ON OUR WEBSITE

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle recently published maps on our website that outline the political subdivisions in New Rochelle and the County Legislative Districts that our League represents. The website is lwvnnewro.org and these maps can be found under Election Information-Election Maps here: http://lwvnnewro.org/elections.html#s03.

VOTER REGISTRATION AT THE COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

The arrival of Spring on the calendar may not have brought us the milder temperatures and early blooming that we held on for all winter. However, it did bring the other event that naturally follows - the mad dash to finish the State budget! Once again, the legislature has come up short, not only for its lack of transparency particularly in the final stages of negotiations, but for the lack of inclusion of early voting despite promises to do so!

New York is one of only 13 states that do not have any form of early voting either in-person, or no-excite absentee. Studies show that early voting makes Election Day a smoother and more organized process. More importantly, early voting provides greater access to voting. Voters overcome the inability to vote because they cannot get time off from work, or because the lines and wait times are too long. Early voting helps ensure voters have access to the polls in the event of a family emergency or extreme weather event on a sole election day.

The NYS League advocated strenuously for this reform and was encouraged when the Governor included it as a priority goal this year. When the $7 million needed to fund early voting was not included in his initial budget, Leagues across the state went all out to lobby for its inclusion – and got it in the Governor’s budget amendments! However, the Senate’s budget did not include any language or funding to allow early voting. The Assembly included funding for only eight days of early voting. Unfortunately, after last-minute, closed-door negotiations, the budget passed without early voting or other reforms.

Disappointed but not deterred, the League will continue to push for voting reforms throughout the final three months of this legislative session. Lobbying efforts will focus on other priority election law reforms that do not need funding ties including no-excite absentee voting, automatic voter registration, and streamlined ballots. Ethics and campaign finance reforms share the focus on the League’s legislative agenda. Please let your NYS representatives know you want these essential changes!

MONICA
THE 2020 CENSUS: LWV DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

The Commerce Department has made the decision to include a question pertaining to citizenship in the 2020 Census. Make no mistake: this decision isn’t about improving demographic data on citizenship. It’s designed to frighten immigrants—citizens and noncitizens alike—so they won’t participate in the Census. It’s a blatant political maneuver meant to disenfranchise these groups and deny them equal representation.

Including this question on the Census undermines the rights of eligible voters and threatens a process vital to our democracy. For more than 200 years, the Census has collected information about the distribution of our population so we can provide representation and invest in our communities equitably.

The US Constitution mandates an accurate count of all people living in the United States – not all citizens. Non-citizens are an integral part of our economy and need to be included in the 2020 Census to paint a complete picture of our great country. The clock is ticking toward 2020.

Stand with us as we call on Congress to take action to correct this issue before it’s too late.
LWV TO SPONSOR TWO CANDIDATE DEBATES
FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

The League of Women Voters will sponsor back-to-back debates on Monday, April 16th, for four candidates who are running for two offices in an April 24th special election.

The first debate, for state senator in District 37 (replacing George Latimer, who is now Westchester County Executive) will begin at 6:30 pm. Candidates are Shelley Mayer, a Democratic State Assemblywoman from Yonkers, and Julie Killian, a Republican and former Rye City Councilwoman. District 37 covers all or part of Bedford, Bronxville, Eastchester, Harrison, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, North Castle, Portchester, Rye, Rye Town, White Plains, and Yonkers.

The second debate, for County Legislative District 11 (replacing James Maisano, who is now Westchester County Director of Consumer Affairs) will begin at 7:45 pm. Candidates are Democrat Terry Clements and Republican James Freeman. District 11 covers parts of New Rochelle and Pelham.

The debates will take place in New Rochelle's City Hall Auditorium, 515 North Avenue and will be video recorded and replayed on government television and on demand. Doors will open at 6 pm for the audience to submit questions and mingle with candidates. Questions for the debaters can also be submitted via email to lwnewrochelle@gmail.com.

