

## LWVNEW SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

### FROM YOUR COPRESIDENTS

*Hello, Leaguers:*

*The fall election season is arguably the busiest time on the League calendar. Please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter. There is something for everyone: members who want to learn more about who and what will be on their ballots; members who want to help with the virtual candidate forums; members who want to register voters. You likely joined LWVNEW because you fall into at least one of these categories!*

***If you want to help, now is the time.*** Read on and get involved.

*-Katherine Dering & Lisa Pizzurro*

### ***Did you know...***

*>That we are providing several ways for voters to learn about the ballot proposals?*

*>That we are holding virtual candidate forums for the contested races in Bedford & Lewisboro?*

*>That between our website and Vote411.org, you'll be able to find all the voting info you'll need to make informed decisions this fall?*

### VOTER SERVICE

#### CANDIDATE FORUMS

Our candidate forums will be virtual.

**The Bedford forum** is Wednesday, October 13 at 7 pm and will feature the following candidates:

Supervisor:

Ellen Calves and Don Scott

Town Board (2 seats):

Andres Castillo-Quintana, Allison Choi, Stephanie McCaine, and Peter Michaelis

Town Justice:

Jodi Kimmel and Clark Petschek

**The Zoom link will be made available on our website.**

**The Lewisboro forum** is Thursday, October 21 at 7 pm and will feature the following candidates:

Supervisor:

Tony Goncalves and Bill Bongiorno

Lewisboro Town Board (2 seats):

Alison Biddle, Jane Crimmins, Andrea Rendo, and Mary Shah

**The Zoom link will be available on our website.**

We had hoped to hold a candidate forum featuring Gina M. Arena and Erika Lang Pierce, the candidates for the office of County Legislator in District 2. (All five of our towns, plus Somers, are in this district.) Unfortunately, Ms. Arena declined to participate and, due to the League's empty chair policy, we cannot hold a forum with only one candidate.

We encourage District 2 voters to engage with their county legislative candidates via the candidates' websites and social media.

*We will need some volunteers to assist with the forum timekeeping. Can you help?*

➡ Contact Nancy Gould Ralphs for the Lewisboro forum: [nancygr.223@gmail.com](mailto:nancygr.223@gmail.com)

➡ Contact Katherine Dering for the Bedford forum:  
[dering.katherine@gmail.com](mailto:dering.katherine@gmail.com)

As with our virtual forums in the spring of this year, we are going to make it possible for voters to submit questions for the candidates via our email address. We will let you know the windows for question submissions as soon as they have been determined.

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

National Voter Registration Day is held annually on the fourth Tuesday of September, which means that this year it falls on September 28. We will use that date to kick off our voter registration efforts with registration sites outside of several local libraries:

>Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd.

>Mount Kisco Library, 100 Main St.

>Somers Library, Rt 139 & Reis Park

We will then hold student voter registration at area high schools the week before the Oct 8 voter registration deadline. As of this newsletter, we've received permission to register voters at Fox Lane High School and The Harvey School.

➡ Contact Lisa Pizzurro *asap* if you'd like to help with the library registration drive in Mt Kisco: [lcp328@gmail.com](mailto:lcp328@gmail.com)

➡ Contact Allison Chernow *asap* if you'd like to help with the student registration drive: [alchernow@gmail.com](mailto:alchernow@gmail.com)

### **BALLOT QUESTIONS**

As a member of LWVNEW, you have received a paper copy of the League's Ballot

Proposal Voters Guide pamphlet. In the pamphlet are the five ballot proposals, as well as an explanation and the pros & cons of each. (A link to the guide is also available on the *Elections & Voting* page of our website.)

In addition to the printed guide, the New York State League held an educational program about the ballot proposals on Thursday, September 9. The program aired via Zoom and was livestreamed on Facebook.

