



News from the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle

September 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, September 12:
Democratic Primary election
for County Executive

September 13: LWVNR
Monthly Board meeting

September 14: Voter
registration at Iona College

September 15: Coffee &
Conversation with Luiz
Aragon

**Fall Saturdays through
end of October:** Voter
registration at New Rochelle
Farmers Market 11-1 pm

September 26: National
Voter Registration Day.

October 11: LWVNR
Monthly Board meeting

October 20: Coffee &
Conversation with Jerry
Birmingham

October 23: New Rochelle
Candidates' Forum

November 6: Centennial of
women's right to vote in New
York State

November 7: Election Day

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ON TUESDAY

This Tuesday, State Senator George Latimer faces off against County Legislator Ken Jenkins for the right to run against Republican incumbent Rob Astorino in November for Westchester County Executive. The LWV of Westchester and the LWV of New Castle hosted a well-attended Candidates Forum at the Chappaqua Library. See the forum at lww/LatimerJenkinsForum.

State Senator Latimer has served on the Rye City Council, the NAACP of Port Chester-Rye, Lions Rye Rotary Club, as a Westchester County Legislator, and as a NYS Assemblyman.



Senator Latimer

County Legislator Jenkins

County Legislator Jenkins has served on the Westchester County Democratic Committee, the Yonkers Democratic Committee, the NAACP, Executive Committee, Black Democrats of Westchester, Yonkers Community Action Program, and the Community Planning Council of Yonkers.

To get more information about all the candidates, please visit Vote411.org. To find out about your party registration or your polling place, please visit voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us.

FALL VOTER INFORMATION

Current information for candidates in the November 7th election is available now on the League's online voter guide, www.Vote411.org. By mid-October, printed Voters Guides will be mailed to paid-up members and made available at select locations including NR Public Library and houses of worship. On **Monday evening, October 23rd**, the LWVNR will host a **Candidates Forum for County Legislative Districts 7, 10 and 11 at City Hall**.



The League registered new voters at Iona College's "Get Involved" Fair on August 31st (pictured left and right.)

The LWVNR will continue to register new voters throughout the city, including at Iona College on September 14th, at other local colleges in October, at the New Rochelle Farmers Market on Saturdays from 11:00-1:00 through October, and at various locations on September 26th, which is National Voter Registration Day. The LWVNR welcomes volunteers to help register new voters. If you can give any amount of time, please contact Joan Alexander, Voter Service Co-Chair, at 914-715-3916 or at royjoanalex@yahoo.com.



WOMEN'S ACTIVISM AT THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

On October 11th, the Museum of the City of New York will open an exhibit called *Beyond Suffrage: 100 Years of Women in Politics in New York*. This exhibit traces women's political activism in New York City from the struggle to win the vote through the 20th century, and into the present. Beginning with the long battle for women's voting rights that culminated in Suffrage 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 highlights a diverse group of activists, some familiar and some less well 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, costumes, photographs, and audio-visual material that span more than a century, showing how women have been politicized by, and in turn changed the politics of, New York State and beyond.

Read more at this link: <http://www.mcny.org/exhibition/beyond-suffrage>.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION IN SEPTEMBER



Coffee and Conversation, the LWV-NR's monthly program of informal, roundtable discussions held at the NR Public Library, will feature Luis Aragon on **September 15th at 9:30 am**. Aragon (pictured left) is the New Rochelle Commissioner of Development and will speak about upcoming development in New Rochelle. There are many changes coming to downtown New Rochelle and Aragon's past presentations have always included lively Q & A's!

LEAGUE SEEKS VOLUNTEER TO PLAN CENTENNIAL EVENTS

League President Monica Grey is seeking volunteers to help organize local events to commemorate the Suffrage Centennial. If you can help, please contact Monica Grey at LWVNEWROCHELLE@gmail.com. A packet of resources for local Leagues on women's suffrage history has been provided to us, and a new page has been created on the State League website with links to all the information. There is a [calendar](#) to see what events are already scheduled around the state, and a [blog on significant events and locations in women's history in NYS](#). See all the available resources at <http://www.lwvny.org/programs-studies/womens-suffrage/index.html>.