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle will sponsor the debate with cosponsorship from the Larchmont/Mamaroneck LWV and White Plains LWV. Both debates will be conducted by a trained LWV moderator who lives outside the contested districts. For further information, contact Joan Alexander at royjoanalex@yahoo.com.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

On April 20, Luis Aragon, New Rochelle Commissioner of Development, will discuss updates on development in New Rochelle. He will also answer questions from the audience. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast fare will be served. The informal public meeting, open to all, is held in the New Rochelle Public Library's first floor meeting room.
Voter Service Committee Update

March and April have proven to be successful months for registration volunteers despite the crazy weather! Our campaign to register as many students as possible before their finals begin is well in hand: 70 students from Ursuline registered to vote for the first time, and another 70 from Iona College, Monroe College, and CNR combined also registered to vote.

We dropped off 75 registration forms to the NRHS Alternative school. During the rest of April and May, we will focus on Iona Prep, NRHS and the 3 colleges.

From May through August, we are seeking volunteers for the Big Book Library Sale at the NR Library on May 4-5, June 1-2, July 5-6, and August 2-3, any time between 10-4.

Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities this summer at the Farmers Markets, Metro North Stations, and grocery stores!

To volunteer please contact Joan at 914 632-2308 or at royjoanalex@yahoo.com.
CITY PEOPLE AND ISSUES

Dr. Brian Osborne on New Rochelle School District and Patricia Fleming on Planned Parenthood

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle presents two new interviews on its cable television program, City People and Issues. Dr. Brian Osborne, New Rochelle Superintendent of Schools, talks with host Ina Aronow about the school and community efforts to insure a safe learning environment. They also discuss public participation in the budget process to make the most of the tax levy to continue to enhance learning.

In the second interview, Patricia Fleming, Director of Communications for Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, talks with host Tamar Tait about the goals and challenges of the organization. The programs will be shown on alternate weeks on Cablevision Channel 76 on Mondays at 7 pm and on some Wednesdays at 10 pm and Thursdays at 9:30 pm. They will also be on demand at www.vimeo.com after the first showing on Cablevision.

The interview with Dr. Osborne will be shown during the weeks of April 9 and 23. The interview with Ms. Fleming will be shown on April 16 and 30. Interviews will continue to rotate until new interviews are scheduled.

ADVOCACY TRAINING/LOBBY DAY

League of Women Voters of NYS

April 24, 2018
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
NYS Museum (Albany) - Meeting Rms. A & B

Come learn about our advocacy agenda, hear directly from the issue Specialists about our expected action for the 2018 Legislative Session and lobby your own legislators! Presenters will include Dare Thompson, LWVNY President, Sally Robinson, LWVNYS VP for Advocacy, and Jennifer Wilson, LWVNYS Legislative Director.

Registration fee: $20 (includes lunch)

Click here to register online.

Or click here to download and print the registration form.

Mail completed form with check (payable to LWVNY) to
LWVNYS, 62 Grand St, Albany, NY 12207.

Or register, with credit card, by fax
518-465-0812
or by phone 518-465-4162
or email jennifer@lwnvny.org

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NEW ROCHELLE LEAGUE MEMBER HONOURED

The Hon. Pearl C. Quarles was honored for her life’s work as a Political and Civic Trailblazer by Westchester Black Girls Rocks! – Sister to Sister International, Inc. The ceremony was held at Iona College’s Murphy Auditorium on March 25th. STSI Rocks is dedicated to creating and advancing the health, education, and diasporan opportunities for Black women, girls, and families in Westchester.

MARCHING FOR OUR LIVES

We were thrilled to see the millions of individuals across our nation (and around the world) standing up to march for our lives on March 24th. Our Leagues were out in full force, registering voters and helping to organize events in their communities.

At the March in White Plains, New Rochelle was well represented by our elected officials, including Mayor Bramson, Council members Fertel, Fried, and Rice, and County Legislator Maher. Chris Selin, President of the NRPL Foundation was there, as well as members of the School Board, parents, students, and concerned citizens.

