

LWVNEW MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL MEETING

Please keep an eye on your email inbox for your 2021 Annual Meeting invitation and log-in information. The virtual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, at 7 p.m. You can also expect to receive an email with the pertinent materials that will need to be voted upon: the proposed 2021-2022 budget and slate; the 2021-2022 program proposals; and proposed changes to the LWVNEW bylaws. These items will be sent out no later than thirty days prior to Annual Meeting, along with easy instructions on how to join the virtual meeting.

Please give serious consideration to attending the meeting. It is easy to Zoom in! We need a quorum and your vote to conduct the meeting; proxy votes are not permitted in our bylaws.

VOTER SERVICE

>SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET VOTES

At the request of two of our local school districts, the League moderated two school board candidate forums (Bedford and North Salem). There was also a Katonah-Lewisboro forum, put on by the district's Parent Council. We posted links to the forums on the *Elections & Voting* page of our website, as well as to our social media platforms. We also posted information about the three school board elections and budget votes, including links to the school district websites and contact information for all three school district clerks.

>JUNE 22 PRIMARY

ON June 22, there will be a county-wide Democratic primary *and* a town primary for Bedford voters. Now that the school elections are in the rearview mirror, we will populate our website with primary voting information.

In the meantime, you can find info at the **Westchester Country Board of Elections'** website: [Board of Elections \(westchestergov.com\)](https://www.westchestergov.com/Board-of-Elections)

Unofficial primary candidates: [2021 Unofficial Primary Election Candidates \(westchestergov.com\)](https://www.westchestergov.com/Unofficial-Primary-Election-Candidates)

FYI: SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

Bedford

>Budget: Approved
>School Board:
Steven Matlin, Robert Mazurek

>Katonah-Lewisboro

>Budget: Approved
>Ballot Question (replacement of school buses): Approved
>School Board:
Marjorie Schiff, Elana Shneyer

>North Salem

>Budget: Approved
>Ballot Question (athletic field improvements): Approved
>School Board:
Paul Giamundo, Brian Lange

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS (LWVUS)**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 2nd****LWV 2021 CONGRESSIONAL PANEL**

The League of Women Voters of the United States will be hosting an engaging discussion on what lies ahead for American Democracy. As the League celebrates and acknowledges all the hard-fought and crucial successes of our first 100 years, we now find ourselves asking: what's next? We are excited to welcome League members to join the conversation around what the nature of democracy will look like in the next 100 years. Keep an eye out for more information and registration links!

POLICY WEBINARS**>Voter Suppression Bills: What are they and how do we address them?**

Wednesday, May 26 at 3 pm

Review some of the most heinous of these bills from across the country and discuss the best ways to advocate against and organize around them.

Register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)**> May DEI Webinar**

Thursday, May 27 at 7 pm

Explore how all generations can learn from each other and use different working styles and life experiences to strengthen our work.

Register here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)**STATE LEAGUE NEWS (LWVNY)****LEGISLATURE PASSES TWO CRUCIAL VOTING AMENDMENTS**

The NYS Assembly has submitted two constitutional amendments for public vote. One allows for no-excuse absentee voting; the other overrides the 10-day voter registration deadline in New York's

constitution. Both amendments passed in the Senate, so they will now appear as a referendum on November ballots.

REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FUNDING FINALLY RELEASED

With Redistricting Commission funding finally released, commission members are expected to vote on their official budget and bylaws at their next meeting.

The commission also discussed the proposed public hearing schedule. Although the commission originally planned to start holding hearings as early as June, it is now more likely that hearings will start in July. Unfortunately, even with funds available, there are a lot of logistics that must be decided before the hearings can officially be scheduled.

*We mourn the passing of**~ Marilyn Heaney ~*

Marilyn was a longtime League member and one of the founding members of the Bedford LWV, where she served as president.

LWVNEW will be making a charitable donation in Marilyn's name.

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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)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)



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