

## LWVNEW SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### **VOTER SERVICE**

#### **CANDIDATE FORUMS**

It's that time of year! LWVNEW has scheduled four candidate forums in October. They all begin at 7 pm and are free and open to the public.

The first one is in **North Salem on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the Ruth Keeler Library, 276 Titicus Rd. The offices of Supervisor, Town Council, Town Clerk, and Town Justice will be on the ballot in North Salem.

The **Lewisboro** candidate forum is being held at the Lewisboro Library, 15 Main St., South Salem, on **Thursday, October 17**. Voters in Lewisboro will have the offices of Supervisor, Town Council, Town Clerk, Town Justice, and Highway Superintendent on their ballots.

The League is holding its **Pound Ridge** candidate forum on **Tuesday, October 22** at the Hiram Halle Memorial Library, 271 Westchester Ave. The offices of Supervisor, Town Council, Town Clerk, and Town Justice will be on the ballot in Pound Ridge.

The **Bedford** candidate forum is being held on **Thursday, October 10** in the Fox Lane Middle School Little Theater, 632 S. Bedford Rd. Voters in Bedford will have the offices of Supervisor and Town Board on their ballots. This forum will be different from the others, as it will also feature the candidates running for **Westchester County Legislator District 2**, incumbent Kitley Covill and challenger Gina Arena. All voters in District 2 (Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Salem, Pound Ridge, and parts of Somers) are encouraged to attend.

There are no contested races in **Mount Kisco** so we are not holding a candidate forum. However, getting out to vote is still important – and Mount Kisco voters *will* have a ballot question regarding improvements to all village firehouses. Go to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) and enter your Mt Kisco address for more information.

*Want to help out at a candidate forum? If you would like to be a greeter or timekeeper, please contact:*

*>Bedford:*

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*>Pound Ridge: Katherine Dering, [dering.katherine@gmail.com](mailto:dering.katherine@gmail.com)*

#### **LEWISBORO LIBRARY FAIR**

LWVNEW is staffing a table at the fair on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 until 4.

*Interested in helping out? Contact Eileen Nadelson at [judgenadelson@gmail.com](mailto:judgenadelson@gmail.com).*

#### **VOTE411**

The League's voting website, [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org), has been revamped to be more user-friendly. It is a *great* resource! If you enter your street address, you can check your voter registration, find your polling place, and learn about the races, candidates, and initiatives that will appear on your ballot in November. Be armed with information and ready to vote!

*Check it out: [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org)*

**EARLY VOTING**

There will be 3 early voting locations serving our five towns:

>Voters in **Bedford, Mount Kisco** (and New Castle) may vote early at Mount Kisco’s Town Hall, 104 Main Street, Mt Kisco.

>Voters in **Lewisboro & Pound Ridge** may vote early at the Cyrus Russell Community House, 779 Route 35, Cross River.

>Voters in **North Salem** (and Somers) may vote early at the Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers.

Early Voting Schedule:

>Sat. Oct 26 & Sun. Oct 27: 12 to 5 pm

>Mon. Oct 28, Wed. Oct 30 & Fri. Nov 1:  
8 am to 4 pm

>Tues. Oct 29 & Thurs. Oct 31: 12 to 8 pm

>Sat. Nov 2 & Sun. Nov 3: 12 to 5 pm

*More information is available at:*

<https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state/new-york-state-early-voting>

<https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/election-dates-and-calendars>.

**NEWS FROM THE COUNTY LEAGUE (LWVW)**

**>>>SOUTH SALEM, SEPTEMBER 15th!  
“FACT OR FAKE? EXPLORING THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN POLITICS”**

Perhaps you wanted to attend one of the previous local workshops but a weeknight didn’t work for you? The League is offering a weekend, daytime workshop this time around. This interactive program, led by volunteers from the League of Women Voters, has been very well-received as it has made its way around Westchester County. The program addresses the state of media in the current political environment. Throughout the 90-minute session, presentation and group discussion topics

will include media biases, spotting fake news, different ways to access news, and the benefits of a comprehensive media diet. We’ll also discuss how technology has influenced the changing political environment like never before. Developed through and sponsored by the League of Women Voters, this non-partisan workshop encourages all ages and backgrounds to participate.

***Sunday, September 15, 2-3:30 pm  
Lewisboro Library, 15 Main St, South Salem  
FREE! No RSVP or registration necessary.***

**NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE (LWVUS)**

**GERRYMANDERING**

Gerrymandering impacts our schools, our communities, our climate, our families, our access to healthcare, and our right to vote.

[https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article234202587.html?utm\\_content=buffer0125e&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article234202587.html?utm_content=buffer0125e&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

**DC VOTING RIGHTS**

Plaintiffs in a pending voting rights case filed their final brief before Federal Court yesterday, asking the Court to rule that Congress's refusal to pass a law giving DC residents full voting representation violates the Constitution. In addition, on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, the House of Representatives will have its first hearing on D.C. Statehood in 26 years.

**DON’T ROMANTICIZE 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT**

An op-ed by Virginia Kase, LWV CEO, on the anniversary of the amendment’s adoption.

*Read it here:*  
<https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/458778-this-womens-equality-day-stop-romanticizing-the-19th-amendment>

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