

## LWVNEW FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This newsletter is going out a little early, ahead of the Saturday start to Early Voting in the special election for the unexpired County Executive term.

I am so disappointed that there is no League candidate forum. The compressed timeline of this special election really kind of screams out for a forum, doesn't it? For our part, we submitted letters to the editors of local media outlets with information about the election. We've also made the pertinent information available on our website's *Elections & Voting* page, as well as on our social media pages. A very easy thing you can do is pass along our website address to friends and family in Westchester County: [www.LWVNEW.org](http://www.LWVNEW.org). Our *Elections & Voting* page really does have all the information a voter needs. Check it out, if you haven't already.

-- Lisa P

### VOTER SERVICE SPECIAL ELECTION

We encourage everyone to vote in the February 11 Special Election for the unexpired County Executive term.

### >NO CANDIDATE FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Westchester (LWVW) is unable to hold a candidate forum featuring the two special election candidates. The League has an Empty Chair Policy and one of the candidates declined to participate. [Read the LWVW statement here: Voter Information for 2025 County Executive \(Unexpired Term\) Special Election](#)

### >HOW TO LEARN MORE

In the absence of a forum, we suggest an online search, *with close attention paid to the sourcing of the search results*.

Here are some other links you might find helpful:

[Campaign website for Mr. Jenkins: Ken Jenkins for Westchester County Executive • Home](#)

[Ms. Sculti's campaign site: Home Page - Sculti A Voice for Common Sense](#)

[Here's a \*Daily Voice\* article: Meet Candidates For Westchester County Executive: Here's Special Election Date | White Plains Daily Voice](#)

**>VOTE EARLY**

Early Voting runs Saturday, February 1 (*this Saturday!*) through Sunday, February 9. A reminder that there are specific polling sites and hours for Early Voting. **For the schedule and a list of EV polling places, go to: [Early Voting 2025 Schedules, Locations, FAQs:](#)**

**>VOTE ON ELECTION DAY**

Tuesday, February 11 is the last day to vote in this election. Polls will be open from 6 am until 9 pm. Vote at your designated polling site; **if you're not sure where that is, find it at: [Westchester County Polling Places](#)**

**POLL WORKERS (ALWAYS) NEEDED!**

The Westchester County Board of Elections is looking for poll workers (also known as Election Inspectors). We have a few members who serve as Election Inspectors, without whom we'd be unable to staff our Early Voting and Election Day polling places.

**Learn more at [Election Inspectors](#).**

**UPCOMING VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR JUNE PRIMARY**

*To be clear, this does NOT affect voting in the February 11 special election!* Instead, this looks ahead to

New York State's June Primary. If you wish to change your political party affiliation in time to vote in a possible June Primary, the deadline to do so is February 14.

New York's closed primary system means you need to be registered with a political party to vote in that party's primary.

Changes submitted after February 14 won't go into effect until AFTER the June primary.

**[Register to Vote](#)**

**SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUMS**

The Bedford Central School District has already reached out to secure a date for a possible candidate forum.

The working date as of now is Thursday, May 1. Once the mid-April candidate filing deadline passes, we will know whether a forum is necessary; one would only be held if there were a contested election.

A reminder that we traditionally assist the North Salem Central School District with a candidate forum as well. And last year we partnered, for the first time, with the Somers PTO Council to co-sponsor a forum for the contested election there.

The Katonah-Lewisboro School District prefers to have its Parent Council handle the candidate forums.

We publicize their event on our website and social media – and provide information and links pertaining to *all* local school district elections on our website each May.

### **MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP CHAPTERSPOT**

We are just days away from the implementation of the new system. We'll send emails to our February renewal members, reminding them to reach out with any questions or issues as they go to renew their memberships.

A reminder that, when it's your turn to renew, you will still do so at the Membership page of our website. LWVUS has asked us to encourage members to pay online; however, there will be an option available for those wishing to pay by check. Please reach out with any questions! We're here to help!

[LWVNEW@gmail.com](mailto:LWVNEW@gmail.com)

### **OTHER**

#### **VALENTINE'S DAY BIRTHDAY**

The League of Women Voters of the United States was established on February 14, 1920. LWVUS is turning 105!

For a brief look at the history of the League of Women Voters, go to [History | League of Women Voters](#).

We want to take this opportunity, with the League's upcoming **Valentine's Day birthday**, to show some **love** to our LWVNEW volunteers. Thank you for being a member and for volunteering your time.

We would L♥VE for you to volunteer again – or for first time! – in the months ahead.



### **REMINDER**

While the League never supports or opposes candidates or political parties, it *does* hold positions on issues and advocates for legislation in support of those positions.

LWVUS, LWVNYS, and LWV of Westchester County all provide opportunities for members to get further involved if they so choose. *Here at the local level, LWVNEW is overwhelmingly focused on local voter service and voter education.*

