



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

LWVNR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN 2020

We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

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

National Honor Society hours are available. Please contact royjoanalex@yahoo.com with questions or interest. **Get involved in 2020!**

**We Deserve
Equal Rights!**



ERA 2020

We heard them exclaim, 'ere they
drove out of sight, "Voting Rights for
all, and to all a good-night!"



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE**

VOTER SERVICE

League of Women Voter volunteers will join New Rochelle's Mayor elect and newly elected City Council members at the **1/1/20 inauguration**. We will have a table set up with LWV information, free Constitution booklets, and information about the two upcoming Suffrage-related Centennials in 2020. Look for League volunteers and others dressed in white as a reminder of the movement and the fight for the final ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920! Read more about wearing white on **page eight** of this newsletter.

The 2020 Early Voting Schedule has been released. New Rochelle residents will be able to vote in the April 28 Presidential primary from April 18 - April 26. Federal and local primary day is June 23, and we will be able to vote early from 6/13 - 6/21. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and we will be able to vote early from 10/24 - 11/1. We will be spreading the word about early voting and registering new voters in advance of these upcoming elections.

A Judge Ordered 234,000 People Tossed from the Registered Voter List in a Swing State

A Wisconsin judge ordered the state to take as many as 234,000 people off its registered-voter list Friday because they may have moved — a decision that could impede residents of this swing state from voting in next year's presidential election.



The case centers on a letter that the state Elections Commission [sent in October](#) to hundreds of thousands of voters, asking them to respond if they were still at that address or to update their registrations if they had moved.

Conservatives filed a lawsuit alleging that to avoid fraud, the commission should have thrown out the registrations of voters who did not respond to the mailing within 30 days, [the Associated Press](#) reported. The Elections Commission, composed of three Republicans and three Democrats, is challenging the suit by arguing that it has the legal power to manage the registered voter list and that removing people now would cause confusion if some of them had not actually moved. -Washington Post, 12/14/2019 **READ THE REST AT VOTERS**



NEW ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AT COFFEE AND CONVERSATION ON 1/17

Five of the six members of the New Rochelle City Council will be guest speakers and answer questions at a Coffee and Conversation, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle, on Friday, January 17, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza. This event, one of an ongoing series of informal public gatherings, is a departure from the usual format of a single guest.



Martha Lopez, Ivar Hyden, Liz Fried

The three new council members are Martha Lopez-Hanratty (District 1), Yadira Ramos-Herbert (District 3), and Sara Kaye (District 5). With incumbent Liz Fried (District 6) they form a female majority on the council for the second time in New Rochelle history

Incumbent Albert Tarantino (District 2) will also attend. Incumbent Ivar Hyden (District 4) said he was unavailable that day. Residents can check on which district they are in at <https://bit.ly/35Xo11B>.

All six councilmembers were elected or reelected on Nov.5 of this year and were installed at a City Hall ceremony on January 1.



Albert Tarantino



Yadira Ramos-Herbert, Sara Kaye

“We think Coffee and Conversation will be a good opportunity for people to meet and chat informally with their local representatives,” said Joan Alexander, LWNVR Voter Service Chair.

Coffee and Conversation meetings are open to all. Coffee and light refreshments are served. For further information, call Ms. Alexander at 914-632-2308.

WINNING THE VOTE

A divided movement brought about the Nineteenth Amendment.



In 1869, a bold new idea was born. It would have been inconceivable a few years earlier. Upending everything about the balance between state and federal power, this idea strove to remake American democracy. It proved so vexing that we are still sorting out its implications.

“Woman’s Suffrage by the proposed Sixteenth Amendment is before the nation for consideration,” one newspaper heralded. Demanding their enfranchisement through a constitutional amendment, “women,” another column remarked, “strike out in a new path.” Women had been demanding the vote for some time, but this new approach was extremely far-fetched.



Although we assume today that voting is a basic right of citizenship, enshrined somewhere in the Constitution, the original Constitution actually sidestepped the issue entirely. It did not define or safeguard any individual’s right to vote. Rather, at the nation’s founding, individual states held jurisdiction over making (and regulating) voters within their boundaries. Women were now saying that this should be reversed—that the federal government, not the states, should make women into voters.

Roughly fifty years after a handful of suffragists conceived the idea, it became a hard-fought reality. In 1920, states ratified the Nineteenth Amendment and thereby guaranteed voting rights to women across the country. Or so it is said.