➡ To watch a recording of the program, go to the *Elections & Voting* page of our website: [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

The pamphlet and September 9 program were strictly informational, without the League taking any public positions. The New York State League has now shared its positions on four of the five proposals and held a Zoom call to announce and explain the positions. A brief summary:

-Proposal 1: LWVNY is against this ballot question, feeling that it removes the guardrails for minority party participation.

-Proposal 2: LWVNY supports this question, feeling it is important to enshrine the right to a healthy environment in the State Constitution.

-Proposal 3: LWVNY supports this question, feeling that New York State has to get rid of the ten-day deadline to get to the League's ultimate goal of same-day registration.

-Proposal 4: LWVNY supports this question, feeling that its passage would help clear the way for a modern voting system.

(LWVNY is not taking a position on Proposal 5; it is neither for or against.)

➡ Watch the LWVNY ballot proposal position video on our site: [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

**VOTE 411**

We strongly recommend that you visit this site in the lead-up to the election. It's filled with important information, including who and what will appear on your ballot.

Enter your address and then, on the next screen, click 'Go to My Races' and, voila: All of the proposals and candidates that will be on your ballot.

 [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org)

**PERK ALERT! THE VOTERS GUIDE**

Watch your mailboxes next month, as all LWVNEW members will be receiving a paper copy of the League's Voters Guide.

**TEXT MESSAGING ALERTS**

Text VoteNY to 474747 to receive election-related information/reminders from LWVNY.

**OTHER****OUR WEBSITE**

Another resource for election information is the *Elections & Voting* page of our website. We frequently update that part of our site during election season and encourage you to check it often. We have pertinent dates and deadlines, links to information, forms & videos, and important contact information.

 [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

**DUES**

Have you received a notice that it's time to pay your annual dues? If so, please send your check to our membership chair, Kay Tyler, as soon as possible. Feel free to contact her with any questions.

 [kaytyler34@gmail.com](mailto:kaytyler34@gmail.com)

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

A reminder that we have an online presence and encourage members to visit our social media pages periodically. If you see something you like on Facebook, why not "share" it with your Facebook friends?

Facebook: [League of Women Voters of North East Westchester](#)

Twitter: [@LWVNEW](#)

**COUNTY LEAGUE FORUM & FUNDRAISER**

The LWV of Westchester (LWVW) is holding a forum featuring the candidates for County Executive and County Clerk. The virtual forum is Wednesday, October 20 at 7pm. LWVW is also holding an in-person fundraiser on Thursday, October 14: *Lies & Liberty: The Future of Free Speech in a Divided America*

Details about both events can be found on the LWVW website: [www.LWVW.org](http://www.LWVW.org)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY RECAP**

To be a **timekeeper** at a virtual candidate forum, contact:

Katherine Dering (Bedford forum) at [dering.katherine@gmail.com](mailto:dering.katherine@gmail.com) or Nancy Gould Ralphs (Lewisboro forum) at [nancygr.223@gmail.com](mailto:nancygr.223@gmail.com)

To work a **voter registration** table on Sept 28th, contact Lisa Pizzurro at [lcp328@gmail.com](mailto:lcp328@gmail.com)

To work a **student voter registration** table the first week of October, contact Allison Chernow at [alchernow@gmail.com](mailto:alchernow@gmail.com)

\*If you'd like to register voters but September 28<sup>th</sup> (National Voter Registration Day) doesn't work for you, we are flexible! Grab a friend and staff a table on a day that *does* work for you. We have all the supplies you need. Just keep in mind the October 8 registration deadline.

Reach out to Lisa: [lcp328@gmail.com](mailto:lcp328@gmail.com)

**MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER!**

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Our Voting Districts**

**Bedford**

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 37 (Mayer-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

**Lewisboro**

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

**Mount Kisco**

US Congressional: 17 (Jones-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

**North Salem**

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

**Pound Ridge**

US Congressional: 18 (Maloney-D)

State Senate: 40 (Harckham-D)

State Assembly: 93 (Burdick-D)

County Legislative: 2 (Covill-D)

*A warm  
welcome to members  
Juli Biro and  
Sarah Lynch!*