

LWVNEW SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Things are revving up. The summer primaries are in the rearview and the slate of candidates is set for the general election this fall. This is when we kick it into high gear!

*Read through this newsletter to find out what we have planned. **There is nothing we do that is more important than our election season voter education & registration efforts.** We do hope that many of you will consider volunteering your time to help out. Just a few hours are all that is required and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you made a difference and helped your fellow voters to participate in this democracy of ours.*

*Take care,
Susan & Lisa*

VOTER SERVICE

GENERAL ELECTION

We will have quite a bit on our ballots this fall, including races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Congress (District 17), State Senate (District 37 or 40, depending on where you live), and State Assembly (District 93). Early Voting will run from Saturday, October 29 through Sunday, November 6, with Election Day, November 8, being the last day to vote.

We will update our *Elections & Voting* page **OFTEN** in the lead-up to the election. Don't forget to check it periodically:
www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

We have partnered with local leagues that share our state senate and assembly districts and are co-sponsoring two virtual candidate forums next month. The **October 12 Assembly District 93** forum will be held in partnership with the Leagues of New Castle and White Plains; both candidates, Chris Burdick and Gary Lipson, have agreed to participate. The **October 17 State Senate District 40** candidate forum will feature Gina Arena and Peter Harckham. We are co-sponsoring that forum with the New Castle and Rivertowns Leagues. Both forums will begin at 7 pm.

We will stream the forums live and then make them available afterward for viewing-on-demand. Voters will be able to submit questions for the candidates electronically, in advance of the events. *We will make all of the pertinent information available once we have it pinned down.*

Please do your part to publicize these forums. We will be sending out graphic flyers for you to easily post and share on social media or via email.

As far as congressional races, LWV of Westchester County is handling the candidate forum for Congressional District 17; we will keep you apprised of the date and details as they become available.

Locally, there are no contested races in any of our five towns. Bedford will have an unexpired Town Board seat on the ballot but the candidate there is unchallenged. Mount Kisco will have two Village Trustee seats on the ballot but those seats are also uncontested. (There are also four Library Trustee seats to be filled.)

BALLOT PROPOSAL

New York State voters will have one statewide proposal on their ballots:

Proposition 1: Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act

Ballot Language: "To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the "Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022" authorizes the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?"

More information about Prop 1 will soon be available at Vote411.org, as well as on the [Elections & Voting page of our website: www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](#).

VOTER REGISTRATION

Typically, we staff voter registration tables at local libraries on National Voter Registration Day (NVRD), which this year falls on September 20. The activity at these tables was far from brisk; the fact is, most of the people in our area who wish to be registered to vote are already registered. So we have decided to make *student* voter registration the focus of our efforts this fall. Thank you to two of our newest members, Anice Mills and Adrienne Zeidner, for partnering with voter registration veterans

Allison Chernow and Del Bashkow. Allison and Anice will be at the Harvey School for a couple of hours on NVRD and Del and Adrienne at Fox Lane. Thank you all for volunteering. And special thanks to our student voter liaison Allison for quickly pulling things together with the schools. Allison will be at John Jay High School one day next week if you'd like to join her. Don't be apprehensive if you've never registered voters before! It is a simple process and you will not be on your own.

Fall registration at the schools tends to be slower than springtime registration; in fact, our fall efforts tend to be more of a "clean-up" time, just a couple of hours when we register those who did not register back in the spring. Still, every registered voter counts. And we bring completed registration forms down to the Board of Elections in White Plains, so we make it very easy for people.

If you'd like to help out at John Jay next week, let us know. The tentative date is September 29; we should have a definitive date and time very soon:

lwvnew@gmail.com

VOTE411.ORG

Vote411 went live before the summer primaries and is expected to go live again with candidate information for the general election. You can enter your address at Vote411 to find your polling place, as well as the races and candidates on your ballot.

www.Vote411.org

VOTERS GUIDES

As a member of LWVNEW, you will receive a printed version of the 2022 Voters Guide. Look for it in your mailbox next month, prior to the start of Early Voting. The contents of the Guide will also be available at Vote411.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 12: AD93 Candidate Forum

October 14: The deadline to register in time for the November election.

October 17: SD40 Candidate Forum

October 24: The deadline to request absentee ballot online or by mail

October 29-November 6: Early voting is available

November 7: Last day to request an absentee ballot in person

November 8: Election Day, last day to vote

MEMBERSHIP

ONLINE DUES PAYMENT

New and current members alike can pay their annual dues at the *Membership* page of our website:

www.LWVNEW.org/membership

If you prefer to pay by check, send your payment to:

LWVNEW, PO Box 385, Cross River 10518.

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed. If you've received a renewal notice and have not yet re-upped, please do so ASAP.

Our Membership Liaison is Lisa Pizzurro.

Contact her with ANY questions:

lcp328@gmail.com; 646-341-3332.

SPREAD THE WORD

We are always looking for new and active members. Tell your friends & neighbors about LWVNEW. Share our website address or let them know we're on Facebook.

*A warm welcome
to our
Newest Member
~Adrienne Zeidner~*

OTHER

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

We are planning to put on one or two virtual programs this year, likely once the election and holidays are behind us.

FALL FUNDRAISING

Our annual fundraising mailing happens in October during election season, when we are most visible. This is a good old-fashioned envelope stuffing and, as the saying goes, many hands make light work.

If you'd like to help stuff & stamp envelopes, let us know and we can get back in touch once the date & time are in place: lwnew@gmail.com.

WEBSITE

We regularly update the website's *Elections & Voting* and *News & Events* pages. During election season, our *Elections & Voting* page is frequently updated in an attempt to provide the latest information and links pertaining to the upcoming election. We highly recommend that you visit the page often – and ask that you recommend it to friends and neighbors. Help us to make it an online election season destination!

Check it out: www.LWVNEW.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are on Facebook at *League of Women Voters of North East Westchester* and on Twitter [@LWVNEW](https://twitter.com/LWVNEW).



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