

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKHAVEN

VOTER

SUMMER 2026

Our League invites you to a special event –

a recording of the Suffrage Cantata

On August 8, 2 pm,

at the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library

407 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley

The ***Suffrage Cantata*** is about a distinct moment in history, but it was also composed during a critical moment in history. The music and texts capture the struggle for suffrage among women who were separated by the color line, but united in an understanding of the importance of women having the capacity to participate as full and equal citizens. Just as the women involved in suffrage raised their voices, artists must also make their desires for a better world clear.” Drs. Marcia Chatelain and Andrea Ramsey

As you participate as the audience for this work, you will share in the visions and hopes of those who have paved the way. The Voting Rights Act of 1965, was signed on August 6 by President Johnson to enforce the fifteenth amendment, which had been passed ninety-five years earlier. Understand that the struggle is not over. The reasons for the struggle remain.

OUR-BROOKHAVEN ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 17

With seventeen members in attendance, we voted to approve the re-election of Board members Carol Gavin, Janet Sklar, Carole Huston and Elizabeth Gardiner for two years, and approved the appointment of Mary Falkowitz as an off-board assistant for one year. We adopted the budget proposed by the Treasurer, Janet Sklar for July 2026-June 2027.

Two of the students who had attended the League's Students in Albany program, Riley Butler and Laaysa Mada, spoke about the program and the opportunity it presented to speak to their state legislators in person. Town Councilman Jonathan Kornreich and NY State Assemblywoman Rebecca Kassay were present to recognize the students, and Alexandra Kaloudis, Librarian at the Shirley Community Library, spoke of the many programs offered by the library, and the new libraries that have been recently built by the Mastic library in Moriches and Shirley.

Our Board voted to support a moratorium on Data Centers in Brookhaven Town

We recently sent a statement to Brookhaven Supervisor Dan Panico and our six councilpersons in support of an eighteenth-month moratorium on zoning for the data centers that are needed to service A.I. The centers require large amounts of energy and water, particularly harmful for Brookhaven because our water comes from a single source aquifer. A moratorium will buy time for Brookhaven to work with state, county, and towns to develop strict guidelines and environmental protections. We also endorsed the plan to develop the guidelines in conjunction with town, state, and county officials.

The Town has scheduled July 16 for a hearing and vote on the moratorium.