



NEWS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE **APRIL 2020**

ONE CITY'S FIGHT TO STOP THE CORONAVIRUS: LISTEN TO THE PODCAST

What to Do This Week While Staying Self-Isolated in Westchester

All the best things to do in and around your house this week. And next. (Also, maybe longer.)

With the whole nation in social isolation mode, Westchesterites need, more than ever, things to do but from the comfort of their own homes. With that in mind, we present to you **The Best Things to Do in Westchester Your House This Week.**
--Westchester, 3/24/20

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Invitations to respond to 2020 Census will be arriving in the mail by April 1

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Social Media Manager
- Back-up Camera Operator
- Voter Service Volunteers

Questions? Please contact royjoanalex@yahoo.com

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COVID-19 Impact on Legislative Session

With the outbreak of COVID-19 growing in New York State, the legislature is considering postponing or limiting access to the legislature for the foreseeable future. This week the Governor said that the Capitol may restrict access to only legislators and their staff until the virus is under control. Some advocates have also heard that the legislature may postpone session or hold a remote session to prevent the spread of the virus.

The legislature must pass our state budget by April 1st in order to avoid the temporary shutdown of agencies and state programs. We're unsure whether the legislature will choose to return to Albany to introduce their one house budgets and pass these bills or if they will temporarily suspend session until later in the month. Stay tuned for updates on the budget process as it related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

BREAKING; GOVERNOR POSTPONES PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY TO JUNE 23

**WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE THAT GOVERNOR CUOMO HAS HEEDED
THE ADVICE OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK AND
POSTPONED THE APRIL 28TH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AND
SPECIAL ELECTION TO JUNE 23.**

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOT
DEADLINES AND OTHER ELECTION INFORMATION.**

No Sign of Budget Due on April 1st

Although it was rumored that the legislature would be returning on Thursday to introduce a state budget, the legislature still has not returned to Albany and there is no sign of the state budget. In addition to the budget, many legislators have introduced legislation in response to COVID-19 but their bills have yet to be taken up by the full body.

It is difficult for the legislature to meet during this health crisis because of restrictions placed on public gathers. The League believes that legislators should prioritize essential work related to the budget and COVID-19 but should not remain in Albany after these issues are addressed. Legislators must assist their constituencies and make themselves available to help local elected officials.

When performing legislative duties, the League believes that legislators must continue to ensure the greatest level of transparency to the public. The League sent [recommendations](#) to the legislature on best practices to maintain transparency and accountability during this time of isolation. Many are expecting the legislature to return Monday to pass the budget and some additional emergency measures. We will continue to update members of any urgent changes.

VOTER SERVICE

On March 2, Voter service volunteers registered new voters and gave out information about absentee ballots and Vote411.org at Westchester Community College's Yonkers campus.



Volunteer Patty Cohen

Why Shouldn't Prisoners Be Voters?

Foster Bates lives in G-Pod, a medium-security unit of Maine State Prison, a cluster of concrete buildings that sits an hour and a half northeast of Portland in the woods of a town called Warren. G-Pod contains two tiers of locking cells, a weight machine, a few potted plants, some tables, and many hard plastic chairs. There, before each election, Bates receives an absentee ballot through the prison mail. After it arrives, he makes lists of the respective candidates' priorities and compares them with his own. "As a voter, my job is to assess the best candidate for my values, my family's values, and the values of the country," he told me, after I visited G-Pod last summer. "I want to have a say in my own future."



--The New Yorker, 2/27/20

READ THE REST AT [PRISONERS](#)

NRPL BLOGS

SUFFRAGISTS IN NEW ROCHELLE

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle had to cancel their Coffee & Conversation on 3/20. **We hope to reschedule the interview with NRPL Archivist David Rose for the May 15th Coffee and Conversation.**

We're instead bringing to you a related history gem, and a glimpse of the Notable Women of New Rochelle Exhibit, presented by NRPL and the New Rochelle Council on the Arts. Today: Three Leading Suffragists.

100 years ago, this year, American women were finally given the right to vote. The ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment, which finally passed in August 1920, was a decades-long struggle. These three women, each a former New Rochelle resident, were key figures in the battle.

Born in Nantucket, Lucretia Coffin became a teacher when only 15 years old, beginning a long mission of educating others. In her case, it would be educating people about injustices, in attempts to change the world for the better. A small and frail looking woman, she exemplified her Quaker tradition in her gentle and tolerant ways. Her strength and determination was well-served by her eloquence.



When she was 19, she married James Mott, who was raised as a Quaker as she had been. The Mott family owned Premium Mill, located on the border of New Rochelle and the Town of Mamaroneck on the Premium Point Peninsula. In 1814, two years after Lucretia and James were married, they moved into the

Mott's home, located on the New Rochelle side of the Point. Here, she would give birth to their first son, Thomas.

