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Save the Date! Happy Hour Centennial Suds

Wednesday, August 26 @ 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

*LWVDE, in collaboration with Dogfish Head Brewery, is creating a digital **Happy Hour** to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage and the birth of the League of Women Voters.*

*Meet some special guests, including some of **Delaware's women electeds and the women brewers** from Dogfish Head who invented the recipe and brewed the limited-edition **Centennial Suds**, and chat with League members from Delaware and around the nation in break out rooms on Zoom.*

*Watch your email for an invitation with the link. Get your **Centennial Suds** at **Dogfish Head Brewery and Eats** in Rehoboth Beach **starting on August 22** or bring your own favorite beverage and join the crowd. Thanks to LWVUS, we can host up to 500 partyers.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Carol Jones



Dear Fellow League Members,

Where to begin?!?!? We're heavily involved in many issues and everything we're doing is important.

Kim Wells and her committee are constantly having to revamp plans for the VOTE411 program because of almost daily changes in upcoming elections related to COVID-19 restrictions. Our state and local league election committees are hard at work promoting mail-in voting.

Sandy Spence and Jack Hardin and their committee have big plans for celebrating passage of the 19th Amendment later this month. We're partnering with Dogfish Head Brewery for a virtual celebration and the launching of a new lager beer in honor of the occasion – **Centennial Suds**. And it's going national with the help of staff from LWVUS.

The Redistricting Committee, also under Sandy's guidance, is moving along with plans to present a new map based on the 2020 census which will change the makeup of our state legislative bodies.

Gwendolyn Miller has launched the first series of our new DEI program. The Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice (SDARJ), which was launched by League members several years ago, has really taken off. Ellen Wasfi is looking

into how we might incorporate the Human Rights Special Interest Group (HRSIG) into our existing structure. And I was personally involved in the passage of a resolution dealing with racial bias at the LWVUS National Convention in June.

You'll find details on all of the above in the Summer VOTER plus news of our other committees. So dive in and catch up. There's work to be done. Can you help? Volunteer your time and talent!

Census Bureau Speeds Up Schedule for 2020 County

By Sandy Spence



The Census Bureau's request for a schedule change to deal with COVID-19 Pandemic has been stalled in the Senate. In response, the Bureau has sped up its timetable for crunching the numbers. According to Associated Press (8/2/20), the "pressure came for data used to determine Congressional districts to be turned in by year's end, when President Trump is still in office."

The request for an extension to the schedule had provided for those numbers to be submitted to Congress by April 30, 2021. That request was included in the House version of coronavirus-relief legislation.

According to the report, "Census experts and civil rights activists worry the sped-up deadline could affect the thoroughness of the count, which determines how \$1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed and how many congressional districts each state gets."

On July 30, the Bureau announced that it will begin following up with households in select areas managed by the several area census offices, including Wilmington, DE. Census takers will begin interviewing households in the affected areas starting August 6. The affected areas have higher than average addresses whose residents have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. In Delaware, coastal areas with many second homes are particularly affected.

Most census offices across the country will begin follow-up work on August 11.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at 2020census.gov, or by phone at 844-330-2020. Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 [languages](#) and find assistance in many more. Those that respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response. Self-response options and field data collection will end September 30, 2020. The Bureau had requested the deadline to be October 31.

What Households Can Expect. The Census Bureau will provide face masks to census takers and requires that census takers wear a mask while conducting their work. They will follow CDC and local public health guidelines when they visit. Census takers must complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing protocols and other health and safety guidance before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from local communities. All census takers speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language. If no one is home when the census taker visits, they will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail. People are encouraged to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

How to Identify Census Takers. Census takers can be [easily identified](#) by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker's identity, the public may contact their [regional census center](#) to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

For more information, visit 2020census.gov.

REPORTS BY THE ADVOCACY CORPS ON THE 150TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018-2020

by Linda Barnett, Chairperson, Advocacy Corps



The League's Advocacy Corps monitors the activities of the Delaware Legislature as it conducts the state's business. We support or oppose legislative and administrative proposals in accordance with policy positions approved by the State Board and offer testimony in person at hearings, when possible, and electronically when necessary.

Over the course of the 150th General Assembly (which ran from January 2018 - June 30), we tracked approximately 150 bills. **Our top priority legislation for 2019 was Early Voting and it was enacted, with several League members present for the signing by Governor Carney on June 30, 2019.** This process goes into effect in January 2022. Our top priority for **2020** was Vote-By-Mail, and legislation to authorize that for the 2020 Primary and General Elections was also enacted.



Senate hearing.

We also study the **Governor's Recommended Budget and the budget proposed by the Joint Finance Committee** each year, testifying at the various hearings held. The budgets adopted for Fiscal Year 2021 included: \$4.5 billion operating, \$708 million capital bonds, and \$55 million grant-in-aid budgets. The Governor's original proposal in January included a \$4.6 billion operating budget and an \$893 million bond bill, which would have been the biggest in the state's history. Due to the Covid-19 slowdown the state's revenue forecast dropped by \$400 million through June.

