

LWVNEW SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

VOTER SERVICE

CANDIDATE FORUMS SCHEDULED

Sincere thanks to those of you who have stepped up to help fulfill such an important part of LWVNEW's voter service mission.

Here's the schedule:

Pound Ridge

Thursday, October 5, 7 pm

Zoom Webinar

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

To watch the forum live, register as soon as possible at

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2fyyrj> or at the *News & Events* page of our website, www.LWVNEW.org/events-1.

Questions for the candidates must be submitted in advance at LWVNEW@gmail.com. For a submission to be considered, it must be received by 5 pm on September 29 and include the

questioner's name and address (which will not be read aloud but used to verify Pound Ridge residency).

Lewisboro

Wednesday, October 11, 7 pm

Zoom Webinar

The forum will feature the two candidates running for 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.

To watch the forum live, register as soon as possible at

<https://tinyurl.com/4rwrnwf2> or at the *News & Events* page of our website, www.LWVNEW.org/events-1.

Questions for the candidates must be submitted in advance at LWVNEW@gmail.com. For a submission to be considered, it must be received by 5 pm on October 6 and include the questioner's name and address (which will not be read aloud but used to verify Lewisboro residency).

Bedford

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 pm

Zoom Webinar

The forum will feature the four candidates running for two seats on the Bedford Town Board: Bobbi Bittker, Thomas Catoliato, Mike Palladino, and Don Scott.

To watch the forum live, register as soon as possible at

<https://tinyurl.com/3ah76kdj> or at the *News & Events* page of our website, www.LWVNEW.org/events-1.

Questions for the candidates must be submitted in advance at LWVNEW@gmail.com. For a submission to be considered, it must be received by 5 pm on October 6 and include the questioner's name and address (which will not be read aloud but used to verify Bedford residency).

>For all three virtual forums, questions on similar topics may be combined and we may not use every question.

>Whether it's a virtual forum or an in-person one, League-trained moderators will not be assigned to moderate forums in towns they reside or vote in.

>Video recordings of all three virtual forums will be available for viewing-on-demand on our website.

North Salem

Wednesday, October 4, 7pm

Ruth Keeler Memorial Library
276 Titicus Rd, North Salem

This is the sole in-person forum we will be holding this fall. The evening will feature the 3 candidates running for two seats on the Town Board: Elizabeth Almeyda, Katherine Daniels, and Brent Golisano.

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.

This forum is free and open to the public.

VOTE411.ORG

In addition to our candidate forums, the Vote411 website is another great way to learn about your candidates.

Notifications have gone out to the people running for office, inviting them to participate in the League's online Voters Guide at Vote411.org. *The site is scheduled to go live on October 2.* Just as with the printed version of the Voters Guide, the League offers candidates an opportunity to answer questions and impart information in their own words.

FYI, Vote411.org is much more than an online version of the Voters Guide! At Vote411, you can enter your address and the site will generate a list of who and what will appear on your particular ballot.

www.Vote411.org (October 2)

**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION**

On September 19, National Voter Registration Day, we will be at Fox Lane, John Jay, and Somers High Schools to register – and pre-register! -- student voters. We will also be at a location in North Salem (TBD), although not at the high school, as they conduct a robust in-school registration.

Completed voter registration forms will be hand-delivered to the Board of Elections in White Plains.

**REGISTERING THE FORMERLY
INCARCERATED**

If you've been following the progress of this program, you know that the already great idea of our Voter Registration Chair, Allison Chernow, has grown exponentially! This has become a partnership with the League of Women Voters of New York City (who received the same LWVUS grant that we did) and

with several social justice groups: Rehabilitation Through The Arts (RTA), Hudson Link, Exodus Transitional Community, and The Fortune Society. On Tuesday, October 3rd, there will be an event at the Exodus space in Harlem featuring Assemblymember Eddie Gibbs, who currently serves in the state legislature and is himself a formerly incarcerated person. He will be one of several "credible messengers" who will talk about the importance of registering, voting, and getting involved. His talk will be followed by a panel of activists and the evening will feature a voter registration demonstration and active voter registration. Allison's hope, and ours, is that the event goes well and can become an annual occurrence. While we of course want to support this worthy cause, Allison's has (rightly) made it clear that the attendance of formerly incarcerated people should be prioritized. We don't want to take up space that would be better served by the attendance of the very people this program is designed to reach; we will keep members posted on this event.

MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to our newest members: Myra Hooper, Janet Sempurer Gaffey & Lisa Colby



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

It's baaaack...

In-person ceremonies at Naturalization Court in White Plains have resumed. As you may know, the local leagues in Westchester County take turns sending members to welcome our newest citizens.

It is such a moving experience to witness people become American citizens.

LWVNEW has been assigned October 13 and will be assigned one or two sessions in 2024.

LWVNEW BOARD MEETINGS 2023-24

This League year, we plan for both the LWVNEW Board and LWVNEW Committee Chairs to attend monthly Board meetings on an alternating basis. 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:

TUES OCT 17 (LWVNEW Board only)
12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd

TUES NOV 14 Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

TUES DEC 12 (LWVNEW Board only)
12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd

TUES JAN 9 Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

TUES FEB 13 (LWVNEW Board only)
12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd

TUES MAR 12 Board & Committee Chairs
7 pm on ZOOM

TUES APR 9 (LWVNEW Board only)
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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

A reminder that LWVNEW is active on Facebook. 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

WEBSITE

As we head into this election season, we encourage you to visit the *News & Events* and *Elections & Voting* pages of the LWVNEW website. We update these pages often to include the latest election-related information.

Our goal before every election is to have a website where all pertinent voter information is available. We encourage you to check it out and check it often.

www.LWVNEW.org/events-1

www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting

IN MEMORIAM

~ **Juliana Biro** ~

We are saddened to announce the death of member Juliana Biro.

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Here is a link to her obituary:
[Obituary for Juliane Biro | Danbury Memorial Funeral Home and Cremation Services LLC.](#)

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP WITH VOTER SERVICE THIS FALL?

- ✓ **ATTEND THE CANDIDATE FORUM FOR YOUR TOWN**
 - If it's a virtual forum, register & submit your questions ahead of time
 - If it's an in-person event, carpool with fellow residents and bring questions for the candidates

- ✓ **SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR WORK**
 - Call & email people about the candidate forums
 - Direct people to our website, especially the *Elections & Voting* page, and to Vote411.org
 - Share our social media posts

Democracy is not a spectator sport!

