

LWVNEW APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

THE ANNUAL MEETING

As a member of LWVNEW, you will soon receive proposals pertaining to the 2024-2025 league year: the budget, program, slate, and bylaw changes. We ask that you take a few minutes to review these materials and then attend the Annual Meeting the evening of Wednesday, May 22. We will be in the at the Pound Ridge Library, 271 Westchester Ave., Pound Ridge. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

We've decided to forego a speaker and a meal, hoping to make for a more casual, laid-back evening. **Let's get to know each other better and put faces to names!**

In another departure, we're holding the Annual Meeting in the evening, since a midday, weekday meeting is difficult for working members. While it will still be light out at the start of this year's Annual Meeting, it will be dark when it's over. Anyone who would rather not drive at night should be able to get a ride with someone. We can help with that so please don't let darkness deter you!

One more difference: since we won't be eating at a restaurant, there is no charge to attend.

We will also raffle off a big basket of goodies that night. Your attendance serves as your ticket: If you are at the meeting, you're entered in the raffle.

Enjoy coffee, baked goods, and conversation while contributing to the vitality of your league. **A quorum is required for voting to take place, so we need as many of you there as possible to make the evening a success.**

RSVP at LWVNEW@gmail.com. If you have issues with night driving, please mention that in your email.

VOTER SERVICE

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

In the spring, we work with the Bedford and North Salem school districts to present school board candidate forums for contested races. The Bedford Central School District (BCSD) has already reached out to us and their forum will be on May 1. The candidate filing date is not until later this month, so we don't yet know if school board elections will be contested -- but we will operate as if

they are. In that spirit, we have begun to accept questions from BCSD residents for a potential forum. If you live in the BCSD, or know someone who does, please consider submitting a question -- or questions!

For a submission to be considered, it must include the questioner's name and address. This will not be read aloud during the forum but used to verify district residency.

Submit your questions to LWVNEW@gmail.com.

We will let you know if the North Salem district needs our help. The Katonah-Lewisboro district and their parent organization handle their own forum.

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

Once we have our high school voter registration drive plans in place, we will reach out for volunteers. Watch your email inbox!

VOTER REGISTRATION PLANS EXPAND

LWVNEW continues to expand its voter registration outreach. We have established a partnership with the Community Center of Northern Westchester. More on this as things develop.

STUDENT OUTREACH

STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY

We have selected our students for the May 2024 SIA Conference.

Congratulations to Alice Cai and Aya Schwartz! Alice and Aya are seniors at John Jay High School. SIA 2024 is being held May 19-22.

NEW YORK'S EQUAL RIGHTS

AMENDMENT

VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE

Good news: If you didn't catch the March 9 program, you can now watch the recording.

The hybrid program was presented by the AAUW (American Association of University Women), in collaboration with LWVNEW. Erica Smitka, Deputy Director of the League of Women Voters of New York State, was the speaker. This is a great way to get up-to-speed on the details of the NY ERA and efforts to pass it. The NY ERA will be on ballots statewide this fall.

Watch here: [AAUW:Passing the NYS Equal Rights Amendment - League of Women Voters on Vimeo](#)

(Erica's intro begins at the 2:20 mark.)

OTHER**LWVUS CONVENTION**

The League of Women Voters is holding its National Convention June 27-30. The biennial event is being held in DC and LWVNEW is allotted two voting delegates. There is money in our budget to send two members, so let us know if you'd be interested in attending! All members should have received information about Convention from LWVUS but you can also learn more here:

<https://www.lwv.org/events/2024-national-convention>

PLEASE DON'T REGISTER FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION WITHOUT FIRST LETTING US KNOW THAT YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND!

Contact Susan Ferris Rights at susanferris123@gmail.com if interested.

LWVNEW BOARD MEETINGS 2023-24

Here's the remaining schedule:


>***WED MAY 22**

ANNUAL MEETING

7 pm at the Pound Ridge Library

>**TUES JUN 11** Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

ANY MEMBER is welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings and ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting.



Bedford Central School District
School Board Election
POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FORUM
MODERATED BY
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
PLANNED FOR MAY 1 @7 PM
Fox Lane Middle School

In preparation for a possible BCSD BOE Candidate Forum, the League of Women Voters (LWVNEW) is planning a BCSD BOE Candidate Forum for May 1st. Please provide us with input and send Candidate Questions to lwvnew@gmail.com

The BCSD community will be asked to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, on the annual budget, any propositions, and TWO (2) open seats for the Board of Education.

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF NORTHEAST WESTCHESTER

School Board & Budget Votes Tuesday, May 21

The next primary election
in New York State
is June 25.
This will include any
primaries for
U.S. Congress,
New York State Senate &
New York State Assembly.

Remember...

Democracy is not a
spectator sport!

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