

LWVNEW OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

This edition of the newsletter is, understandably, very election focused!

The League of Women Voters works hard to facilitate an informed electorate. Watch the candidate forums. Visit our website. Read the Voters Guide. We've got your back, members.

Democracy is not a spectator sport!

-- Susan & Lisa

VOTER SERVICE

GENERAL ELECTION

What's on our ballots this fall, you ask?

Quite a bit!:

Governor

Lt Governor

Attorney General

Comptroller

State Supreme Court

US Senate

House of Representatives

NY State Assembly

NY State Senate

NYS Ballot Proposition

County Court Judge

Some local town board seats, depending on the town you live in (Bedford & Mt Kisco have uncontested town board/village trustee races; Lewisboro, North Salem & Pound Ridge don't have any.)

Mount Kisco Ballot Propositions (2)

Early Voting will run from Saturday, October 29 through Sunday, November 6, with Election Day, November 8, being the last day to vote.

We will update our *Elections & Voting* page **OFTEN** in the lead-up to the election. Don't forget to check it periodically:

www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

Also, Vote411 is a great resource. (See later in this newsletter.)

VIRTUAL CANDIDATE FORUMS

With no contested local races, our focus turned to the State Senate and Assembly races that impact our area.

We partnered with the LWVs of New Castle and White Plains to bring voters a forum featuring the candidates running to represent the 93rd New York State Assembly District, incumbent Chris Burdick and challenger Gary Lipson. **A link to the October 12 forum is available on the *News & Events* and *Elections & Voting* pages of our website, www.LWVNEW.org.**

Likewise, we are partnering with the LWVs of New Castle and the Rivertowns to put on an October 17 forum featuring the candidates running to represent District 40 in the New York State Senate, Gina Arena and incumbent Peter Harckham. This forum begins at 7 pm.

The AD93 forum impacts all five of our towns while the SD40 forum involves four of the five. Pound Ridge will be in the new SD37; some other local leagues in that district have taken the lead on planning a candidate forum, which as of this

newsletter will take place October 26 at 5 pm. We will post the finalized details on our website and on social media just as soon as we have them.

The LWV of Westchester County is handling the area's *congressional* candidate forums. The forum for our congressional district, CD17, was held on October 12. [A link is available on the News & Events and Elections & Voting pages of our website, www.LWVNEW.org](#)

We encourage you to watch the pertinent forums, live if that is still an option but certainly any time that you have a chance between now and when you vote. Again, video recordings of the forums will be available on our website for viewing-on-demand as soon as they are available. *Many thanks to the LWVNEW members who helped with the LWVW's congressional forums – and to those of you who have offered to help with the SD37 forum.*

Still time to register and watch live

-SD40: Monday, October 17 at 7 pm

Organized by LWVNEW and assisted by the LWVs of New Castle and the Rivertowns

Candidates Gina Arena and Peter Harckham

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8jsmz3>

-SD37: Wednesday, October 26, 5pm

Organized by the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle.

*Finalized information, including question submission and viewing links, will be posted on our website and social media pages. Pound Ridge is the only one of our five towns that will be in SD37.

You can find a chart of all the voting districts on our website, www.LWVNEW.org/events-1 and www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

Available for viewing at LWVNEW.org

-AD93: October 12, 7 pm

Organized by the LWV of New Castle, assisted by the LWV of White Plains and LWVNEW

Candidates Chris Burdick and Gary Lipson

-CD17: Oct 12, 7pm

Organized by the League of Women Voters of Westchester County

Candidates Mike Lawler and Sean Patrick Maloney

BALLOT PROPOSALS

STATEWIDE PROPOSALS

All New York State voters will have one statewide proposal on their ballots:

Proposition 1: Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act

Ballot Language: "To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the "Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022" authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?"

The New York State League co-sponsored a virtual program about the ballot proposition, which the State League is supporting.

You can watch the October 11 program here: [New York State Bond Act Webinar - YouTube](#)

More information about Prop 1 will be available at Vote411.org, as well as on the [Elections & Voting page of our website: www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](#).