100th Anniversary Dates

November 6, 2017	100 th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage in New York State
November 19, 2019	100 th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of NYS
February 14, 2020	100 th Anniversary of National League of Women Voters
August 26, 2020	100 th Anniversary of the official certification of the ratification of the 19 th amendment by the US Secretary of State

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION IN OCTOBER

On **October 20th at 9:30 am**, Coffee and Conversation, the LWVNR's monthly informal discussion program at NRPL, will feature Executive Vice President of Development and Acquisitions, Jerry Bermingham, who will make a presentation on Waterpointe, the new development at Beckwith Pointe. Bermingham will speak about his background and show the media presentation of the proposed site (pictured right)



CITY MANAGEMENT AWARD FOR NEW ROCHELLE



New Rochelle received a recognition award from the International City Management Association on the 85th anniversary of the Council-Manager Plan in New Rochelle.

Speaking in support of the Award and the Plan were the New Rochelle Charter League and the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle.

The Plan provides for an elected policy-making Council and a professional City Manager to oversee the execution of these policies. The Plan, adopted by the people, was put into effect in 1932. The council-

manager form has brought about cost effective, patronage free government and stable, progressive management leadership.

The award was presented to City Manager Charles B. Strome III by Meredith Robson, who represented ICMA. Pictured (from left to right) are Monica Grey, LWVNR; Joan Silverstein, NR Charter League; Meredith Robson, former VP of ICMA and City Manager of Ardsley; Charles B. Strome, NR City Manager; Barbara Davis, City Historian; and Ivar Hyden, New Rochelle City Council Member.

NIGHT OUT AT MONROE COLLEGE DINING LAB



Following the election and installation of new League Board members at the Annual Meeting, the entire Board gathered for a celebratory and bonding dinner at Monroe College's Dining Lab on July 11th. Thank you to Monroe's President Marc Jerome and the gracious staff at this 'hidden gem' restaurant for a lovely evening!

CITY PEOPLE AND ISSUES

INTERVIEWS TWO IN PUBLIC OFFICE

Why do people run for political office and what do they hope to accomplish? Two women in public office responded to those questions for the League of Women Voters cable television program, City People and Issues. The women are Amy Mosehl, newly elected school district board member, and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, whose district includes half of New Rochelle and who has been an effective legislator for the last 10 years. The interviews were shown on alternate weeks on Cablevision Channel. They are now available on demand at www.vimeo.com.

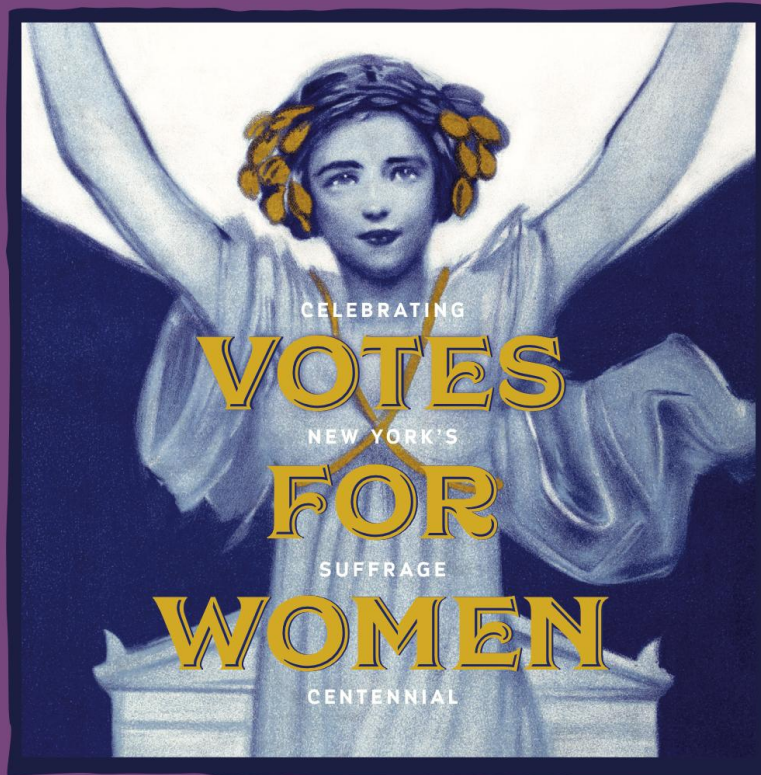
Recent **CITY PEOPLE AND ISSUES** interviews now on demand on vimeo.com include:

[Three young women](#) graduating from New Rochelle High School; Ana Acevedo, Sophia Rogers, and Sydney Jasper, discuss their accomplishments, their thoughts about their school experience, and their future plans.

