

LWVNEW OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

VOTER SERVICE

BALLOT PROPOSALS

As **New York State residents**, we will all have **two statewide ballot questions** to vote on.

Proposal One: Removal of small city school districts from special constitutional dept limitation

Proposal Two: Extending sewage project debt exclusion from debt limit

For details, go to [2023 Statewide Ballot Proposals | New York State Board of Elections \(ny.gov\)](#)

Two of our towns, **Lewisboro and Pound Ridge**, also have **local ballot questions** to consider.

LEWISBORO: Shall the bond resolution dated July 24 2023, titled “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF LEWISBORO, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN” be approved?

POUND RIDGE: Shall the Town of Pound Ridge continue to make contributions to a capital reserve fund dedicated to acquiring ownership rights, easements

or interests in Open Space areas, as defined in Section 247 of the General Municipal Law, and to maintaining and preserving those Open Space areas previously or hereafter acquired by the fund. Such contributions shall continue to be financed from the annual general tax levy for a period of ten (10) years, commencing January 1, 2024, of \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value from 2024 through 2033.

All of this information can be found by going to our Elections & Voting page at www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

CANDIDATE FORUMS: HOW TO WATCH North Salem: Wed Oct 4, 7pm

This forum features the three candidates running for two seats on the North Salem Town Board: Elizabeth Almeyda, Katherine Daniels, and Brent Golisano. Registration is not required for this in-person forum. North Salem voters are encouraged to attend and bring questions for the candidates. Audience members will be asked to state their names and verbally verify that they live in North Salem before proceeding with their questions, which

should pertain to issues facing North Salem, its residents, and its town government.

We'll be at the Ruth Keeler Library, 276 Titicus Rd in North Salem. The forum is free and open to the public.

Pound Ridge: Thurs Oct 5, 7pm

This virtual forum will feature the two candidates running for Town Supervisor, Kevin Hansan and John McCown, as well as the 5 candidates running for two seats on the Town Board: Alison Boak, Christopher Boey, Susan Lee, Namasha Schelling, and Cynthia Shereda.

Supervisors serve two-year terms; town board members serve four-year terms.

Register to watch:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2fyyrj>

Lewisboro: Wed Oct 11, 7pm

This virtual forum will feature the two candidates running for Town Supervisor, Tony Goncalves and Mary Ann Loustaunau, as well as the four candidates running for two seats on the Town Board: Alison Biddle, Stephen Lennox, Richard Sklarin, and Dan Welsh. Supervisors serve two-year terms; town board members serve four-year terms.

Register to watch:

<https://tinyurl.com/4rwrnwf2>

Bedford: Thurs Oct 12, 6:30pm

This virtual forum will feature the four candidates running for two seats on the Bedford Town Board: Bobbi Bittker, Thomas Catoliato, Mike Palladino, and Don Scott. Town board members serve four-year terms.

Register to watch:

<https://tinyurl.com/3ah76kdj>

The virtual forums will also be available for viewing on-demand on our website,

www.LWVNEW.org

Additional Resources

We will include links to any local media coverage of the candidates on our website's *Elections & Voting* page, www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

VOTE411.ORG

The website is now live for the general election! At Vote411.org, you can register to vote, find your polling place, and see what is going to be on your ballot this election. Yes, one of the best parts of Vote411 is that when you enter your address, the site generates all of the races, candidates, and proposals that will be on your ballot. Candidates have begun to populate the online

Voters Guide, entering their information and their answers to League questions. Check it out: www.Vote411.org

Vote411.org Hack!

The Vote411 ballot lookup tool won't work with an address containing a PO box.

So if your mailing address has a PO box, enter another nearby street address in your town to generate the info you need – or choose the location option!

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Oct 23: Absentee ballot application deadline (postal and portal)

Oct 23: Change of address request (can be done with a voter registration form)

Oct 28: General voter registration deadline

Oct 28: Early Voting begins

Nov 5: Last day of Early Voting

Nov 6: Last day to apply in person at BOE for an absentee ballot

Nov 7: Election Day, postmark deadline for completed absentee ballots

Nov 7: Last day to deliver completed absentee ballots to the BOE or any polling site in Westchester County

Questions about any of these deadlines? Contact the County Board of Elections:
Main number: 914-995-5700
Registrations: 914-995-5713
Absentee Ballots 914-995-5285

OCTOBER 28: GOLDEN DAY

Since the first day of Early Voting is also the last day to register to vote, the Board of Elections has designated October 28 as “Golden Day” and will provide an additional voter registration option on that day: people may register to vote in person at any designated Early Voting polling site in the county on Saturday, October 28.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

ONE: ABSENTEE VOTING

New York State does *not* have No Excuse Absentee Voting; you need to meet certain criteria to be eligible to vote via absentee ballot.

To vote absentee, you must be:

1. Absent from your county on Election Day.
2. Unable to appear at the polls due to temporary or permanent illness or disability.
3. Unable to appear because you are the primary care giver of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled.

4. A resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital.
5. Detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

To vote by absentee ballot, you must first APPLY for an absentee ballot! The deadline to do this by mail or via the online portal is Monday, October 23.

