

LWVNEW SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

VOTER SERVICE

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

NVRD is next Tuesday, September 17!

We have volunteers ready to register voters at SEVEN locations:

- >Fox Lane High School
- >John Jay High School
- >The Harvey School
- >Somers High School
- >Bedford Hills Library
- >Mount Kisco Library
- >Community Center of Northern Westchester, Katonah

Thank you to all of our volunteers – and, of course, to Allison Chernow for organizing it all.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

CONGRESSIONAL

Sponsored by the LWV of Westchester.

All dates are currently tentative:

>Tuesday, October 15: CD 16

Miriam Flisser (R) vs. George Latimer (D)
White Plains Public Library, 7pm

CANCELLED >Mon., October 21: CD 17

Mondaire Jones (D) vs. Mike Lawler (R)
7pm at venue in northern Westchester

>Thursday, October 24: Westchester DA

Susan Cacace (D) vs. John Sarcone (R)
7pm at White Plains Public Library

LWV WESTCHESTER STATEMENT ON CD17 FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Westchester announces that a proposed Candidates Forum for U.S. Congressional District 17 will not be held.

Democratic Candidate Mondaire Jones stated that he is available for the proposed October 21, 2024 date at the Ossining Public Library. However, incumbent Congressman Michael Lawler, Republican candidate, would not commit to any date.

A candidates meeting with only one candidate present is an open or empty chair meeting, and is not permitted under League rules and its policy of nonpartisanship. The League regrets that this important educational event for voters has to be cancelled.

“This is a lost opportunity for the public to hear directly from candidates in person and to address their own questions to them,” stated Westchester County League President Kathy Meany. “We strive to run forums in a respectful, non-partisan environment that encourages civil discourse and

allows candidates to communicate with the people they are seeking to represent. It is a disappointment that there will be no such in-person opportunity for voters residing in Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties.”

STATE LEGISLATURE

Looks like a candidate forum for SD40 will be held on Wednesday, October 9. Once this is confirmed and we have more details, we will push them out to you. Many thanks to LWVNEW members who are helping with this.

LOCAL

The only contested local races are in Mount Kisco, where four candidates are running for two seats on the Village Board of Trustees. We have extended an invitation to the candidates for a virtual forum on Thursday, October 10, and will keep you posted!

Candidates (listed alphabetically)

Braille Diaz

Tom Luzio

John R Mullen

Karen Schleimer (incumbent)

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

>Saturday, October 26 (Golden Day*):

Last day to register to vote through the online portal or in person at any early polling location in Westchester or for a mailed voter registration application to be received by the Westchester County Board of Elections Office (25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601)

*Called *Golden Day* because it’s both the last day to register and the first day of Early Voting

>Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3: Early Voting for General Election

>Tuesday, November 5: Election Day

Details about all of this, including all pertinent links & info, are available on the *Elections & Voting* page of our website: LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

VOTE411

Enter your address to see who & what will be on your ballot. Find your polling place. Check your voter registration.

Vote411.org

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

A quick and easy way to make sure you are registered!

<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov>

LWVNYS TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Want to receive reminders about elections and voting? Text VOTENY to 474747 to start receiving reminders from the League of Women Voters of New York State.

NEW YORK'S ERA

The New York State Equal Rights Amendment is now officially referenced as Proposition 1 and will be found on the back of your ballot. After voting for your candidates, don't forget to turn your ballot over to vote on this!

To learn more, watch the video from an event we co-sponsored with the AAUW, where Erica Smitka from LWVNYS gave a presentation about passing the NY ERA.

The **March 9 video** is available in the video library at [Events & Videos | Mysite \(lwnvnew.org\)](#)

OTHER

LEVELS OF LEAGUE

While the League never supports or opposes candidates, it *does* hold positions on issues. LWVUS & LWVNYS provide advocacy opportunities for members to get further involved if they choose.

LWVNEW is overwhelmingly focused on local voter service and voter education.

LWVNEW BOARD MEETINGS 2024-25

September meeting rescheduled!

>Tuesday, September 24:

Pound Ridge Library, 6 pm

>Tuesday, October 8:

Pound Ridge Library, 6 pm

>Tuesday, November 12: via Zoom

>Tuesday, January 14: via Zoom

>Tuesday, March 11: in-person

>Tuesday, April 8: in-person

>May date TBD (Annual Meeting)

>June date TBD (organizational meeting)

Meetings will be held in the evening.

ANY MEMBER is welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings.

 TO DO LIST

- ✓ Volunteer to help out this fall
- ✓ Make a voting plan: check your registration status, familiarize yourself with voter registration deadlines and with Early Voting dates
- ✓ Start thinking of questions to submit to candidates participating in any pertinent upcoming forums
- ✓ *If you've received a renewal reminder, make your dues payment as soon as possible*



THE NEW YORK EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT



ON YOUR
BALLOT
NOVEMBER 5TH

WHAT

The New York Equal Rights Amendment (NY ERA) is a ballot proposal to amend the New York State Constitution.

WHO & WHEN

New York voters will have the opportunity to vote for or against this ballot proposal in the general election on November 5, 2024.

IMPACT

Adding to existing protections against discrimination based on race and religion, this amendment to the New York State Constitution would explicitly prohibit discrimination based on a person's ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex—including their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

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