Indeed, the public health emergency in which we are plunged has affected our advocacy, as it has everything else in our world. Much of what we had hoped to work toward has been stopped in its tracks.

Nonetheless, we do have some accomplishments to report from the just-completed legislative session, and highlights are described below, reflecting the range of issue areas on which we focus. **Testimony prepared and presented by Advocacy Corps members at legislative hearings can be found on the website of the State League: <https://my.lwv.org/delaware>**

First, as noted above, considerable legislative progress was made around **voting**. In addition to the accomplishments already specified, the first leg of a constitutional amendment was passed to **establish no-excuse absentee voting**. This will require enactment again in the next General Assembly for it to become part of the Constitution.

Another measure related to voting that we supported and that was adopted is to authorize Delaware to participate in the **National Popular Vote Interstate Compact**, which would award all of a state's electoral votes to whichever presidential candidate wins the overall popular vote in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. As of August 2020, it

has been adopted by sixteen states and the District of Columbia, accounting for 196 of the 270 votes needed to achieve its goal. Passage by the remaining needed states is of course uncertain.

In the area of **social policy**, the General Assembly approved a new provision that has now been added to the Delaware Constitution, namely that **no one can be deprived of his/her rights on the basis of sex**. Passage of this measure in the 150th General Assembly followed its passage in the 149th, which was required for a change to the Constitution.

Another constitutional amendment passed by the 150th General Assembly spells out **that no one can be denied equal rights on the basis of race, color, or national origin**. However, it cannot become law until it passes again during the 151st General Assembly. We will actively support that measure.

In the **environmental area**, legislation was adopted to **restrict the use of single-use plastic bags**. Large retailers, as of January 2021, are banned from providing such bags at check-out, with a few small exceptions.

In addition, a bill was passed to **facilitate the use of solar panels on residential roofs**. Notably, that legislation includes the following language: "..., it is the policy of the State of Delaware to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by encouraging the development and use of renewable resources and to remove obstacles thereto."

Land Use & Transportation are also areas of focus, and legislation was adopted during this General Assembly to establish a vertical limit for industrial landfills. In addition, a law requiring transparency regarding the use of the Community Transportation Fund was passed. This fund allocates money to legislators each year to make improvements in their districts. With this new legislation, the public will be able to monitor how those dollars are distributed.

In the area of access to quality **health care**, a measure was adopted to ensure that the Affordable Care Act's provisions will remain in effect in our state, regardless of actions taken at the federal level. In addition, legislation was adopted to improve the functioning of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Advisory Committee, giving it more authority and responsibility. Our own Sandy Spence was appointed to the Committee, and we know she will work hard to enhance this group's effectiveness.

Dental services for adults were finally added to the Medicaid Program, a measure that we long advocated for. It will be implemented as of this coming October.

Finally, **Criminal Justice** was given appropriately high attention in the General Assembly and by the League. Indeed, the full range of bills passed is the focus of a separate write-up, so that the accomplishments in this area can be fully articulated.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY RELATED TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE 150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 150th Session was a big one for our Justice Portfolio. We learned that the U.S. locks up more of its people than any other nation, and Delaware locks up at a rate higher than our national average and higher than any neighboring states. So, joining the Smart Justice Coalition spearheaded by our partner the ACLU of Delaware was an easy decision. We shared the Coalition's two main goals: 1) cut our prison population in half and 2) reduce racial disparities in Delaware's criminal justice system. Numerous bills were introduced in both 2019 and 2020 -- the latter despite the COVID-19 closure of the General Assembly for most of 2020. Needless to say, the criminal justice portfolio followers were challenged!

Several Smart Justice bills were enacted in 2019.

Expanding second chances through expungement provisions reformed the availability of expungement for adults

following legislation over the last few years to expand the ability of juveniles to have their crimes expunged. **SB 37** expanded the availability of **expungement** for adults, the first of 19 Smart Justice bills, eleven of which were enacted in 2019.

Another **expungement bill**, **HB 102**, allows a person arrested or convicted of any crime, except a violent felony, that was a direct result of being a victim of **human trafficking** to apply for a pardon or expungement--signed on June 20, 2019. A related bill signed the same day is **SB 60**. It clarifies that to be found guilty of prostitution the person must be 18 years or older.

Another Smart Justice bill expected to **reduce incarceration dramatically** is **HB 5**. It allows concurrent rather than **consecutive sentences** for certain cases with more than one charge, restoring balance to plea bargaining. It reduces the ability of prosecutors to "stack" charges relating to the same conduct that carry **mandatory minimums** and effectively force defendants to take a plea. It will reduce the number of cases, restore sentencing discretion to judges, and allow defendants to test the strength of state's case at trial without risking a draconian outcome if found guilty. Reducing minimum mandatory sentences has long been one of LWV's top criminal justice priorities. **HB 5** was signed by the Governor on June 25, 2019.