MOUNT KISCO PROPOSALS

Voters in Mount Kisco will have two additional ballot proposals to vote on:

Proposition One: MOUNT KISCO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM AMENDMENT PROPOSITION

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco amend the current service award program for active volunteer firefighters of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco so that effective January 1, 2023 the monthly payment accrued “Service Award” shall be \$30 for each service year of Service Award Program service that is earned prospectively and the maximum monthly payment shall not exceed \$750?”

Proposition Two: MOUNT KISCO VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM AMENDMENT PROPOSITION

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco amend the current service award program for active volunteer members of the Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps so that effective January 1, 2023 the entitlement age shall be decreased from age 65 to age 60 and that the monthly payment accrued “Service Award” shall be \$30 for each service year of Service Award Program service that is earned prospectively and the maximum monthly payment shall not exceed \$750?”

Don't forget to turn over your ballot! The ballot proposals will appear on the back!

VOTER REGISTRATION

One more high school voter registration took place at the end of September: Allison Chernow was joined by another one of our newer members, Tracy Fulop, and 41 completed voter registration forms were collected at John Jay High School (a combination of registrations and pre-registrations). This to go along with the registration forms collected at our three

student registration sites on National Voter Registration Day (Fox Lane, 16; Harvey, 13; Somers, 8) for a grand total of 78. Again, thank you to our volunteers – and a special shout out to Allison for making all of the arrangements with the schools and for taking completed forms down to the Board of Elections in White Plains.

This information will be included in a voter service survey that we will submit to LWVNYS after the November election.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FALL VOLUNTEERS!

VOTE411.ORG

Vote411 is live with candidate information for the general election. You can enter your address at Vote411 to find your polling place, as well as the races and candidates on your ballot. www.Vote411.org

TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

Text *VoteNY* to 474747 to receive timely reminders about voting.

VOTERS GUIDES

As a member of LWVNEW, you have recently received, or will soon receive, a printed version of the 2022 Voters Guide. They are also available at area post offices. The electronic equivalent is available at Vote411.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 14: The deadline to register in time for the November election.

October 17: SD40 Candidate Forum

October 24: The deadline to request absentee ballot online or by mail

October 26: SD37 Candidate Forum

October 29-November 6: Early voting is available

November 7: Last day to request an absentee ballot in person

November 8: Election Day, last day to vote

MEMBERSHIP

*A warm welcome
to our
Newest Member
~Tara Finneran~*

ONLINE DUES PAYMENT

New and current members alike can pay their annual dues at the *Membership* page of our website:

www.LWVNEW.org/membership

If you prefer to pay by check, send your payment to:

LWVNEW, PO Box 385, Cross River 10518.

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed. If you've received a renewal notice and have not yet re-upped, please do so ASAP.

Our Membership Liaison is Lisa Pizzurro. Contact her with ANY questions:

lcp328@gmail.com; 646-341-3332.

SPREAD THE WORD

We are always looking for new and active members. Tell your friends & neighbors about LWVNEW. Share our website address or let them know we're on Facebook.

OTHER**PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

We are hoping to put on one or two virtual programs this year, likely once the election and holidays are behind us. After the candidate forums, we will be reaching out in the hopes of populating a Program Committee.

FALL FUNDRAISING

Our annual fundraising mailing happens in October during election season, when we

are most visible. If you'd like to help with the envelope stuffing, it's being done on at the home of co-president Susan Ferris Rights on Wednesday, October 26 at 1 pm.

We could use one or two volunteers, so if you'd like to help stuff & stamp envelopes, let us know: lwvnew@gmail.com.

WEBSITE

We regularly update the website's *Elections & Voting* and *News & Events* pages. During election season, our *Elections & Voting* page is frequently updated to provide the latest information and links pertaining to the upcoming election. We highly recommend that you visit the page often – and ask that you recommend it to friends and neighbors. Help us to make it an online election season destination!

Check it out: www.LWVNEW.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are on Facebook at *League of Women Voters of North East Westchester* and on Twitter @LWVNEW.

SAD NEWS

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Harry MacLaughlin, a past president and very active member of our League. Harry was with the League for decades before moving to CT several years ago. He was a dedicated League leader and a good man. His wife Rosemary is in our thoughts.



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