Download & print out absentee ballot applications here:

English:

[New York State Absentee Ballot](#)

[Application- English](#)

[\(westchestergov.com\)](#)

Spanish: [Solicitud de balota para voto en ausencia del estado de Nueva York](#)

[\(westchestergov.com\)](#)

Visit the online request portal here:

[Voter Search Screen for Absentee Ballot](#)

[Request \(ny.gov\)](#)

Important: You may no longer receive an absentee ballot and then vote via a voting machine. If you are issued an absentee ballot and decide to vote in person instead, you will need to vote via an affidavit ballot.

More info about this – and about Absentee Voting – can be found at [Absentee Ballots \(westchestergov.com\)](#)

TWO: EARLY VOTING

We should all take advantage of the ten days of Early Voting and get in the habit of thinking of Election Day as the 11th and final day to cast our ballots.

Registered Westchester County Voters may vote early at *any* designated Early Voting polling site in the county.

Early Voting Schedule

Saturday, Oct 28: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 29: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct 30: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 31: Noon to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov 1: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Nov 2: Noon to 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov 3: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 4: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 5: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closest Early Voting Polling Sites

>Mount Kisco Library

100 E Main St., Mount Kisco

>Pound Ridge Town House

179 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge

>Somers Town House

335 Route 202, Somers

For the other Early Voting sites in Westchester, go to [Early Voting 2023 \(westchestergov.com\)](#)

THREE: VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.

Polls in New York will be open from 6 am until 9 pm. You should receive a card in the mail from the Board of Elections confirming your polling place.

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

LWVNEW volunteers were at area high schools to register, and pre-register, student voters on National Voter Registration Day (September 19). We collected 21 completed registration forms at Fox Lane, 24 at John Jay, and 4 at Somers. Some students opted to take forms with them instead of filling them out and leaving them with us. The 49 completed registration forms were hand-delivered to the Board of Elections in White Plains.

Thank you so much to our National Voter Registration Day volunteers: Allison Chernow, Kimberly Morella, Anice Mills, Susan Ferris Rights, Myra Hopper, and Denise Elliot. A special shout-out to Allison for organizing the whole thing.

REGISTERING THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED

And speaking of Allison...in next month's newsletter, we will give you a rundown of the October 3 voter registration program she helped put together, *The Freedom Vote: Amplifying the Power of Formerly Incarcerated People*.

MEMBERSHIP**CORRECTION**

We apologize for two (!) misspellings in the new member welcome in last month's newsletter. **Welcome Myra HOPPER and Janet SUMPERER GAFFEY!**

DUES

Have you received a renewal notice? You can pay at the website or mail a check to the PO box.

>Pay by mail:

PO Box 385, Cross River NY 10518

>Pay online:

www.LWVNEW.org/membership

>Questions? Contact Membership Chair Lisa Pizzurro at LWVNEW@gmail.com

OTHER**NATURALIZATION COURT**

We look forward to hearing about our league's upcoming turn at Naturalization Court and we'll be sure to include an update in next month's newsletter.

LWVNEW BOARD MEETINGS 2023-24

This League year, we plan on having LWVNEW Committee Chairs attend monthly Board meetings every other month. The meetings with both the Board and Committee Chairs will be held at NIGHT via ZOOM; meetings of the Board only will be held in the afternoon, at Susan's.

Here's the schedule going forward:

OCTOBER 17 HAS BEEN CANCELED

TUES NOV 14 Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

TUES DEC 12

12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd

TUES JAN 9 Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

TUES FEB 13

12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd

TUES MAR 12 Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

TUES APR 9
12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd

MAY TBD
ANNUAL MEETING

TUES JUN 11 Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

*ANY MEMBER is welcome to attend our
monthly Board meetings.*

WEBSITE

We really cannot encourage you enough to visit the *News & Events* and *Elections & Voting* pages of the LWVNEW website this election season. We are updating these pages often to include the very latest election-related information; if we don't have the info, we have a *link* to the info:

- >Voter Registration
- >The Three Ways to Vote: Absentee, Early & In-Person
- >Candidate Forum Info & Zoom Registrations
- >Statewide Ballot Proposals
- >Townwide Ballot Proposals
- >Recordings of the virtual candidate forums as soon as they are available
- >Board of Elections contact info
- >Local Town Clerk & Village Manager contact info

Please check it out AND please tell your friends!

www.LWVNEW.org/events-1
www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting

SOCIAL MEDIA

We really encourage those of you who use social media to 1) like and follow LWVNEW and 2) share our posts. Some of you already do this. We see you!

Thank you!

Facebook: League of Women Voters of North East Westchester

Twitter: @LWVNEW

HOW CAN I HELP BETWEEN NOW & THE ELECTION???

Thanks for asking! 😊

- ✓ Let people know about all of the election information available on our website, LWVNEW.org
 - Video recordings of virtual candidate forums (Bedford, Lewisboro & Pound Ridge)
 - Registration information
 - Early Voting information
 - Absentee Voting information
 - Election Day information
 - A link to the LWV's election & voting website, Vote411.org
- ✓ Like & follow LWVNEW on social media
- ✓ VOTE!

Democracy is not a spectator sport!

