

NEWS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE AUGUST 2018

WHAT WE DO

The League registers voters and disseminates information about voting, to help make this basic right of citizenship a reality for every citizen. The League also provides information on community issues through our monthly *Coffee & Conversation* speakers and through interviews on our cable program, *City People and Issues*. We organize events to introduce candidates for state and local office and we encourage voters to submit their questions for debate. Young people are introduced to political careers through our state and county League programs, including *Students in Albany*.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Recently I ran into an acquaintance whom I hadn't seen for a long time and whose kids had since graduated school and were no longer living home. I asked whether she might be interested now in becoming involved with the League. I was taken aback when she replied, "Oh no, I'm not political. I don't want to be mixed up with politics."

Yorkers this year, we have seen multiple examples of corruption and abuse of power, and the refusal of those holding power to enact measures to reform the system that has allowed it. However, *politics*, at its roots, is about decision-making on matters that apply to members of a group. Miriam-Webster in delineating aspects of the many meanings of the word includes, "the total complex of relations between people living in society." In our representative democracy, we live under rule of law with governance by people chosen to speak for us, people to whom we have entrusted our individual, natural rights for the sake of the common good, but who in turn, are responsible to us. Political? You bet I am! Not with allegiance, devotion, and partisan fervor, but with true politics – informed decision-making at its fundamental level: voting.

-- MONICA GREY

Young People Are Registering to Vote in Huge Numbers, New Study Finds

The March for Our Lives teens said they'd #VoteThemOut, and a new study suggests they could be poised to do just that. According to the political data firm TargetSmart, the percentage of newly registered voters who are under the age of 30 has grown significantly in a number of key battleground states since the February school shooting in Parkland, Florida. The surge could have big implications in this fall's fight for control of Congress.

The study evaluated all new voter registrations in the 39 states with available data since February 14, 2018—the day of the Parkland shooting—and calculated the change in the share of new registrants who are 18 to 29 years old. Across the country, the share of youth registrants increased by a modest 2.16 percentage points. But in Indiana, Virginia, and New York—home to some of this year's marquee House and Senate contests—the share of youth registrants increased by 9.87, 10.49, and 10.7 percentage points, respectively. In Pennsylvania—where voters will decide as many as nine competitive congressional races—the share of new registrants who are younger than 30 jumped by a whopping 16.14 percentage points. The study doesn't evaluate how many of the new registrants may have been motivated by the #NeverAgain movement.

-- KARA VOGHT, JUL. 19, 2018, Mother Jones

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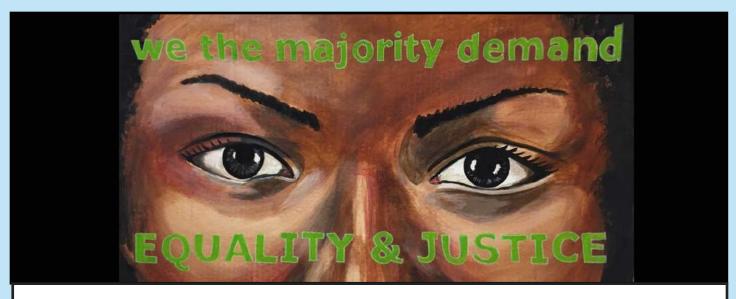
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WESTCHESTER

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 8th, 10 AM
WHITE PLAINS LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

A FORUM ADDRESSING FOOD WASTE AND FOOD INSECURITY IN WESTCHESTER AND A VIEWING OF *WASTED*, A DOCUMENTARY PRODUCED BY ANTHONY BOURDAIN

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A Century of New York Women in Politics

HELD OVER THROUGH AUGUST 5TH

Beyond Suffrage: A Century of New York Women in Politics traces women's political activism in New York City from the struggle to win the vote, through the 20th century, and into our own times. Beginning with the long battle for women's voting rights that culminated in 1917 statewide and 1920 nationally, the exhibition highlights women at the center of New York's politics over the course of 100 years. It features a diverse range of activists both familiar and lesser known, the battles they fought, and the many issues they championed.

The exhibition examines how women navigated New York politics in the 1920s through 1940s, often working behind the scenes for causes like health, labor, and good government; the central role of New York in the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and its redefining of women's roles in politics and government; and continued campaigns for women's political power and grassroots mobilizations that demand equal gender rights today.

Beyond Suffrage features rare artifacts, documents, garments, photographs, and audio-visual materials spanning more than a century that show how women have been politicized—and in turn changed politics—in New York and beyond.

https://mcny.org/exhibition/beyond-suffrage

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE LEAGUE! Join or Renew on line at www.lwvnewro.org

LWVNR Cable TV Interviews

Westchester Children's Association and The New Rochelle Public Library

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle presents two new interviews

on its cable television program, "City People and Issues." Cora Greenberg, the outgoing executive director of the Westchester Children's Association, and Allison Lake, the new executive director, describe the role of the organization, founded in 1910, as it works with other children's organizations to advocate for children's issues.



