



LWVNEW APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many thanks to those of you who answered the call for student voter registration volunteers!

Work on LWVNEW's future continues. As soon as we have a clear picture, we'll let you know.

--Lisa P

VOTER SERVICE

SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET VOTES

The 2025 school board elections and budget votes will be held on

Tuesday, May 20.

Click on the link to your school district for more information, including the proposed school budgets, polling places, and voting hours. *These sites are a great resource.*

>Bedford Central Schools:
[2025 Budget Vote and Trustee Election - Bedford Central School District](#)

>Katonah-Lewisboro Schools:
[Annual Budget Vote and Election Information | Katonah-Lewisboro School District](#)

>North Salem Central Schools:
[Annual Budget](#)

>Somers Central Schools:
[BOE Home - Somers Central School District](#)

The **voter registration deadline** for this election is **Thursday, May 15**. Check with your district clerk's office for registration information and to see about any special voter registration opportunities being offered. (For instance, some districts offer a Saturday registration day in early May.)

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

Many thanks to Board members Anice Mills and Kimberly Morella, who have volunteered to be our voter registration liaisons with area high schools.

John Jay registrations are scheduled to take place on Friday, April 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. Thank you to members Maura Rosenthal and Diane Weingarten for volunteering. At Fox Lane, Joan Damiani will join Anice Mills on Friday, March 2, to register and pre-register voters from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thank you!

Additional thanks to Janet Gaffey for being our alternate, should we need her, and to Susan Ferris Rights for the voter registration graphics being used on social media (ours and the schools').

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUMS

The school board candidate filing deadline is April 21; forums will proceed if elections are contested. We will reach out to members next week if volunteers are needed, such as timekeepers and people to go through the questions submitted by district residents.

Feel free to be proactive and contact us if you'd be interested in helping: LWVNEW@gmail.com.

*Note: The Katonah-Lewisboro district prefers to conduct its own candidate forums. The Parent Council's virtual school board Candidates' Night is scheduled for Monday, May 5, at 7 pm. A Zoom link will be posted on the district's website, which is listed on the previous page.

NEW YORK STATE PRIMARY

Looking ahead, the date of New York State's primary election is **Tuesday, June 24**. **Early Voting** will be available from **Saturday, June 14 to Sunday, June 22**.

As of right now, it looks like there will be a congressional primary election in our area. The League of Women Voters of Westchester (LWVW) usually handles candidate forums at the congressional level; we will be sure to pass along any arrangements that are made. Due to the size of the congressional districts, LWVW usually holds virtual forums for these races.

The deadline to register to vote in time for the primary is **June 14**.

A reminder that New York has a closed primary system: to vote in a political party's primary, you must be a member of that party.

Click here for a printable voter registration form (English): [New York State Voter Registration Form](#)

Click here for a printable voter registration form (Spanish):

[Formulario de registro de votantes del estado de Nueva York](#)

Click here for the link to online voter registration: [NY.gov ID Login V4](#)

Click here to check your voter registration status:

<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

OTHER

NATURALIZATION COURT

Members Kimberly Morella and Ellen Calves were all set to represent LWVNEW at Naturalization Court on April 9; unfortunately, the County

League mistakenly gave away the LWVNEW slot.

It's really a shame that things got screwed up. Kimberly and Ellen, thank you anyway. Special thanks to Kimberly for working on the arrangements, despite the outcome.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please continue to hang tight and leave **June 10** open for a possible meeting. At the Annual Meeting, we vote on the budget, programs, and slate for the coming year. This voting cannot be done virtually or by proxy – it must be done in person.

Again, if LWVNEW cannot continue into 2025-26, these votes will not be necessary. *But, if we are going to continue, these votes are vital and necessary.*

REMINDER

While the League never supports or opposes candidates or political parties, it *does* hold positions on issues and advocates for legislation in support of those positions.

LWVUS, LWVNYS, and LWV of Westchester County all provide opportunities for members to get further involved if they so choose. *Here at the local level, LWVNEW is overwhelmingly focused on local voter service and voter education.*

MEMBER TO-DO LIST

- If you need to register to vote in time for the school district elections, that deadline is May 15.
- If you are interested in helping with a school board candidate forum – or finding out more about what's involved -- let us know: LWVNEW@gmail.com
- Check your voter registration status at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov>
- If you need to register in time for the NYS Primary, that deadline is June 14.
- Keep June 10 open for the Annual Meeting!