

LWVNEW JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

*Happy
New Year
from
LWVNEW!*



We hope that you and your families were able to enjoy the holidays, despite the pandemic.

Have the first ten days of this new year felt like the 53rd and 54th weeks of 2020? Or have they felt like a fresh start, with all of the promise that a vaccine holds and a resolution to the pandemic within sight? Perhaps both,

depending on the day – or time of day!

Despite the events in Washington this week, things are relatively quiet for LWVNEW right now. Please stay tuned for future announcements regarding upcoming local programs. In the meantime, check out the latest news and opportunities available from the county, state, and national levels of the League. Stay safe and hang in!



To read the League of Women Voters of the United States response to Wednesday's events at the Capitol, click here:

[Newsroom | League of Women Voters \(lwv.org\)](#)

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS (LWVUS)**2020 RECAP**

On New Year's Day, LWVUS took a quick look back and highlighted its greatest successes of 2020.

"As we celebrate the greatest voter participation in a century, we position LWV for the next 100 years, and our work continues in the fight for social justice, voter access, and protecting our democracy."

[Click here for 20 ways the League empowered voters and protected democracy in 2020.](#)

STATE LEAGUE NEWS (LWVNY)

If you are looking for things to do while staying home during the pandemic, check out the opportunities below!

REDISTRICTING

The League opposes partisan and racial gerrymandering that strips rights away from voters. Congressional districts and legislative bodies should be apportioned based substantially on population.

Join a webinar about LWVNY's 2021 New York State Redistricting Campaign Kick-Off.

The State League will be announcing plans to empower public participation in the state's new redistricting process by:

- >Hosting educational forums
- >Hosting community stakeholder meetings
- >Monitoring the Independent Commission's actions to ensure transparency, accountability, and public input.

The Zoom webinar will be held Thursday, January 14th at 6:30 pm. Details to follow.

HEALTHCARE POSITION UPDATE

The LWVNY position on the financing of healthcare needs updating; it was originally adopted in 1985 and most recently revised in 1991. Particular consideration needs to

be given to the manner in which single-payer legislation, such as the *NY Health Act*, could be fiscally viable.

Two new sections have been added to the proposed position on the financing of healthcare: 1) feasibility criteria for single-payer financing in NYS and 2) favored cost-control methods appropriate to guide any healthcare reform.

LWVNY is requesting that all local leagues hold concurrence meetings with their members to explain the positions, share data, and make two decisions after comparing the proposed new position to the current position.

COUNTY LEAGUE NEWS (LWVW)**HEALTHCARE WEBINARS**

In response to the State League's request regarding the update of the official position on healthcare funding, the League of Women Voters of Westchester has scheduled webinars on the topic. These educational online meetings will enable League members to make informed decisions about the proposed update, as well as give members the opportunity to learn more about how things work.

Registration is required! Please click on a date below to register – or contact LWVW at WestchesterLWV@gmail.com or 914-366-7312.

Webinar Registration *(click on a session)*

January 11 / 10:00-11:00 a.m.

January 11 / 4:00-5:00 p.m.

January 20 / 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Our Voting Districts

Bedford

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 37 (Mayer-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

Lewisboro

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

Mount Kisco

US Congressional: 17 (Jones-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

North Salem

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

Pound Ridge

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

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