As the so-called women’s suffrage amendment approaches its one hundredth birthday, it remains poorly understood—even among those who celebrate it. Just what did the Nineteenth Amendment do? Why is this long-lived campaign alternately revered and maligned? And why do the constitutional issues it helped to open remain so unsettled? Answers to all these questions require a look back at this spectacular campaign, replete with triumphs, reversals, infighting, heartbreak, and joy. --Lisa Tetrault, 12/17/19

READ THE REST AT DIVIDED



The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service is a day intended to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and move us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community." Click below to register for an opportunity as an individual or as a family/group!

MLK DAY NEW ROCHELLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES **Saturday, January 18, 2020**

- **Create Cat Beds For Shelter Cats**

Humane Society of Westchester

New Rochelle | 10AM-12PM

- **Help Those In Need - Donation Drive**

Kid's Kloset

New Rochelle | 10AM-3PM

- **Create Inspirational Cards for Deployed Service Members**

United For The Troops

New Rochelle | 10AM-12PM or 1PM-3PM

- **Make No-Sew Fleece Blankets for Children**

Westchester-Rockland Project Linus

New Rochelle | 10AM-12PM

- **Make Laundry Sachet Kits**

Hope Community Services

New Rochelle | 10AM-12PM or 1PM-3PM

- **Birthdays in a Bag for Children in Need**

WestCOP-New Rochelle Community Action Program

New Rochelle | 1PM-3PM

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New Rochelle City Budget and NY State Attorney General's Office to be Topics for LWV Cable Show "City People and Issues"

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle presents two new interviews on its cable television program, "City People and Issues."

In one interview, New Rochelle City Manager Charles Strome (right) talks with host Ina Aronow about the city's 2020 budget, taxes and downtown redevelopment's impact.



In the other interview, Jill Faber, Director of Regional Offices for the New York State Attorney General (left,) describes to host Tamar Tait the role of the 13 regional offices, her responsibilities and the way in the office can assist citizens.

The two programs will be shown on alternate weeks on Optimum Channel 76 on Mondays at 7 pm, and repeated on Thursdays at 9:30 pm. The interview with Mr. Strome will be shown the weeks of December 30 and January 13. The interview Ms. Faber will be shown during the weeks of January 6 and 20. After the first showing on Optimum, videos will be on demand on <https://vimeo.com/user24211396>.

See past "**City People and Issues**" interviews [HERE](#).

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A Win for Gerrymandering

North Carolina suffers from some of the most extreme gerrymandering in the country. Last year, Republicans only narrowly won the statewide popular vote in congressional elections, 50 percent to 48 percent. Yet they ultimately held on to 10 of North Carolina's 13 congressional seats. Gerrymandering turned a nail-biter into a landslide.

The good news is that, in October, a state court ruled the congressional map to be illegal, thanks to its blatant "[partisan intent](#)." The judges nudged the state legislature, which is controlled by Republicans, to draw districts that would more accurately reflect voters' intent.

The bad news is that legislators drew another unfair map, albeit less unfair than the original.

The even worse news is that on December 2 the same state court allowed the new map to stand. The judges cited the calendar, saying that rejecting the new map would effectively require the 2020 primaries to be delayed.

It's an unfortunate ruling, because it rewards a political party for dragging its feet on gerrymandering: The more slowly a party responds to court orders, the more elections it can win. --NYTimes, 12/3/2019

READ THE REST AT [GERRYMANDERING](#)

New Rochelle Seeking Input On Hudson Park Upgrades

The City of New Rochelle's Department of Parks and Recreation is in the process of creating a comprehensive master plan for Hudson Park, the city's premier waterfront open space. Residents of all ages are encouraged to take the online survey on needed upgrades and space utilization in **English** and **Spanish**. The survey will be live until Jan. 19.

The next public meeting will be held on January 30, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the New Rochelle Public Library. For information visit www.newrochelleny.com/Parks.

How White Became the Color of Suffrage

During President Donald Trump's Feb. 5 State of the Union address, scores of Democratic congresswomen wore white to pay tribute to suffragists and their fight for women's rights.

In the past, other politicians have done the same. Hillary Clinton wore a white pantsuit during her acceptance speech at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, and Congresswomen Shirley Chisholm and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez chose to wear white while being sworn into office.

