

LWVNEW OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

VOTER SERVICE

WHO & WHAT WILL BE ON OUR BALLOTS?

- >U.S. President
- >U.S. Senate
- >U.S. Congress
- >NY State Supreme Court Justice
- >NY State Senate
- >NY State Assembly
- >Statewide Ballot Proposal 1 (New York Equal Rights Amendment)
- >Westchester County District Attorney
- >Westchester Co. Family Court Judge
- >Westchester Co. Court Judge
- >Westchester Co. Proposition 2024-1 (increase Board of Legislator terms from 2 yrs to 4 yrs)
- >Town Justice (Bedford, Lewisboro, and Mount Kisco only)
- >Mount Kisco Village Trustee
- >Bedford Town Clerk (unexpired)

Locally, the Town Justice and Town Clerk races are uncontested. Mount Kisco has the only contested local race, for two spots on the Board of Trustees.

As you can see, we all have TWO ballot proposals/propositions to vote on this year.

More info at www.Vote411.org

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Note: All of the towns in LWVNEW territory are in SD40, with the exception of Pound Ridge, which is in SD37.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 40

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

GINA ARENA & SEN. PETER HARCKHAM

Sponsored by LWVNEW, LWV New Castle, and LWV Rockland County (We share the district.)



NY STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 40
**CANDIDATE
FORUM**
MODERATED BY
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OCTOBER 9, 2024 at 7 PM
Assembly Room New Castle Town Hall,
200 South Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua NY.
Registration for in person form:
<https://forms.gle/sCeFywS2BfTcQAun7>
Registration for online:
https://ns02web.zoom.us/j/online/register?WY_1loACD1y2QC2g2xBW5UkUkw#registration
Gina Arena (R)
Peter Harckham (D)
Please submit questions for the candidates:
<https://forms.gle/VV8kgRmmfoVt6CyF7>
LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The hybrid forum is being held Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm at New Castle Town Hall in Chappaqua. It is also being livestreamed via Zoom.

Please register for the forum whether you are attending in-person or virtually.

The link to register to attend **in-person**:
<https://forms.gle/sCeFywS2BfTcQAun7>

The link to register to attend **virtually**:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HoAC9Yv2QC2g2xBWSUkUkw#/registration

****The deadline to submit questions for the candidates is Saturday, October 5 at noon!** Residents of SD40, do that here:

<https://forms.gle/VV8kqRmmfoVf6CyF7>

A recording of the forum will be available for viewing on-demand soon after its conclusion.

STATE SENATE DISTRICT 37

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

TRICIA LINDSAY & SEN. SHELLEY MAYER

Sponsored by LWVs of White Plains, New Rochelle, Scarsdale, the Rivertowns, Larchmont/Mamaroneck, and Rye/Rye Brook/Port Chester

White Plains Public Library at 7 pm
100 Martine Ave., White Plains

Residents of SD37 are encouraged to submit questions for the candidates. Do that here:

<https://forms.gle/rTZD8hdAn795bynMA>

The forum is being recorded so it can be viewed on-demand afterward. We will provide a link as soon as we have it!

LOCAL

MOUNT KISCO

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a candidate forum in Mount Kisco. We had offered to hold a virtual candidate

forum on October 10 for the Mount Kisco Village Trustee election.

Two of the four candidates declined to participate. We must comply with our Empty Chair Policy and cannot hold a forum with only one side/party represented.

We hope that all candidates will participate in the online voters' guide that will be available at Vote411.org. As of this newsletter, it looks like two candidates have already entered their information. It's still early so if you visit the website and not all of the candidates have responded, check back.

www.Vote411.org

We will provide links to any pertinent Mount Kisco information on our website and social media pages.

CONGRESSIONAL

Sponsored by the LWV of Westchester

>CANCELLED Mon., October 21: CD 17

Congressman Lawler would not commit to participation so the forum was cancelled. The LWV of Westchester's statement on the cancellation can be found in our previous newsletter.

COUNTY

Sponsored by the LWV of Westchester

>CANCELLED Thursday, October 24:

Westchester County District Attorney

Susan Cacace (D) vs. John Sarcone (R)

LWV WESTCHESTER STATEMENT ON WESTCHESTER D.A. FORUM

The League of Women Voters of Westchester announces that a proposed Candidate Forum for Westchester District Attorney will not be held. Democratic Candidate Susan Cacace has declined the League's invitation to participate in the proposed October 24, 2024 forum at the White Plains Public Library. However, Republican candidate John Sarcone has accepted the candidates forum invitation.

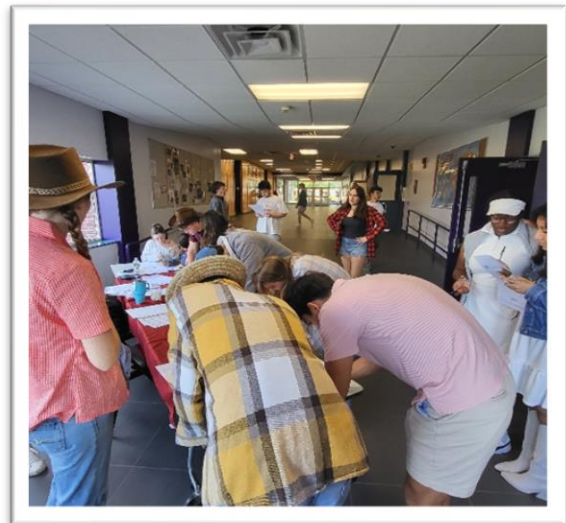
A candidates meeting with only one candidate present is an open or empty chair meeting, and is not permitted under League rules and its policy of nonpartisanship. The League regrets that this important educational event for voters has to be cancelled.

