

## LWVNEW SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### VOTER SERVICE

#### VOTER REGISTRATION

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> is National Voter Registration Day. LWVNEW will be holding voter registration drives at four local libraries that day, from 10 am until 2 pm.

- >Katonah Village Library
- >Lewisboro Library
- >Mount Kisco Library
- >Somers Library

Library addresses and directions available at our website: [www.LWVNEW.org/events-1](http://www.LWVNEW.org/events-1).

Registration tables will be outdoors, social distancing enforced, and masks will be mandatory. Absentee ballot applications will also be available. Completed forms will be hand-delivered to the Board of Elections. If interested in volunteering, please contact Allison Chernow at [alchernow@gmail.com](mailto:alchernow@gmail.com).

**Friday October 9th is the deadline to register in time for November's general election.** Registrations must be postmarked by the 9th or dropped off in person at the Board of Elections (25 Quarropas St, White Plains) by the end of business on the 9th. Pretty sure you're registered but want to confirm? [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org)

Register to vote online:

<https://www.ny.gov/services/register-vote>

Download a voter registration form:

English:

<https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/images/stories/pdfs/voterregeng.pdf>

Spanish:

<https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/images/stories/pdfs/voterregspan.pdf>

#### VOTING

THERE ARE **3** WAYS TO VOTE THIS YEAR

### **1. VOTE REMOTE: ABSENTEE BALLOT**

All registered voters in New York now have the option of voting via absentee ballot due to the pandemic. Absentee applications (*applications*, not ballots) must be postmarked no later than **Tues., Oct. 27**.

*\*From the NYS Board of Elections: "Please be warned that despite this deadline, the Post Office has advised they cannot guarantee timely delivery of ballots applied for less than 15 days before an election."*

 **Translation: Apply ASAP!**

Download an absentee ballot application:

><https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/AbsenteeBallot-English.pdf>

><https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/voting/AbsenteeBallot-Spanish.pdf>

**NEW!** You can now request an absentee ballot *online* at the NYS BOE's new portal:

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

Once you receive your absentee ballot, fill it out carefully and return it. The postmark deadline is Election Day, **Tues Nov 3rd**.

Additionally, completed absentee ballots can be dropped off at:

- > Westchester Board of Elections  
25 Quarropas St, White Plains
- > Any Early Voting poll site Oct 24-Nov 1  
(during operating hours)
- > Any polling place on Election Day, Nov 3

## 2. EARLY VOTING

If you wish to vote in person, New York State will offer **Early Voting** from **Saturday, October 24 to Sunday, November 1.**

### Early Voting Schedule:

Sat & Sun Oct 24 & 25: Noon to 5 pm

Monday Oct 26: 8 am to 4 pm

Tuesday Oct 27: Noon to 8 pm

Wednesday Oct 28: 8 am to 4 pm

Thursday Oct 29: Noon to 8 pm

Friday Oct 30: 8 am to 4 pm

Sat & Sun Oct 31 & Nov 1: Noon to 5 pm

### Local Early Voting Polling Places:

**Mt. Kisco Memorial Complex** at Leonard Park, 1 Wallace Drive, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

**Pound Ridge Town House**, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY 10576

**Somers Town House**, 335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589

You may vote early at ANY of Westchester's 17 designated Early Voting polling places.

For a list of all Early Voting polling places in Westchester: [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

## 3. VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

If you prefer to vote on Election Day, **Tuesday November 3rd**, polls will be open from 6 am to 9 pm.

Unlike Early Voting, you must vote at your designated polling place on Election Day.

Find your polling place here:

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

### ANY QUESTIONS?

Any and all questions about voting can be answered by the folks at the **Westchester County Board of Elections.**

>Main 914-995-5700

>Absentee Ballots 914-995-5285

>Registrations 914-995-5713

<https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com>

25 Quarropas St, White Plains NY 10601

Don't forget, our local **Town Clerks** are great resources, too:

> Bedford: 914-666-4534

> Lewisboro: 914-763-3511

> Mt Kisco (Village Manager): 914-864-0033

> North Salem: 914-669-5577

> Pound Ridge: 914-764-5549

Requesting or receiving an absentee ballot **does not** preclude you from voting in person! Mailing in an absentee ballot **does not** preclude you from voting in person! New York's election laws allow for a registered voter to vote in person even if she or he has received an absentee ballot. Even if that absentee ballot has been mailed in. *If a person votes via absentee ballot and then votes in person, the absentee ballot will be discounted.*

### ON THE BALLOT

In addition to a presidential election, voters in our five towns will have other races on their ballots: U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate and Assembly, to name a few:

>Congressional District 17

>Congressional District 18

>NY State Senate District 37

>NY State Senate District 40

>NY Assembly District 93

>County District Attorney

>County Family Court Judge

On a local level, some of us will have contested town offices on our ballots.