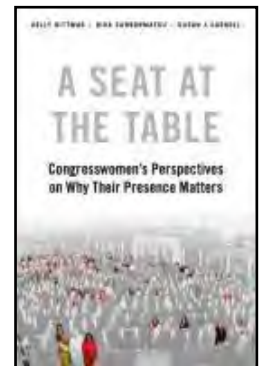
As a historian who writes about fashion and politics, I like these types of sartorial gestures. They show the relevancy and power of fashion statements in our political system. Like the suffragists that came before them, these women are using their clothes to control their image and spark a conversation. --The Conversation, 2/15/19 [READ THE REST AT WHITE](#)

A SELECTION OF BOOKS ABOUT WOMEN IN POLITICS

A Seat at the Table: Congresswomen's Perspectives on Why Their Presence Matters

by Kelly Dittmar, Kira Sanbonmatsu and Susan J. Carroll
Oxford University Press, 2018, 272 pages

Drawing on personal interviews with over three-quarters of the women serving in the 114th Congress (2015-17), the authors analyze how these women navigate today's stark partisan divisions, and whether they feel effective in their jobs. Through first-person perspectives, *A Seat at the Table* looks at what motivates these women's legislative priorities and behavior, details the ways in which women experience service within a male-dominated institution, and highlights why it



matters that women sit in the nation's federal legislative chambers.



The Changing Face of Representation: The Gender of U.S. Senators and Constituent Communications

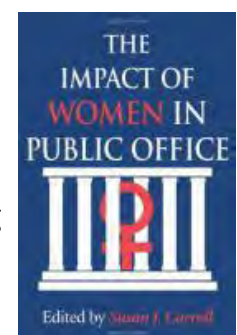
by Kim L. Fridkin and Patrick J. Kenney, Arizona State University
University of Michigan Press, 2014, 256 pages

This book is part of the [CAWP Series in Gender and American Politics](#) published by the University of Michigan Press in association with CAWP. Fridkin and Kenney examine in detail senators' official websites, press releases and local news stories.

The Impact of Women in Public Office

Edited by Susan J. Carroll
Indiana University Press, 2001, 256 pages

The studies in this book examine the impact of women public officials serving in various offices and locales at local, state, and national levels.



[GET MORE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS AT WOMEN IN OFFICE](#)



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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EMAIL _____

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New Rochelle, NY 10804

or

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NEW ROCHELLE INFO

Following in his Mother's Footsteps, City Councilman Appointed NR Judge



When Jared Rice takes his oath of office in January to become a New Rochelle City Court judge, he'll replace someone he's quite familiar with: his mom. Mayor Noam Bramson announced Thursday the appointment of Rice to take over for his mother, Judge Gail Rice, who is retiring at the end of the year. Under the city charter, the mayor can appoint two out of the three city judges to 10-year terms. The other judge spot is an elected position.

--LoHud, 12/12/19

[READ THE REST AT RICE](#)

New Police Officers Welcomed In New Rochelle

Seventy-seven police recruits graduated Friday from the Westchester County Police Academy and are headed off to work at 15 law enforcement agencies in Westchester and one in Putnam County.

Six new New Rochelle officers are currently in In-Service Training and will be out on the streets soon. They are: Probationary Police Officers Tina Morzello, Thomas Hanigan, Joshua Garcia, Ricardo Medina, Michael Jellen and Christopher Braun.

New York City Suburbs Lure Millennials With Luxury Digs, Ax-Throwing Bars

A literal arms race is heating up between two suburbs north of Manhattan. Ax-throwing bars are in the works at New Rochelle and Yonkers, both of which see the edgy pubs as a means to attract millennials away from New York City. The two biggest towns in Westchester County are betting on luring affluent urbanites who like their bars and bagels close but are sick of feeling poor in the Big Apple. If they succeed in getting the Gothamites to move, however, they risk driving rents too high for locals.