"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 opportunity for voters residing in Westchester County."

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Our volunteers **registered 103 voters** on September 17. All of these were student registrations, collected at the four high school sites. Things were *very* slow at the other three community sites but, if nothing else, we can view those as opportunities for visibility.

We also ran print ads locally, making people aware of the voter registration opportunities and, again, raising our visibility in surrounding communities.



Photos: John Jay High School students registering to vote; LWVNEW volunteers Liz Geregthy & Kimberly Morella.

Photo credit: Kimberly Morella

Thank you so much to volunteers Allison Chernow, Katherine Dering, Susan Ferris Rights, Nancy Miringoff, Lisa Colby, Jane Levy, Kimberly Morella, Liz Geregthy, Anice Mills, and Bruce Rights. We are SO grateful to Allison for organizing our National Voter Registration Day efforts. The completed registration forms were hand-delivered to the Board of Elections in White Plains.

SPEAKING OF VOTER

REGISTRATION...CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS

A quick and easy way to make sure you are registered. Why not doublecheck now, with plenty of time before the October 26 registration deadline in case of a problem?

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

THERE ARE 4 WAYS TO VOTE IN NY!

1 Early Voting In-Person

When? October 26th-November 3

Where? Find your early voting poll site at voterlookup.elections.ny.gov

Who? Any registered voter!

2 Election Day In-Person

When? November 5th, 6am-9pm

Where? Your Election Day poll site

You can also vote by mail through Absentee Ballot or Early Mail:

3 For Absentee only

Who? Any registered voter with an excuse to not come in-person to the polls, such as absence from the state.

How? Apply for a ballot at

ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/absentee, download and mail from

elections.ny.gov/request-ballot, or go in-person to the Board of Elections.

Ideal for? Those with permanent illnesses/disabilities that will keep them from the polls, since absentee applications can be marked as recurring.

4 For Early Mail only

Who? Any registered voter!

How? Apply for a ballot at

<https://ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/earlymail>, download and mail from

elections.ny.gov/request-ballot, or go in-person to the Board of Elections.

For **both** Absentee & Early Mail:

How? Apply for a ballot, receive ballot and send back to the Board of Elections.

When? Applications must be received by October 26th or completed in person at the Board of Elections up to November 5th.

Where? Ballots must be sent back/dropped off at the Board of Elections by November 5th.

GOLDEN DAY

Saturday, October 26 is the 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).

Deemed *Golden Day*, October 26 is both the last day to register *and* the first day of Early Voting. You may register to vote at an Early Voting polling site that day!

All pertinent links and info are available on our website at:

www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

VOTE411

There is so much you can do at this site! Replicate the old printed Voters Guide by entering your address to see who & what will be on your ballot and to read about the candidates in their own words. *Your address will not be saved, sold, or used for marketing purposes. Look up your voting districts! Find your polling place! Check your registration status! www.Vote411.org

LWVNYS TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

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

PROPOSAL ONE

The New York State Equal Rights Amendment is now officially referenced as Proposal 1 and will be found on the back of your ballot.

To learn more about Prop 1, 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 \(lwwnew.org\)](#)

Reminder: The League of Women Voters supports Prop 1.

Information from the Board of Elections is available here: [2024 Statewide Ballot Proposal | New York State Board of Elections \(ny.gov\)](#)

After voting for your candidates, don't forget to turn over your ballot to vote on this (as well as the Westchester County proposition). They will be found on the BACK of your ballot!

COUNTY PROPOSITION 2024-1

Learn more here: [Westchester County - Proposition No. 2024-1 — vote411 Voter Guide](#) (Click on "Westchester County – Proposition No. 2024-1" at top of page)

And here:

[Westchester Watch: County Legislators Propose Extension of Terms \(westchesterlegislators.com\)](#)

OTHER**WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES**

During election season, we try hard to keep voters up to date.

You can find us on Facebook at [LWVNEW](#).

We're on X (Twitter) [@LWVNEW](#).

Our website is really where it's at, though. The *Elections & Voting* page of our site should have everything you need. We've got information AND links to information!

Check it out (and tell your friends): www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting.

LEVELS OF LEAGUE

While the League never supports or opposes candidates, it *does* hold positions on issues (see Prop 1). 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

>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.

AREA VOTING DISTRICTS**BEDFORD**

US Congressional: NY CD 17
NY State Senate: 40
NY State Assembly: 93
Westchester County Legislative District 2

LEWISBORO

US Congressional: NY CD 17
NY State Senate: 40
NY State Assembly: 93
Westchester County Legislative District 2

MOUNT KISCO

US Congressional: NY CD 17
NY State Senate: 40
NY State Assembly: 93
Westchester County Legislative District 2

NORTH SALEM

US Congressional: NY CD 17
NY State Senate: 40
NY State Assembly: 93
Westchester County Legislative District 2

POUND RIDGE

US Congressional: NY CD 17
NY State Senate: 37
NY State Assembly: 93
Westchester County Legislative District 2

SOMERS

US Congressional: NY CD 17
NY State Senate: 40
NY State Assembly: 94
Westchester County Legislative District 2

 **TO DO LIST**

- ✓ **Make a voting plan**
- ✓ **Submit questions for candidates**
- ✓ ***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.

BE SURE TO

FLIP YOUR
BALLOT

IN NOVEMBER TO CAST
YOUR VOTE!

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