

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOKHAVEN  
VOTER FOR DECEMBER 2025

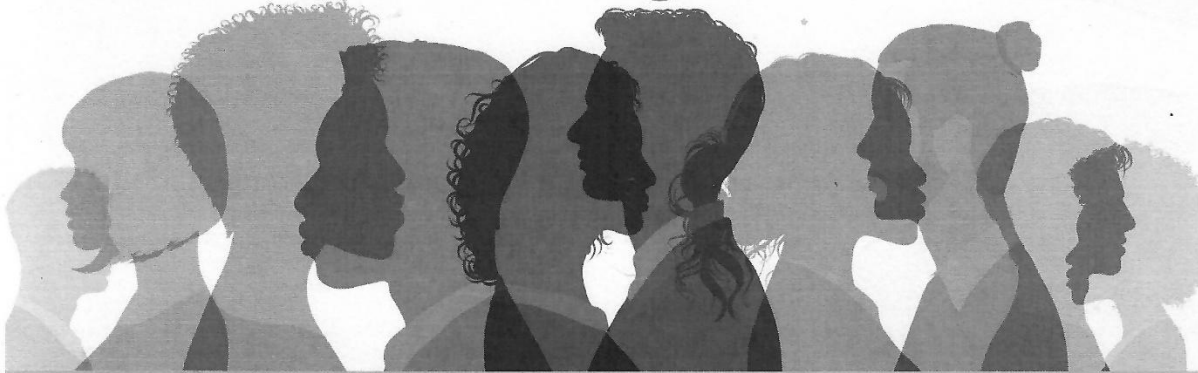
OUR MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE A PROGRAM GIVEN  
BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUNTINGTON

A community forum presented  
on the changing  
landscape of health insurance from the Big Beautiful Bill.  
Medicaid, Medicare, ACA, SNAP, Social Security

See the flyer on the next page for the link and QR code  
to register with the Huntington LWW

Also coming in March from the LWW of Huntington  
A historical program at the Vanderbilt Museum  
on Alva Vanderbilt and the  
Suffragette Movement on Long Island.  
tentatively scheduled for March.

# Community Connection: One Big Bill



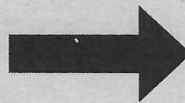
**Breaking down the devastating cuts to Medicaid, Medicare,  
the Affordable Care Act, SNAP and Social Security.**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025  
6:00pm (Webinar opens at 5:45pm)**

Join us for a great panel discussion, including a Q & A, with key regional  
leaders. Please register in advance using the link or QR code below:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_GedDyPlzSgeU2aeAPEPk3g](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GedDyPlzSgeU2aeAPEPk3g)

**Scan here to RSVP!**



## IMMIGRATION MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18

Thanks to Abigail Antonelli, from Sepa Mujer in Patchogue, and Immigration Attorney Eric Horn who shared information about the current immigration policies and legal protections. They described some of the procedures that the Federal Government has established to determine whether someone is here illegally and gave advice to immigrants who may be facing problems from court proceedings or ICE detention and discussed community support and advocacy.

We have a supply of the red cards that outline the constitutional rights that immigrants (or others) have to keep them safe when faced by ICE agents.

If you would like a supply of the red cards to give to people you know or meet who may need these protections, we have some to share. Call Nancy Marr, 631 793-2124.

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## STARTING AN OBSERVER CORPS – LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The NYS LWV is helping us establish a system for learning about what is discussed at our local governmental meetings – county and town. The volunteers will attend (either in person or on the computer) the monthly meetings and report what they learn to their local leagues.

We had observers in the past, and were able to learn about issues that were discussed at the county legislature and town council – from water protection to local zoning issue. If you are an observer you get a chance to follow local issues, often meeting others at the meeting – legislators, reporters, or other speakers.

Notice from Xavia Francis, NYS LWV

Our Observer Corp Kick off meeting will be **December 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-6:30pm** and will be recorded for those who are interested, but unable to attend as well as for you to share with your league as you see fit.

During this informational we will go over what the Observer Corp program entails as well as any other questions you may have regarding the program. Follow this link to register for the zoom meeting and let me know if you have any questions in the meantime. <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/68hl7khZQ1CNRyo9tPHR1Q>

## Making Democracy Work- Now Your Post Election Engagement Must Begin

By Lisa Scott

Voters in Suffolk County used their preferred method for the November general elections: early in-person voting over 9 days prior to Election Day, in-person voting on Election Day, applying for, receiving and mailing a completed absentee ballot, applying for, receiving and mailing a completed early mail ballot, and in some cases, asking for and receiving an affidavit ballot in person under special circumstances (these are forwarded to and handled separately at the Suffolk County Board of Elections (SCBOE) since they require more research/substantiation).

There are 1070 election districts (EDs) in Suffolk County, and results by ED can be found on the Suffolk County Board of Elections website ([suffolkvotes.com](http://suffolkvotes.com)) and much detail can also be found in the pages of Newsday (and other papers) in the days following the election, with articles and opinions such as “How Long Island voted in 2025.” Using the color red for Republican votes, and blue for Democratic votes, clearly Long Island is a patchwork, and the results, particularly for the 18 Suffolk County Legislature districts, indicate that (11 red, 7 blue for 2026-28).

