

LWVNEW MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

We hope that many of you will register for the March 15 virtual program, a Q&A with Assemblymember Chris Burdick on the New York State Housing Compact. Details ahead in this newsletter.

We also have a Students Inside Albany update, as well as some information on the spring school board & budget votes and the Annual Meeting.

Think spring! Susan & Lisa

PROGRAM

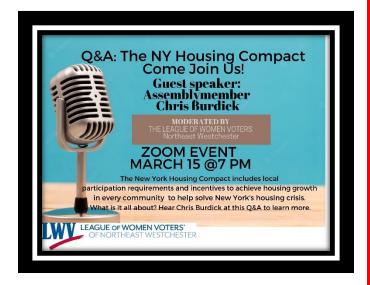
NYS HOUSING COMPACT Q&A WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRIS BURDICK

Join us for a discussion with State
Assemblymember Chris Burdick. We'll
talk about the Housing Compact, the
budget process, and the Compact's
potential impacts on local communities.
Assembly District 93 residents* may
submit questions for Assemblymember
Burdick at the League's email address,
LWVNEW@gmail.com. For a submission
to be considered, it must include the
questioner's name & address (will not
be read aloud but used to verify district
residency) and be received by noon on
Monday, March 13. Due to time
constraints, similar questions may be

combined and we may not get to all questions.

Register in advance for the program: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tzlpc06uqD0jGdz3Uqz16pQ3D3gDlz 7K 6tl

*AD93 includes Bedford, Lewisboro, Mt Kisco, North Salem, Pound Ridge, New Castle, North Castle, Harrison & part of White Plains.



VOTER SERVICE

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS & BUDGET VOTES

May 16 is the date for the 2023 local school board elections and budget votes. We have a tentative date for a candidate forum in the Bedford Central School District, should there be a contested race: Thursday, April 20. We

will provide further information as it becomes available, including how BCSD residents can submit questions to the school board candidates. Additionally, we will be looking for LWVNEW volunteers to help sort through, combine, and select questions. This will likely be done on Zoom a couple of days before the forum.

As of this newsletter, there is no date as for a North Salem School Board forum but we will of course keep you apprised of that event should there be a contested race. The Katonah-Lewisboro School District has a Parents Council that runs its own candidate forum. As usual, we will publicize that date and information.

Information for voter eligibility & registration, as well as paperwork for prospective candidates, is available below for each school district:

Bedford Central: 2023-2024 Budget Vote and Trustee Election Information / 2023
Voter Information (bcsdny.org)

Katonah-Lewisboro: <u>Annual Budget Vote</u> <u>and Election - Board of Education -</u> <u>Katonah - Lewisboro School District</u> (<u>klschools.org</u>)

North Salem: <u>Board of Education /</u> <u>Annual Budget (northsalemschools.org)</u>

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STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY UPDATE

The bad news: One of last year's SIA selections, Kaeleigh Picco, cannot attend this year's conference.

The good news: Jesse Collins is a John Jay High School student who had expressed interest in SIA. Jesse took the initiative to contact us via email to find out more about the program, which we weren't really publicizing in the schools this year because we were submitting Kaeleigh & Pierce again. (SIA 2022 was cancelled due to Covid, days before the students were set to leave.) We thought we were going to have to turn Jesse away but he will now take Kaeleigh's spot, joining Pierce Berke at the May conference in Albany.

Many thanks to Youth Chair Susan Polos for her work on this.

OTHER

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Just a heads up that the Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon will be held a few weeks early this year, in May instead of June. Our working date is Wednesday, May 17; please pencil that in on your calendars for now and we will update everyone as details are worked out.

BOARD NEWS

Jean Farber has stepped down from our Board to run for Village Trustee in Mount Kisco, in compliance with our Nonpartisan Policy.

She will remain a member of LWVNEW. We thank Jean for her contributions to the Board and to LWVNEW.

VIDEOS

Watch a recording of last month's program, *Songs of the Suffragists*: www.LWVNEW.org/events-1

WEBSITE

Please visit the site regularly, especially as we head into the spring election season!
Our *Elections & Voting* page will be updated frequently.

www.LWVNEW.org

SOCIAL MEDIA

A reminder that LWVNEW is pretty 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

MEMBERSHIP

DUES

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. Questions? Contact Lisa Pizzurro lcp328@gmail.com; 646-341-3332.



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MEMBER TO-DO LIST

We need your help to make this an active & vital League!

>Submit a question for the March 15 Housing Compact Program w/our State Assemblymember

Questions are due by noon on March 13! LWVNEW@gmail.com

>Spread the word about the March 15 Housing Compact Program

Tell people about it. Play up the virtual aspect of the program: you can watch from anywhere, including the comfort of your own home. Info & registration at

www.LWVNEW.org/events-1

>Think about one way that you can contribute to our voter service mission

Do you want to register voters? Do you want to be a part of a Voter Empowerment Team in your community?

Contact Susan or Lisa to discuss how you can help.

Susan: 908-568-1884, susanferris123@gmail.com

Lisa: 646-341-3332, lcp328@gmail.com

>Ask a friend to join the League

Do you know someone civic-minded? Someone who cares about democracy? Voting? Their community? Suggest our website to friends for membership information and past newsletters.

www.LWVNEW.org

Membership Liaison: Lisa Pizzurro 646-341-3332 or lcp328@gmail.com

>Use your social media presence to publicize LWVNEW news and events

Are you on Facebook? Like and share our posts. Facebook: League of Women Voters of

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