By 1821, Lucretia Mott had become a Quaker minister and was highly respected for her speaking abilities. She and her husband soon joined with the more progressive wing of their faith, traveling the country with their messages. --MARCH 20, 2020

[READ THE REST OF THE NRPL BLOG](#)





JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE

The League depends on the work and financial support of all of its members 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, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

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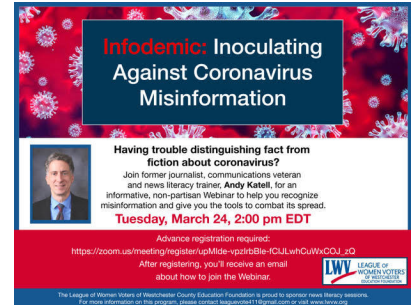
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LWVW SPONSORS WEBINAR

On March 24, the LWVW sponsored a webinar, Inoculating Against Coronavirus Misinformation. Former journalist, communications veteran and news literacy trainer Andy Katell created and hosted the presentation and Kathy Meany contributed design, proofreading and zoom skills to Andy.

If you missed the webinar, a link to the recording can be found here.



Forgetting Thomas Paine in New Rochelle

The City of New Rochelle, the last home of Thomas Paine, is beginning to undergo something of an economic renaissance. A number of the City's tremendous historical resources however, remain neglected.

The Thomas Paine Museum on North Avenue — once the centerpiece of an international effort to recognize and promote the importance of Thomas Paine — has been vacant for years and is headed for sale and destruction.

Today, many scholars consider Thomas Paine to be one of the most important figures in American history and internationally important as a theoretician of democracy. Born poor in England in 1737, Paine read widely (thanks to public libraries) and attended public lectures in London. In 1774, penniless and unemployed at the age of 37, he went to see Benjamin Franklin, the representative in London for several American colonies. He sought to inquire about the possibilities for him in the English Colonies.

Franklin was sympathetic. He wrote a letter of introduction to his son-in-law in Philadelphia where Paine obtained a position on a local newspaper. His crisp writing style brought some success and he became a keen observer of the debates in the Continental Congress over whether the Colonies should have the right to be represented in the English Parliament. Having the perspective of an impoverished Englishman recently arrived in America, Paine developed distinct views on this subject which were different from those of most colonists at the time.

-NY Almanack, 1/1/2020

READ THE REST AT **THOMAS PAINE**

TIME: 100 WOMEN OF THE YEAR

In 1999, Man of the Year gave way to Person of the Year. While the name rightly changed, too often the choice was the same. With this 100 Women of the Year project, we're spotlighting



influential women who were often overshadowed. This includes women who occupied positions from which the men were often chosen, like world leaders Golda Meir and Corazon Aquino, but far more who found their influence through activism or culture. As former TIME editor-in-chief Nancy Gibbs writes, this project is an exercise in looking at the ways in which women held power due to systemic inequality. "Women," Gibbs writes, "were wielding soft power long before the concept was defined."

To recognize these women, we have created 89 new TIME covers, many of which were designed by prominent artists. We left intact the 11 covers for women who had been named Person of the Year. The 100 choices in this project are the result of a months-long process that began with more than 600 nominations submitted by TIME staff; experts in the field; our creative partner, filmmaker Alma Har'el; and a committee of notable women from various backgrounds.

This process prompted just as many questions as answers: "What does it mean to be a woman?" "How has society failed to acknowledge the contributions of women?" One answer came from feminist organizer Gloria Steinem, whom we picked for 1970, and whom we asked to revisit a piece she wrote that year in TIME called "What It Would Be Like If Women Win"—a rare opportunity to reflect on 50 years of change.

[SEE THE TIME COVERS HERE](#)

When Women are Civically Engaged our Democracy is Stronger

This Women's History Month blog post was written by Natalie Cone, Manager of State Advocacy and Civic Engagement at the [YWCA](#).

The organizing efforts of women in civic engagement have shaped and strengthened our democracy. From the suffragettes who fought for the passage of the 19th Amendment almost 100 years ago to Fannie Lou Hamer and Ella Baker who fought for civil and voting rights in the 1960s to the diverse and principled women who comprise the 116th Congress, women have played critical roles in bending the arc of the universe towards justice. As we come to the end of Women's History Month, it's important for all of us who work in civic engagement to critically reflect on these contributions and think intentionally about our own work in engaging women's issues as we work towards strengthening our democracy, representation, and access to the polls. While the aforementioned milestones of women's history warrant praise, there are a few lessons from that history that deserve our heightened attention.

First, it is vital to be aware of who is and who isn't at the table. The journey to the 19th Amendment was long and challenging, spanning seven decades. The victory came from the tireless



efforts of suffragettes who were committed and strategic—and who left out women of color in the interest of political expediency and white supremacy. One of the most famous moments in the fight for women's right to vote, the Seneca Falls convention in 1848, only included white women, inspiring Sojourner Truth to later claim "Ain't I A Woman." During the Women's Suffrage Parade in Washington, DC in 1913, Black women were told to march as a delegation in the back (Ida B. Wells-Barnett famously refused, definitely marching with her own Illinois delegation). It was through the ongoing advocacy of Black women like Wells-Barnett, YWCA's Mary Jackson and Addie Waites Hudson, and the founder of the National Association of Colored Women (NACW), Mary Church Terrell, that forced the movement to be more inclusive of Black women. It's a meaningful lesson about inclusivity and being aware of who we're centering and bringing to the table. --NONPROFIT VOTE, 3/26/2019

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NEW ROCHELLE INFO

RXR Realty Gives \$1M To New Rochelle For Coronavirus Relief

Additionally, RXR will provide direct funding to three local nonprofits to address food insecurity and and mental health services

RXR Realty announced Friday a \$1 million contribution to support organizations and New Rochelle residents impacted by the new coronavirus outbreak. Funding will go toward programs to address both immediate needs, as well as the long-term recovery of New Rochelle.