<https://vimeo.com/224253513>

[Devron Chambers](#) is Webmaster for My Brother's Keeper New Rochelle, part of a nationwide initiative started by President Obama, which brings the community together to help youth and in particular young at-risk black and Hispanic youth, from cradle to career. Chambers tells the story of his growing up in New Rochelle and how MBK would have helped him.

Many other interesting and informative interviews with NR officials, community leaders, authors, etc., can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/user24211396/videos> and our website, lwnnewro.org.



PLEASE JOIN US!

The League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation
and the New York State Archives invite you to a special opening reception of
Votes for Women: Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial.

An exhibition organized by
the New York State Museum
to commemorate the
100th anniversary of
women's right to vote in
New York State.

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2017
5:00-8:00 PM

Purchase tickets at
www.lwvny.org

Proceeds benefit the education
programs of the League of Women
Voters of New York State Educa-
tion Fund and the New York State
Archives Partnership Trust.

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM | CULTURAL EDUCATION CENTER
222 MADISON AVENUE, ALBANY, NY 12230



LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING AT GROUND FLOOR

This year's Annual Meeting was held on June 15th at the North Avenue event space, Ground Floor. The evening began with a social-hour filled with lively conversation among League



members and friends, elected officials, and representatives of the League of Women Voters of New York State. The LWVNR members present voted to adopt its budget for the 2017-18 year as well as its Program that included priorities for increasing



voter turnout and establishing a formal "Observer Corps" to monitor City Council and School Board meetings. The group also elected a slate of officers who will serve for two-year terms:



President: Monica Grey

First Vice President: Joan Alexander

Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn Brown

Elected for two-year terms as Directors:
Susan Fleming, John Hessel, and Peter Korn.



Attendees had the opportunity to hear Jennifer Wilson, the Program and Policy Director for the League of Women Voters of NYS, who serves as their in-house lobbyist and policy advisor.

Jennifer outlined some of the State league's priority issues: voting reforms, ethics, single payer health care, and clean contracting reforms. She reported on activities where the LWVNYS has partnered with other organizations in



engaging members as "citizen lobbyists" and the achievements made through vocal, visible and concrete actions. She encouraged those who are interested in affecting change to participate actively, and stressed the value of a phone call or personal visit to an elected official to express an opinion.

LWVNR REGISTERS VOTERS AT STREET FAIR

LWVNR Voter Service volunteers Julie Larkin, Dr. Marianne Makman (pictured) and Joan Alexander were in attendance on Sunday, September 10th at the 5th Annual New Rochelle Street Fair. While registering voters, answering questions, providing Voter Guide booklets and generating enthusiasm for the Vote411 website, volunteers were treated to different kinds of live dance and music, pets ranging from a pair of old bulldogs and a ferret to a teacup Chihuahua, face-painted children, wonderful food smells, and the diverse, beautiful mosaic that is New Rochelle!



LWVNR DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 12 (Tuesday)	Primary Vote
Sept. 13 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting at the home of Joan Alexander
Sept. 14 (Thursday)	Voter Registration at Iona College
Sept. 15 (Friday)	Coffee & Conversation – Luiz Aragon
Sept. 26 (Tuesday)	National Voter Registration Day
Oct. 11 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting at the home of Ina Aronow
Oct. 20 (Friday)	Coffee & Conversation – Jerry Bermingham
Oct. 23 (Monday)	New Rochelle Candidates' Forum
Nov. 6 (Monday)	100 th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in NYS
Nov. 7 (Tuesday)	Election Day
Nov. 8 (Wednesday)	Board Meeting
Nov. 14 (Tuesday)	City Council Meeting
Nov. 16 (Thursday)	League Day at the United Nations



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 with access to members-only online resources, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

☐ New Membership

☐ Renewal

☐ Individual: \$60.00 year

☐ Household*: \$85.00 year

*Additional Household Member Name: _____

Email: _____

Please make your membership check payable to: **LWV NR**

☐ I would like to support the League with a tax-deductible contribution made payable to:

LWV Education Foundation

☐ \$100.00

☐ \$50.00

☐ Other _____

Return this application with your check(s) to:

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE
45 LONG VUE
NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10804**

OR

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