Roughly 225,000 voters cast ballots (out of a total of 1,093,535 active voters in the county); results by races are on the SC BOE website (remember not every voter chooses to vote in each contest on their ballot). They are still considered “unofficial” as of this column’s publishing date.

In 2025 Suffolk voters cast ballots for county-wide offices (District Attorney and Sheriff), all 18 county Legislators (each represents approximately 82,000 people), and numerous town offices including supervisors and town council members. Each town has its own structure for town council (and on the east end town trustees) and other offices, with their own terms (and sometimes term limits).

As the League of Women Voters of Suffolk County (and comprised of four local Leagues- Huntington, Smithtown, Brookhaven and the League of the Hamptons, Shelter Island and the North Fork) we encourage voters to now take on their new/post- election day responsibility- to educate themselves on the roles and responsibilities and responsiveness of their elected officials.

The presence of hyper-local trusted media varies throughout Suffolk. Weekly papers (such as the one you are reading) can do a terrific job in covering local government, and educating people on issues that affect them. Many have robust websites that residents turn to as well. Unfortunately growing numbers of people have become detached from “civics”, but the League is dedicated to restoring and reinvigorating citizen education. The

result is that small numbers of people can have a disproportionate voice in their local governments (town and county). All voices should be heard, but all voices should also listen, ponder, research, and discuss based on evidence, facts, history, and experience.

Your local League may help you- but we need to know what you are interested in, want to learn about, or what passion, expertise or experience you can bring to an understanding of issues.

We suggest you start with your Town and Suffolk County officials and representatives, (and then perhaps your NYS Senator and Assemblymember). So - find out who now represents you. You can do that via the NYS Board of Elections website at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> Enter your county, last name, first name, date of birth and zip code. It will give you your Election District, County Legislative District,

State Senate District State Assembly District and Congressional District . It gives you your Town, but not your town officials or council district (if applicable). Once you have your district information, you can refer to the League of Women Voters of Suffolk County's annual Directory of Public Officials (available online at <https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/lwvdirectory2025-7-15-25.pdf> You can download and print the relevant pages for contact information for all levels of government from president to village mayors.

Communicate with these officials- expect government to be open to citizen input and provide you with resources, materials, and listen to your concerns. But with that opportunity comes responsibility- understand what each level of local and county government can control and is responsible for; do your homework, look at their websites, and initiate dialogue. For example, taxes are a significant issue for all of us- but understand where the money comes from, and where it goes (to see Suffolk County's budget and expenses annually, reference the LWVSC's Directory of Public Officials). And all levels of government business should be conducted openly (unless of a truly confidential/personnel nature).

The League would like to hear from you as well. We've created a link on our website so that you can communicate your areas of concern or issues on these local Levels (not national- president or congressional). We'd love to heard from the many voices "out there", so we can address issues in these columns or perhaps develop informational programs or resources to give you tools to broaden your understanding of issues.

The link to communicate with the League is xxxx or you can use the QR code which accompanies this column.

*Lisa Scott is president of the League of Women Voters of Suffolk County a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, visit <https://my.lwv.org/new-york/suffolk-county>.*

## MEETING ON THE US CONSTITUTION WILL BE IN FEBRUARY

Betsy Gaidry's committee will be presenting a discussion meeting on the U.S. Constitution. If you have time, read the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to prepare, and see if you have questions about it – are there decisions that would be made differently if the Constitution were drafted today?

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## NEW BOOK FOR THE BOOK GROUP – MEETING IN JANUARY

Richard Grunwald: *We Are Eating the Earth*

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## NEWS ABOUT AI

A federal district court in New Hampshire has ruled in favor of plaintiffs in a case considered to be the first of its kind in the country, *League of Women Voters of New Hampshire v. Kramer*. The court entered a default judgment against defendant Steve Kramer, who orchestrated and paid for the dissemination of robocalls that used AI to deceive and intimidate voters before the New Hampshire 2024 presidential primary election. The order came in response to a lawsuit filed in March 2024 by the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire (LWVNH), the League of Women Voters (LWV), and three individual voters. The plaintiffs sought a default judgment against Kramer, who never appeared in court. Plaintiffs sued Kramer and three corporate defendants to protect voters from similarly deceptive and intimidating robocall campaigns in the future. The plaintiffs are represented by Free Speech For People (FSFP), Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, and Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau & Pachios, Chartered, LLP.

"This victory sends a clear message: the right to vote is sacred, and new technology will not be a shield for those who seek to suppress it," said **Liz Tentarelli, president of the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire**. "The court's decision affirms that deceptive, AI-generated robocalls designed to intimidate and confuse voters are a direct assault on our democracy and will not be tolerated. The League of Women Voters of New Hampshire is proud to protect our voters and secure a precedent to safeguard the integrity of elections across the nation."

"This ruling establishes a critical precedent against the weaponization of artificial intelligence in elections," said **Caren Short, director of legal and research at the League of Women Voters**. "By securing a nationwide injunction against Kramer for these illegal and deceptive AI-spoofed communications, the court has recognized the profound threat that deepfake technology poses to the electoral process. This landmark decision will help ensure the voice on the line is genuine, and voters can cast ballots free of intimidation and fraud."