



# League of Women Voters Greater Hartford Newsletter

June 2021

## Calendar 2021-2022

**Voter Service Meeting**  
**8/4/2021 @ 6:30 PM**  
Zoom or in person TBD

**Potluck Supper**  
**9/23/2021 @ 6:00PM**  
Zoom or in person TBD  
Mary-Jane Eisen- speaker  
on *Our Common Purpose*  
<https://tinyurl.com/fnexn45v>

## LWVGH Board Members

**Libby Swietek**  
Membership &  
Administration  
**Karen Licht**  
Treasurer & Programs  
**Doretta Andonucci**  
Secretary & Media  
**Carole Mulready**  
Voter Services  
**Emily Hofstatter**  
At Large  
**Joan Twiggs**  
Advocacy  
**Cassie Bachman**  
At Large

## Contact Information

**LWV US**  
<https://www.lwv.org/>

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lwvgreaterhartford@gmail.com

## Programs 2021-2022

Dates for the 2021-2022 programs were selected and will be published after confirming availability of speakers and locations. In person meetings will depend upon Covid guidelines. Members interested in assisting with the events please contact Karen Licht at [karen\\_licht@yahoo.com](mailto:karen_licht@yahoo.com).

## Voter Services

As part of our annual preparations for elections, LWVGH holds a Questions Meeting to develop appropriate and relevant questions for candidates. Every community has its own issues but there are common issues. The questions developed are used in debates and voters' guides. The final board approved list can be adapted for each community. Members are invited to participate by (1) Emailing topics or questions about town issues for 2021 and beyond for candidates to [lwvgreaterhartford@gmail.com](mailto:lwvgreaterhartford@gmail.com) OR (2) Attend the meeting on 8/4/2021 @ 6:30 PM in person. An invitation will be emailed with the location.

## Membership

Our fiscal year is June 2 thru May 31. Your renewal is now due. Contact Libby Swietek if you have questions.

## LWVGH Website

**Our new website is live** at the same address [lwvgh.org](http://lwvgh.org). For member-only content click on "Register" in the upper right corner to create your login and password.

Username or email Password LOG IN Register  
Forgot password

Contact Doretta Andonucci at [doretta.andonucci@gmail.com](mailto:doretta.andonucci@gmail.com) if interested in supporting the new website, have feedback or questions.

## Advocacy Update

The CT General Assembly adjourned June 9. A Special Session was then added. Accomplishments Include: **Early Voting:** the General Assembly passed HJ 59 for necessary 2<sup>nd</sup> time. In 2022 we will vote whether to amend the state Constitution to allow for Early Voting.

**No Excuse Absentee Voting:** The General Assembly passed HJ 58. The Assembly elected in 2022 and seated in 2023 must pass the provision again. The earliest this will come before the voters is 2024.

**CT Voting Rights:** SB 5, CT Voting Rights bill. Provisions include: (1) Restoring voting rights to people on parole; (2) Make use of drop boxes for return of absentee ballots permanent; (3) Two hours of unpaid time off for state elections and specified special elections if requested in advance; (3) Expanded automatic voter registration.

**Bottle Bill:** [Now Public Act 21-58](#), expands types of beverages subject to recycling, increases the handling fee, and increases the bottle deposit.

For background see: [LWVCT Action Alert](#)

**Prison Gerrymandering Ended:** Substitute for SB 753 passed and the governor signed the bill into law as Public Act No. 21-13. Incarcerated persons will be counted in their home location instead of the prison location.