Curbing gun violence is a critical matter of public safety, public health and public confidence. It is about protecting our children and our communities from the senseless tragedies that plague our society. Join the millions of students, parents, and concerned Americans today and call on Congress to pass common-sense solutions to curb gun violence. Your action will add to the voices of those marching in Washington and around the country. The League will keep fighting on Capitol Hill and around the country to move reforms forward. Please add your voice and push Congress to act on these necessary reforms.

Volunteers Needed for Municipal Housing Authority Election

The LWVNR has been asked once again to proctor the election of a tenant commissioner for the city's Municipal Housing Authority Board. This year's election will be held on Tuesday, May 1.

The election takes place in the community room at 50 Sickles Avenue. Parking will be available. The election hours are from noon to 9 pm, and then the LWV will count the ballots. The process is similar to other government elections.

Please contact Ina Aronow at iaronow@aol.com or 636-6271 if you will be able to volunteer for one or more hours. The goal is to have at least two people there at all times, and she will be there throughout the day. There will be food during the dinner hours.
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**SHARE THE HOPE GALA**

**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

* Fountainhead
  35 Gunder Ridge Road, New Rochelle, New York 10804
  Cocktails: 6:00 PM
  Dinner: 7:00 PM

* Click Here to Be Redirected to Our Website to Purchase Tickets & Sponsorships
* Our Download & Print Attachments

**Kindly Respond by April 2nd, 2018**

Digital files must be in PDF format and sent to shehamburger@hope-ps.org
For additional information, please contact us at 914-636-4010 or ctrow@hope-ps.org

50 Washington Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10801 | hopecommunityservices.org | 914-636-4010

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**DREAMS OF EQUALITY FILM & DISCUSSION**

"All Men and Women Are Created Equal"
Elizabeth Cady Stanton

"Dreams of Equality" is a film commissioned by the National Park Service for Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, New York. The First Women's Rights Convention, on July 19-20, 1848 in Seneca Falls, drew over 300 people to discuss the "social, civil and religious rights and condition of women." The public is invited to view the film and participate in a discussion led by members of the Scarsdale Woman's Club and the League of Women Voters. A reception will follow the program.

**FOR RESERVATIONS CALL (914) 472-5102**

**SCARSDALE WOMAN'S CLUB**
37 DRAKE ROAD - SCARSDALE, NY
LWV OF WESTCHESTER, INC
lww.org 914-949-0507

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**Assemblywoman Sandy Galef**

**Cocktails & Conversation**

April 26, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Cocktails & Conversations: Writing Politics in the Age of Trump: An Evening with Two New Rochelle Authors

**Thursday, April 26th at 6:30pm**

Alvin & Friends
14 Memorial Highway
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Join us for our popular Cocktails & Conversation series as literary super agent Stuart Krichevsky interviews two New Rochelle authors about their new books: Amy Bass on “One Goal: A Coach, A Team and the Game That Brought A Divided Town Together” and David Friend on “The Naughty Nineties: The Triumph of the American Libido.”

**CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS**

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**Community Forum on Election Law Reforms**

A conversation on a wide range of proposed changes, including early voting, Automatic Voter Registration, Act to Combat Absentee Ballot and Election Law Reform

**April 10th, 2018 • 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Croton Free Library
171 Cleveland Drive
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

**Panelists Include:**

**Jenna Zohary**
Council for the ReDiamond Center’s Democracy Programs

**Jeanne Fain**
Professor of Political Science at Pace College

**Jennifer Wilson**
Program and Policy Director for the League of Women Voters of New York State

**Catherine Caff**
Solicitor General for New York County

**Anthony Scacciamonte Jr.**
Election Commissioner for New York County

I encourage you to bring your friends, family, neighbors and anyone else you think would be interested in the complicated issue that affects us all.

For more information on the event or any other community questions or concerns, please contact the office of Assemblywoman Galef at (914) 991-7111.