To find out who & what will be on your ballot, enter your address at

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

**CANDIDATE FORUMS**

Events are scheduled and invitations are being extended to candidates. All forums will be virtual due to the pandemic. *Silver lining: the opportunity to question and learn about the candidates from the comfort of your own home, perhaps even in your pajamas!*

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 17****Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm**

One of our towns, Mount Kisco, is in Congressional District 17. Mondaire Jones (D) and Maureen McArdle Schulman (R) are vying for this seat in Congress, which is currently held by Nita Lowey. The White Plains and New Castle Leagues are co-sponsoring this forum.

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 18****Wednesday, October 14 at 7pm**

LWVNEW is hosting the forum for U.S. Congressional District 18, which includes 4 of our 5 towns. (Mt Kisco is in a different congressional district, CD17.) If you live in Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem or Pound Ridge, mark your calendar. CD18 is currently represented by Sean Patrick Maloney (D); he is being challenged by Chele Farley (R) and Scott Smith (L).

**NYS SENATE DISTRICT 37****Monday, October 19 at 7pm**

The town of Bedford is the only one of our five towns that lies within SD37. It is currently represented by Shelley Mayer (D); her challenger is Liviu Saimovici (R). This forum is being put on by the White Plains League and LWVNEW is co-sponsoring.

**NYS SENATE DISTRICT 40****Wednesday, October 21 at 7 pm**

Lewisboro, North Salem, Mount Kisco and Pound Ridge are in SD40, which is currently represented by Peter Harckham (D). He is being challenged by Rob Astorino (R). This forum is being put on by the New Castle League and LWVNEW is co-sponsoring.

**NYS STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 93****Thursday, October 8 at 7pm**

All five of our towns fall within this district. Chris Burdick (D) and John Nuculovic (R) are running for this assembly seat, which is currently held by David Buchwald. This forum is being put on by the New Castle League and LWVNEW is co-sponsoring.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY D.A.****Thursday, October 1 at 7pm**

Bruce Bendish (R) and Mimi Rocah (D) are running for District Attorney. This forum is being sponsored by the Westchester County League.

**LEWISBORO & NORTH SALEM****Date and Time TBD**

There are contested town races in Lewisboro & North Salem. LWVNEW is hoping to hold one forum for both towns.

Contact Voter Service Chair Katherine Dering if you are interested in helping in some capacity with a candidate forum or Forums: [dering.katherine@gmail.com](mailto:dering.katherine@gmail.com)

\*Scheduled candidate forums are sometimes cancelled. We will keep you in the loop as best as we can, but we highly recommend periodic checks of the Events page on our website, where information will be posted and updated:

[www.LWVNEW.org/events-1](http://www.LWVNEW.org/events-1).

**VOTE411.ORG**

The League of Women Voters election website, Vote 411, is a great resource and it just got even better: *Information at Vote411 is now also available in Spanish.* Check your voter registration status, find your polling place, and, as we get closer to the election, find out which candidates and races will be on your ballot.

Informacion Electoral Que Necesita!  
[www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org)

**STAYING INFORMED****LWVNY'S TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE**

Highly recommend this! So easy to sign up and important info & updates are sent directly to your phone.


**Stay Up to Date on Voting Changes  
Related to COVID-19 in NY**

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**Text VoteNY to  
474747**

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Text VoteNY to 474747 to receive updates from the League of Women Voters of NYS and stay in the know on all things voting in 2020.



**OUR WEBSITE**

Our *Elections & Voting* page is FULL of updated information and links. Visit it often!

[www.LWVNEW.org/events-1](http://www.LWVNEW.org/events-1)  
[www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

A reminder that we strongly encourage any LWVNEW members who are on social media to check us out on Facebook and/or Twitter. You can "like" us on Facebook, "follow" us on Twitter or be a "lurker"

Facebook: [League of Women Voters of North East Westchester](https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofWomenVotersNorthEastWestchester)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/LWVNEW](https://www.twitter.com/LWVNEW)

**OTHER****BECOME A POLL WORKER**

Consider working the polls. Many states, including New York, are facing shortages due to Covid-19. People are needed for New York's Early Voting period at the end of October and Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Find out more here:

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/BecomePollworker.html>

**FALL 2020 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS**

The League of Women Voters of Westchester, in collaboration with the Westchester Library System, is offering virtual public workshops on how to register to vote, how to get an absentee ballot, how to select which one of 3 ways of voting is best for you, and more. Contact the host library website directly to register for each virtual workshop, and you will then receive a Zoom meeting link.

List of libraries and dates here:

[http://lwww.org/files/Fall\\_2020\\_Voting\\_Workshops.pdf](http://lwww.org/files/Fall_2020_Voting_Workshops.pdf)

**CENSUS**

As of this newsletter, advocacy and civil rights groups had won a preliminary victory after a federal court ruled that the census count should not end prematurely. The deadline had initially been extended until

the end of October due to the pandemic but then, last month, the Trump administration reversed course and ordered that census efforts be wound down by the end of September. The administration plans to appeal the court ruling.

Read the League’s statement here:

[https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/federal-judge-blocks-efforts-shorten-census-timeline?utm\\_content=buffer10301&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/federal-judge-blocks-efforts-shorten-census-timeline?utm_content=buffer10301&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

If you have not already done so, complete the 2020 Census: [www.2020Census.gov](http://www.2020Census.gov)

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