New Rochelle and Yonkers are selling location—a half-hour train ride from Midtown Manhattan, with rents at a fraction of the cost—and preparing for an influx of city exiles by building apartment towers outfitted with luxury amenities such as dog-washing stations and rooftop fire pits. The way they see it, every New York City rent increase means more potential Westchester residents. -BLOOMBERG, 12/17/19

[READ THE REST AT MILLENNIALS](#)

TWO UPCOMING PUBLIC PROGRAMS AT THE NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY



From Suffrage to Power: Reflections on Women's Citizenship

The Diane and Adam E. Max Conference on
Women's History

Sun, March 1, 2020 / 9 am–12:30 pm / \$10 (free for
Members)

Black Women and the 19th Amendment

Bernard and Irene Schwartz Distinguished
Speakers Series

Brent Staples, Just Friends

Thu, March 12th, 2020 / 6:30 PM / \$38
(Members \$24)



She's 16 and Wants to Be President: Meet The Teenagers Planning Their Campaigns

Abby Cumming-Vukovic is going to be a state representative. You can quote her on that. She is 16, yes. She is a high school sophomore, yes. But she already has more than a decade of political engagement behind her, if you start with the 2008 canvassing trip she took in a wagon pulled by her mother.

"President is the ultimate goal," she said. "Of course."

If this is an unusual proclamation for a teenager, you would not have known it last month at the Young Women Run Columbus conference, hosted by Ignite, a group dedicated to getting young women involved in politics. The attendees, from high schools and colleges across Ohio, want to be City Council members, county commissioners, state senators and congresswomen. And if they don't want to be the first woman to lead the country, it's only because they would rather be the third.

--NYTIMES, 12/11/19

[READ THE REST AT GENERATION Z](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS



NEW ROCHELLE
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INAUGURATION CEREMONY

THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF

Noam Bramson
 Mayor of New Rochelle

Martha Lopez-Hanratty District 1	Ivar Hyden District 4
Albert Tarantino District 2	Sara Kaye District 5
Yadira Ramos-Herbert District 3	Liz Fried District 6

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

DOORS OPEN 1:30 AND CEREMONY WILL START PROMPTLY AT 2

City Hall - 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE ROTUNDA



2019 ring in the new year at NOON at New Roc
 A FUN FILLED FID FAMILY DAY EVENT

Celebrate the entrance into 2020 with an exciting noon-time countdown to a di-ractly 3,500 balloon drop in the Times Square inspired atrium of New Roc City!

Date: Tuesday, December 31st
Time: 10:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.
Who: Children ages 2-10
Activities: Enjoy music, arts, crafts, snacks, clown, raffles, games and giveaways.
Cost: \$10, donation/family of 4 support ing the New Rochelle Library Foundation




THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED
 AT THE SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE

HONORABLE JARED R. RICE

New Rochelle City Court Judge

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
6:00PM - 7:00PM
 PLEASE BE PROMPT

BETHESDA DR. C.M. LONG FAMILY LIFE CENTER
 71 LINCOLN AVENUE - NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK 10801

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT NANCY STREET BY
 EMAIL NANCYSTREET@GMAIL.COM
 OR CALL (609) 495-4390

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Vinecutter Volunteers needed

with Ward Acres Community Garden

Saturday, January 4 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM

New Rochelle

VOLUNTEER

Hudson Valley Jobs With The Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill positions in the Hudson Valley to assist with the 2020 Census count. Recruiting for temporary workers ends in January. Census jobs pay competitive wages and many offer flexible hours.

GET THE INFO HERE



Guest Speaker: **MARLON PETERSON**

- Host of *60 Minutes*
- Author: *Color for Black Unity*
- TED Talk: *Are We There Yet?*
- Author: *Open Letter to Civil Rights Leaders*
- Host of the *Prison Services Series* (adding new series release)
- *Alumni Global Leadership Network*
- The *Protesters' Group*, CEO & President

**Sunday, January 12, 2020
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

New Rochelle Middle School Auditorium
100 Ramapo Road, Larchmont, NY

- Join us for a day-long conversation to discuss when Dr. King's dream is in the line of fire, examination of such a legacy
- An unexpected but not for the faint of heart "Open Letter"
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- Residents are Children under 6 or Pregnant Women?

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Tr3@westchestergov.com to request an application.

NRPL Board of Trustees Seeks Replacement

The New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees seeks a replacement to complete a temporary vacancy term beginning in



February 2020 through June 2020. The Board is seeking applications from New Rochelle residents interested in being considered for the temporary position. Resumes or biographical statements may be sent to the New Rochelle Board of Trustees Nominating Committee, NRPL, 1 Library Plaza, New Rochelle, NY, 10801, before January 3, 2020. The board will review the submissions and fill the appointment at their February 13, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting. For the full details on the

appointment, click [HERE](#).