From left: Cora Greenberg, Allison Lake, Tamar Tait

In the other, Tom Geoffino, director of the New Rochelle Public Library,

talks about the discussion on the option of relocating the library, renovating and maintaining the present location, and the changing and expanding mission of the library while still, foremost, a collection of books, the internet and other media and its place as a community gathering place play a huge role.

Both interviews will be on demand at www.vimeo.com and shown on alternate weeks on Cablevision Channel 76 on Mondays at 7 pm, Wednesdays at 10 pm and Thursdays at 9:30 pm. The interview with the Westchester Children's Association directors will be shown during the weeks of July 2 and 16 (to watch this interview on VIMEO now, click here.) The interview with Mr. Geoffino will be shown during the weeks of July 9 and 23.

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NATURALIZATION COURT: MY EXPERIENCE

Del Bashkow is the Naturalization Court assignment moderator for the County League and a naturalized American. We asked her to write about her experiences helping new citizens register to vote.

In these difficult times this experience is one that will re-kindle your pride in your country. There is so much negativity in the press, and although sometimes it sounds like America has fallen into disrepair, I assure you that

these newly minted citizens don't feel that way at all!

All dressed up, the families arrive at Court, children in tow, and fill the Courtroom. There



can be as many as 135 new citizens at a time. After they have been sworn in as a group, they come to the front to be photographed individually with the Judge. Then. as they walk out, they can interact with volunteer groups, including the LWV, the DAR. and the Jewish War Veterans. Representatives from the League hand each new citizen a copy of our brochure *WELCOME NEW CITIZENS*.

We have the opportunity to greet and congratulate each new citizen personally, and it is really heart- warming to see the pride and excitement they feel! We meet people from all over the globe, and every time I attend I tear up a little. I think about all the work they have had to put in, particularly if English is not their native language, and I remember the excitement and the pride I felt the day that I, too, became a part of this wonderful country.

--Del Bashkow

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The LWV New Rochelle will have the opportunity to welcome newly naturalized citizens on August 23 at the Westchester County Courthouse from 1pm through 3:30pm. If you think you would like to join in this inspiring activity, or would like more information, please email us at lwvnewrochelle@gmail.com.

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Volunteers are needed to help register voters on Saturdays at the Farmers Market at Library Green.

No previous experience is needed. We will provide orientation and "on the job" training and support!

We will also be registering voters at the New Rochelle Summer Family Fest on August 15th from 5-8 pm at Flowers Park.

For more information, contact Joan at royjoanalex@yahoo.com or at 914-715-3916.



URGE CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION ACT

STATE AND LOCAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:

SEPTEMBER 13 (This is a THURSDAY)

- Aug. 19 last day to postmark voter registration form or to register in person to vote in primary
- Sept. 6 last day to postmark application for absentee ballot for primary election
- Sept. 12 last day to apply in person for primary absentee ballot
- Sept. 12 last day to postmark absentee ballot for primary
- Sept 13 last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to County BOE

GENERAL ELECTION DAY: NOV. 6

- Oct. 12 last day to postmark voter registration form or register in person at BOE
- Oct. 12 last day to change party enrollment for 2019 primaries
- Oct. 30 last day to postmark application for absentee ballot
- Nov 5 last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- Nov. 5 last day to postmark ballot for general election
- Nov. 6 last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to BOE

NEW ROCHELLE NEWS

New Rochelle: First Glimpse of Two New Developments

Architects unveiled plans for two new downtown developments at the city Planning Board's June meeting. Navid Maqami, co-founding principle of S9 Architecture, presented the initial plans for a 23-story mixed-use building at 277 North Ave., located near the train station, the Kaufman Building and Trump Plaza.

The proposal calls for a 23-story mixed-use building with 442 housing units and roughly 13,000-square-feet of ground level retail space, which will face Huguenot Street. The first floor will include a lobby.

Units will include 106 studio apartments, 205 one-bedrooms, 128 two-bedrooms and three three-bedrooms. The development will also include affordable units according to city regulations, which require a portion of units be leased at below market-rate.

There are 471 parking spaces. Parking spaces are located on the second floor and parts of the first and third floors. There is a 24-hour valet service, and other amenities include an

outdoor courtyard with a pool. The property is currently occupied by a Bank of America branch, which will be demolished.

Initial plans for a development at 500 Main Street call for roughly 23,00-square-foot church on the ground level of a 26-story mixed-use building, which will also include 462 apartments and 2,180-square-feet of retail space.

The French Speaking Baptist Church, the New York Covenant Church and some retail stores will be demolished. Covenant Church will occupy the space in the new building. Seats for the church will be removable, and the sanctuary will also be

used as a regulation-sized basketball court.

There will also be an automated parking garage. Drivers enter on the ground floor, pull onto a platform and leave their vehicle. An elevator lifts the vehicle and slides it onto a rack on an above floor. The automatic system will place cars on the third, fourth and fifth floors. Church offices and classrooms will be on the second floor.

--LOHUD, 7/10/2018

UPDATE: The New Rochelle Planning Board greenlighted site plans for both developments on Tuesday, July 24th. --Patch, 7/26/18



BAPTIST CHURCH

Track New Rochelle's development on this website.

