forum should there be a contested race. (*NOTE: This is a new date. It was previously April 20.*) We are going on the assumption that there will indeed be a forum and are planning accordingly. The filing deadline for candidates is 5 pm on April 17, so we will know soon.

This forum would be held in person in the Fox Lane Middle School Little Theater at 7

pm. It would air live on BCSD-TV and also be available for viewing there afterwards, as well as online.

If you would like to be a part of the team that goes through the questions submitted for the Bedford candidates, please send an email to

[LWVNEW@gmail.com](mailto:LWVNEW@gmail.com), or contact Susan or Lisa. It's a great way to get involved.

We would likely will meet on Zoom a day or two before the event.

We would also need a timekeeper. Again, if you'd like to help, contact Susan or Lisa.

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More information about the BCSD elections, including the district clerk's contact info, voter registration information, and absentee ballot information, can be found at:

[2023-2024 Budget Vote and Trustee Election Information / 2023 Voter Information \(bcsdny.org\)](https://www.bcsdny.org/2023-2024-Budget-Vote-and-Trustee-Election-Information-2023-Voter-Information)

#### **Katonah-Lewisboro Schools**

The Katonah-Lewisboro School District has two school board seats up for election. The school district prefers to have its Parent Council handle their candidate forum. It is scheduled for Monday, May 1 at 7 pm.

The school district will be holding a special voter registration session on Saturday, May 6, from 9 am until 3 pm, at the District Office at John Jay High School. For more information about the KLSLD elections, including the district clerk's contact info, voter registration information, and absentee ballot information, go to:

[Annual Budget Vote and Election - Board of Education - Katonah - Lewisboro School District \(klschools.org\)](#)

### **North Salem Schools**

There are two school board seats up for election in the North Salem School District. The district clerk has set a school board candidate forum date with us in the case of a contested election. Once the candidate filing deadline has passed, we will know whether or not there is a contested election; if there is, the candidate forum would be held the evening of Tuesday, May 2. Typically, the North Salem school forums involve audience members asking questions in person, so we probably wouldn't need an ad hoc questions committee.

For more information about the North Salem School District elections, including the district clerk's contact info, voter registration information, and absentee ballot information, go to:

[Board of Education / Annual Budget \(northsalemschools.org\)](#)

**In addition, we will keep the Elections & Voting page of our website updated in the lead-up to the school elections:**  
[www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

### **MOUNT KISCO MAYORAL PRIMARY**

There will very likely be a primary election to determine who will be the Democratic Party's candidate for Mayor of Mount Kisco.

If there is indeed a primary, we will hold a candidate forum. As soon as we have details, we will pass them along and post them on our website and social media.

For now, we're operating on a working date of Wednesday, May 31

The Primary date in New York is June 27.

Early voting will run from June 17 until June 25.

*Voter service is our bread & butter and our candidate forums have always been a big part of that. Please consider helping out.*

*This would be an in-person event, as the Village of Mount Kisco has kindly offered to supply the tech and the library space free of charge, as a community service. With all of those things already taken care of, this would be the perfect opportunity to dip your toes in the waters of candidate forum planning!*

If you are interested in working on this forum, please contact Susan or Lisa.

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**STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION**

Our voter registration liaison, Allison Chernow, has made initial contact with the local high schools and we await their responses. As soon as we have dates and locations in place, we will put out the call for volunteers.

(For reference, last year’s spring student voter registrations took place in late April and early-to-mid May.)

**THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**NORTH SALEM SUPERVISOR  
WARREN LUCAS TO SPEAK ABOUT  
BIPARTISANSHIP & CO-OPERATION**

We are so pleased that Warren Lucas, the supervisor of North Salem, has agreed to speak to us at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Mr. Lucas is going to talk about putting party politics aside to get things done, something that he and his fellow town board members have been pretty successful at doing!

The luncheon is being held at noon on **Wednesday, May 17**, at Lexington Square Café in Mount Kisco (where there is now a working elevator).

Additionally, we have extended invitations to elected officials at the town, county, and state levels. We hope that many of them will be able to join us as our guests.

A quick refresher about the Annual Meeting...

A League year runs from July 1 to June 30. The Annual Meeting is held as a League year winds down. We first hold a business meeting, where we vote on the proposed budget, the slate, and the proposed work for the coming year. This is followed by a luncheon, usually with a speaker.

You will soon receive copies of the three items that need to be voted on during the business portion of the Annual Meeting. A quorum will be necessary in order for us to vote. ***For this reason, we strongly encourage LWVNEW members to attend the 11:00 business meeting before lunch.*** Please lend your voice and your vote on May 17.

While the business meeting is open only to members, the luncheon is open to all. Feel free to invite a friend to join you at noon.

The cost is \$50 per person and is all-inclusive: soup or salad; entrée (choice of 3); soft drink; fruit plate, coffee or tea; tax & gratuity. More information about the Annual Meeting & Luncheon, including how to RSVP and pay online, can be found on our website. If you prefer to pay by check, please include your menu selections. The appetizer and entrée choices are listed on the webpage:

[www.LWVNEW.org/may-17-luncheon](http://www.LWVNEW.org/may-17-luncheon)  
The deadline to register and pay is Friday, May 12.



**OTHER****NATURALIZATION COURT**

In-person naturalization ceremonies are back after a long pandemic break. The local leagues in Westchester County will take turns welcoming our newest citizens each month. Kimberly Morella and Del Bashkow will take the lead on this. (Del has long championed these efforts on our behalf.)

Many thanks to those of you who expressed an interest in getting involved! Our league is not scheduled to participate until October so we will be in touch when the time comes. There should be 2 or 3 opportunities to participate per year.

**SIA**

Transportation details for our selected students are being finalized this month. Pierce Berke and Jesse Collins will attend the *Students Inside Albany* conference May 21-24.

**VIDEOS**

Our recent virtual programs are available for viewing on our website. Watch *Songs of the Suffragists* and *The NYS Housing Compact with Assemblymember Chris Burdick* at:

[www.LWVNEW.org/events-1](http://www.LWVNEW.org/events-1)

**WEBSITE**

Please visit the site regularly! Our *Elections & Voting* page will be updated frequently in the lead-up to the May 16 school district elections and the June 27 primary election.

[www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

**MEMBER TO-DO LIST**

*We need your help to make this an active & vital League!*

**>Attend both the business meeting and the luncheon on May 17**

A quorum is required for a vote on the proposed budget, slate, and outlook for work. If you are available on the 17<sup>th</sup>, PLEASE attend the 11 am business meeting!

**>Bring a friend to lunch on May 17**

Good food & good conversation. Local elected officials. A speaker with an interesting topic. Sounds fun...

**>Think about at least one way that you can contribute to our voter service mission**

Do you want to register voters?  
Do you want to help curate the questions for the Bedford Central school board candidates?  
Do you want to help with the Mount Kisco mayoral primary candidate forum?  
Contact Susan or Lisa to discuss how you can help.

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