RXR's commitment to New Rochelle, in collaboration with the Westchester Community Foundation, is a model that private sector organizations can implement in impacted communities and regions across the country. --PATCH, 3/20/2020 **READ THE REST AT RXR**

New Rochelle, Once a Coronavirus Hot Spot, May Now Offer Hope

"Everybody talks about flattening the curve, and I think that's exactly what we were able to do," a health official said. Two weeks ago, an unexpected [cluster of coronavirus cases in New Rochelle, N.Y.](#), seemed an unnerving sign that an outbreak that had devastated China and Italy was taking hold in the New York region and could spread rapidly.

The state took drastic measures that stirred a backlash, including creating [a containment zone](#). But now, the latest data indicates that the measures may be starting to work.

The outbreak, which Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo once said was advancing "unabated" in New Rochelle, has appeared to slow: Over the last four days, only 38 new cases were reported to the county. -NYTimes, 3/27/20

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Community Hotline for Mutual Aid, Advocacy, and Solidarity

If you need someone to talk to, we are here for you!

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Helping Community Members During the COVID-19 Crisis

**The hotline is intended for use by (but not limited to)
residents of:**

- **50 Sickles Ave., 111 Lockwood Ave.**
- **Bracey Apartments**
- **Heritage Homes**
- **City Park**
- **33 and 64 Lincoln Ave.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Westchester Chefs Start the Million Gallons Challenge

With waiters, hostesses, dish washers, and other restaurant staff wondering when they'll see another paycheck, a number of chefs across Westchester are at the stoves of their otherwise closed eateries making soup for industry colleagues who are struggling under the COVID-19 restrictions.

"There is an economic bomb slowly exploding in front of us," says Eric Korn, executive chef at Monteverde at Oldstone in Cortlandt Manor who, along with Louie Lanza, head of Peekskill-based Hudson Hospitality Group, is spearheading the ambitious Million Gallons initiative to cook soup for unemployed restaurant workers, and anyone who needs it. "I can't explain why," says Korn, "but, from my brain to my bones, everything tells me to do whatever I can to get soup made." He notes that soup is "easy to store, transport, and disperse, and also is boiled for safety's sake." - WESTCHESTER MAGAZINE, 3/24/2020

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RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS IN NEW ROCHELLE

New York State

- [New York State on PAUSE](#)
- [Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.6](#)
- [NYS COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law](#)
- Sign up for email updates from NYS [here](#)

Westchester County

- [Register](#) for the Business Council of Westchester webinar on Monday March 30 at 2pm that will be discussing the new stimulus package and Westchester's economy.
- [Sign in](#) on Tuesday, March 31 from 2:00-3:30pm for County eCommerce webinar how-to session for businesses (300 spaces minimum)

Federal Government

- [Internal Revenue Service Guidelines on Tax Payment Deferrals](#)
- [Federal Small Business Administration Assistance Loans](#)
[Find out about the documents you will need](#) to apply for an SBA loan due to "Economic Injury" as a result of the public health crisis.

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT FOR

League of Women Voters' Annual Luncheon


Our League of Women Voters luncheon on April 24, 2020 has been postponed in light of the coronavirus pandemic and official guidelines on gatherings. We hope to reschedule in the fall once we receive guidance that it is safe to do so.

If you have paid for this luncheon, your payment will be applied to the rescheduled event.


If you would prefer a refund,
please email janh@lwwv.com

We will continue with our email updates on community and voting issues.

Stay safe and be well.



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VIA EMAIL

March 16, 2020

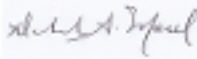
Dear Students, School Teachers, Counselors and Administrators, Elected Officials, Facilitators, Co-Sponsors and Supporters:

Due to concerns about the health risks posed by COVID-19, the League of Women Voters of Westchester County and the American Association of University Women Westchester have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's *Running of the Writing Workshop*, originally scheduled for April 16th.

We share your disappointment that we will not be able to run the program this year, but we feel that this decision is in the best interest of everyone involved. The LWVW, AAUW and our other co-sponsors and supporters have every intention of organizing the workshop again in spring 2021. We will be back in touch if we are able to offer a smaller scale alternative program before the end of the school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at msd@deb@gmail.com. Stay safe and be well!

Sincerely,



Deb Morel
LWVW *Running of the Writing* Chairperson

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Unfortunately our International Women's Day Celebration has been postponed.

We hope you will still join us for

WOW Conversations

at Manhattanville College
on **May 8.**