

LWVNEW OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Hello, Leaguers:

We are in the thick of it. Voter registration is in the rearview mirror; next up is our Bedford candidate forum this week on the 13th, followed by the Lewisboro forum on the 21st. Please consider watching if you live in either town. We are sending out flyers for both events with this newsletter and ask that you forward the information to friends and neighbors in Bedford and Lewisboro.

Read on as a member of LWVNEW but also as a voter. There is a lot of information available to help you make informed choices in the upcoming election. --Katherine & Lisa

Did you know...

>That Early Voting runs from Sunday, October 23 to Sunday, Oct 31?

>That in addition to being streamed live, our virtual candidate forums in Bedford & Lewisboro will be available afterwards on our website?

*>That our website and Vote411 will set you up for success this fall?
LWVNEW.org, Vote411.org*

VOTER SERVICE

CANDIDATE FORUMS

This week! **The Bedford forum** is being held virtually on Wednesday, October 13 at 7 pm and will feature the following candidates:

Supervisor:

Ellen Calves and Don Scott

Town Board (2 seats):

Andres Castillo-Quintana, Alli Choi, Stephanie McCaine, and Peter Michaelis

Town Justice:

Jodi Kimmel and Clark Petschek

The Zoom link is available at the *Events* page of our website:

www.LWVNEW.org/events-1

A video of the forum will be available for viewing during the lead-up to the election:

www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting

Next week! **The Lewisboro forum** is being held virtually on Thursday, October 21 at 7 pm and will feature the following candidates:

Supervisor:

Tony Goncalves and Bill Bongiorno

Lewisboro Town Board (2 seats):

Alison Biddle, Jane Crimmins, Andrea Rendo, and Mary Shah

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As with our virtual forums in the spring, we are making it possible for voters to submit questions for the candidates via our email address. The window for Bedford submissions has closed; Lewisboro submissions must be received by 5 pm on Monday, October 18.

We are unable to hold a forum featuring the candidates running for County Legislator, District 2 (Bedford, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco, North Salem, Pound Ridge & Somers). Erika Pierce is willing to participate but Gina Arena is not; the League's empty chair policy does not allow us to hold a forum when one of two candidates declines an invitation.

The County League had to cancel its plans for a County Executive/County Clerk candidate forum for the same reason. This is obviously a frustrating and disappointing situation for the League and for the willing candidates.

BALLOT QUESTIONS

Whether you vote early, by absentee ballot, or on Election Day, *don't forget to turn over your ballot to vote on the five ballot proposals!* You were sent a printed copy of the League's Ballot Proposal pamphlet; it is also available on our website, as are videos of two LWVNY Zoom calls on the subject.

➡ Watch the LWVNY ballot proposal videos on our site. One explains the proposals; the other explains the League's positions: www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting

VOTE 411

We strongly recommend that you visit this League site in the lead-up to the election. Want to know who and what will be on your ballot? Want to look at specific

candidate information? Compare candidates? It's all there.

➡ www.Vote411.org

OUR WEBSITE

Another resource for election information is the *Elections & Voting* page of our website. We frequently update the page during election season and encourage you to check it often.

➡ www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting

VOTER REGISTRATION



Shift change at the Mount Kisco Library on National Voter Registration Day. Standing: Katherine Dering, Jean Farber; seated: Juli Biro, Lisa Pizzurro
Photo credit: Mt Kisco Library/Katherine Dering

National Voter Registration Day was Tuesday, September 28 – which turned out to be the lone rainy day of that entire week. In fact, the skies opened up just as our Katonah and Mount Kisco library tables did! Foot traffic was very slow. We gave out a few registration forms and collected only two completed forms in total. Some people indicated that they were already registered but took ballot proposal pamphlets; most were not aware that there would be questions on the ballot.

Many thanks to those of you who volunteered to staff tables: Del Bashkow & Kay Tyler in Katonah (who set up their table again a few days later!); Katherine Dering, Jean Farber & Juli Biro in Mount Kisco. (A member of the now-disbanded Somers League staffed a table at the Somers Library that afternoon.) And thanks, of course, to the local libraries who agreed to host us. The following week, LWVNEW member Allison Chernow spearheaded our student voter registration efforts at area high schools. Many thanks to Allison for rounding up volunteers and making the arrangements. She also staffed the registration table three days in a row! LWVNEW member Barbara Dodds joined Allison at Fox Lane. We had a presence at four area schools: Fox Lane, John Jay, Somers, and Harvey. We registered and pre-registered 67 voters. Completed forms from both weeks were hand-delivered to the BOE in White Plains.

PRINTED VOTERS GUIDE

LWVNEW members will soon be receiving (or have received) a printed copy of the League's Voters Guide.

TEXT MESSAGING ALERTS

Text VoteNY to 474747 to receive election-related information/reminders from LWVNY.

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