First-Ever American Women's Equality Weekend August 23-26 at the Hyatt Regency, Rochester, NY

Join us as we celebrate our NYS heritage and the legacies of Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, The American Suffrage Movement, Teresa Carreño, Stonewall, Shirley Chisholm, **Bella Abzug**, Betty Friedan, Second Wave Feminists, and too many more to list! Learn from our historians and legislators highlighting female trailblazers as we all learn about NYS Women's contributions to progress.

http://go.cityandstatemedia.com/e/168882/p-3b8b7c/27tybq/166764899

As we begin the acknowledgment of the **Centennial of the 19th Amendment**, elevate your voice and **bring** your families to Rochester and experience the birthplace of the movement, Seneca Falls. You will witness the challenges and realities of today's discussions and celebrate the revived spirit of civic engagement. Find out more & sign up at www.crewomen.org For sponsorship contact sin@crewomen.org or jvepsen@mercuryllc.com.





League of Women Voters of NYS

Want to make an impact at the New York State Fair?

Join us at the New York State Fair in Syracuse from Wednesday, August 22nd through Monday, September 3rd.

Open every day from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Volunteer Shifts are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Invite members of your local League to carpool and make a day out of it!

We will provide entrance passes and parking passes for the days that you're willing to work. We just need people to staff the table. Once you're in the fair, you can spend the rest of your day enjoying the exhibits and music acts.

Email Jennifer (Jennifer@lwvny.org) with the day /time you're available to work.

League of Women Voters of US: Advocacy

Submit a Comment on the Census Today!

For the first time since 1950, the Census Bureau will ask all U.S. households about citizenship status, specifically, "Is this person a citizen of the United States?" Including a citizenship question on the Census undermines participation and threatens the overall Census process that is vital to our democracy. Including the citizen quesion will:

- suppress response rates in underserved communities,
- disproportionately impact the allocation of resources for government services in all communities across the country
- jeopardize our ability to obtain an accurate count of all person in the United
 States

In New York the League has joined a lawsuit with the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law and The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights against the Department of Commerce to remove the citizenship question from the #2020census.

Right NOW, the public has the ability to impact the debate through public comments to the Department of Commerce. We must communicate to Secretary Ross that the American public wants an accurate and fair Census. Including a citizenship question on the Census undermines the participation of eligible persons and threatens the overall Census process that is vital to our democracy. We must do everything in our power to correct this issue before it's too late.

Help us with our cause by submitting your opposition to the question to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Now is the time to act! Submit your comment on the citizenship question to the U.S. Department of Commerce today!

VOTING RIGHTS AROUND THE NATION

Florida's voting rights battle goes to federal appeals court

In a legal showdown over voting rights in the political battleground state of Florida, a group of federal judges asked probing questions Wednesday about how voting rights are restored for some former prisoners but not others.

At issue is whether Florida's process of restoring voting rights to felons unconstitutional. State officials defend their system, but critics call it arbitrary and unfair.

Is voting an expression protected by the First Amendment?" Judge Darren Gayles asked during Wednesday's oral arguments in the case. Gayles was among a three-judge panel hearing the arguments at the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

-- JEFF MARTIN Associated Press Jul 25, 2018

Read the rest of this article at FLORIDA

Voter Suppression Is Warping Democracy

Voter suppression almost certainly helped Donald Trump win the presidency. Multiple <u>academic studies</u> and court rulings <u>indicate that</u> racially biased election laws, such as voter-ID legislation in places like Wisconsin, favored Republican candidates in 2016. Like most other elections in American history, this one wasn't a fair fight.

A <u>new poll</u> conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) and *The Atlantic* has uncovered evidence of deep structural barriers to the ballot for black and Latino voters, specifically in the 2016 election. More than that, the survey finds that the deep wounds of Jim Crow endure, leaving America's democratic promise unfulfilled.

-- VANN R. NEWKIRK II for The Atlantic ,JUL 17, 2018

Read the rest of this article at SUPPRESSION

Voter Purge Frenzy After Federal Protections Lifted, New Study Says

Nine states with a history of racial discrimination are more aggressively removing registered voters from their rolls than other states, according to a report released Friday.

After reviewing voter purges nationally from 2012 to 2016, the nonpartisan Brennan Center for Justice found that the mostly Southern jurisdictions that had once been required to get changes to voting policies pre-approved by the Justice Department had higher rates of purging than jurisdictions that were not previously subject to pre-clearance.

-- JANE C. TIM, NBC NEWS, 7/20/2018 READ MORE AT PURGE



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The League depends on the work and financial support of all of its to carry out its programs. Membership is open to women and men of voting age. Joining our local league confers membership in the State and National Leagues, enables you to receive publications from all three levels with access to members-only online resources, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD UPCOMING EVENTS

Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, August 4, 2018 8:30-10:00 PM



Come join in on the fun! Lighted boats will parade through New Rochelle Harbor from Hudson Park to Neptune Park.Boats from all marinas are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Captain Salvatore Gugliara at 914-235-6930.

RAINDATE AUGUST 5TH