Revising drug statutes that have been a major contributor to the growth in incarceration over the years, another Smart Justice priority, was addressed in **SB 45**. It makes possession, use, or consumption of a personal use quantity of marijuana a civil violation for juveniles, as it already was for adults. It was signed on July 31, 2019. In addition, **SB 47**, signed on September 19, 2019, removes location-based enhancements for drug crimes that disproportionately impact urban residents and simplifies the drug "tiering" system to reduce the crime classification and sentence length for some drug crimes.

HB 77 and **HB 78** help **reduce the duplication of crimes**, remove minimum mandatory sentences for some conduct, eliminate sentence enhancement, and give more discretion to sentencing judges in certain cases. **HB 77** accomplishes this by consolidating the crime of home invasion with burglary. **HB 78** eliminates the crime of carjacking by embedding this crime within robbery statutes. These bills were signed on June 19, 2019.

SB 41, signed on July 30, 2019, establishes that the age of offense and not the age of arrest determines jurisdiction for a person facing charges, allowing the case to be held in Family Court rather than adult court.

Finally, three bills were signed on August 13, 2019, that **make it easier for felons who complete their sentence** to get a job that requires a license to practice in Delaware. There are scores of such occupations. Each one has specific requirements and oversight by separate commissions or other bodies that must be addressed in separate legislation. **HB 7** gives the State Examining Board of Physical Therapists discretion to grant a waiver of felony conviction for a crime committed against a person where more than three years have elapsed, and for all other felonies, more than 2 years elapsed since conviction. The board may not consider a conviction where 10 years have elapsed since conviction if there were no other criminal convictions in the intervening time. (The law already prohibits physical therapist licensure to anyone that has a felony sexual offense conviction.) **SB 43** permits waivers for felony convictions under similar conditions for electricians. And **HB 124** provides similar waivers for HVAC, plumbing and refrigeration licenses.

In addition, the House and Senate, in late 2019, passed **Senate Concurrent Resolution 37** that urged Delaware's U.S. Congressional Delegation to support federal legislation **to establish a national database of beneficial ownership of corporations and limited liability companies** to assist federal and state law enforcement in combating criminal activity.

The COVID-19 pandemic and shutting down of the General Assembly for most of the second year of the 150th Session left several more criminal justice reform bills unconsidered.

One outstanding exception was **HB 350** that **creates the crime of "Aggravated Strangulation"** when a law-enforcement officer, acting in his/her official capacity, knowingly or intentionally uses a **chokehold** on another person. "A chokehold is only justifiable when the officer reasonably believes deadly force is warranted to protect the life of a civilian or law-

enforcement officer.” The bill also makes it clear that if a person is charged under this section, that charge shall not preclude or limit the State or any other prosecuting agency from bringing other criminal charges. This bill passed the House and Senate on June 25, 2020 but had not been signed by the Governor as of July 31, 2020. It is expected that the Governor will sign it.

National Popular Vote Legislation Update

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact would allow the candidate who wins the most votes, nationwide, to become president. Our state league worked with other groups in a successful campaign to join Delaware into this compact.

LWVUS support of the NPV allowed us to take a statewide position in favor of it. In early 2017, Advocacy Corps member Julie Price wrote our position paper favoring Delaware’s participation, and later that year, new member Kim Wells began to contact legislators and other individuals regarding the issue. In early 2018 it was still felt that there were not enough votes in the legislature to pass an NPV bill.

By the fall, however, the membership of the Legislature had changed, and we were contacted by a representative of the national NPV organization about moving forward with other groups in a coalition. Our board agreed.



Governor Carney signing the NPV legislation.

An extraordinarily successful “kickoff” luncheon for the campaign was held in January 2019 at Ed Oliver’s golf club in Wilmington with over 100 people in attendance. Speakers included representatives from Common Cause and the national NPV organization, and the primary sponsor of the bill, Senator Bryan Townsend.

A second informational gathering was initiated by past Sussex County league president Martha Redmond and held at the courthouse in Georgetown. Unlike the luncheon, there was significant opposition to the bill at this event; however, questions and objections were handled with patience and expertise by sponsors Senator Townsend and Senator Delcollo, and the NPV representative.

By the time, the bill (SB 22) came up in committee, it still had bipartisan sponsorship, although some legislators had withdrawn their support. Of course, we testified in favor of it. It passed both houses by March 14, 2019.

For our March 28, 2019 League Day in Dover, attorney Andrew Wilson gave an excellent explanation of the NPV and what it would mean for Delaware. That same afternoon, we were invited to Governor Carney’s office to see him sign the bill. Speakers at the signing included Senator Bryan Townsend, Jennifer Hill of Common Cause, and Julie Price for the League.

Nationwide, as of August 2020, 16 jurisdictions and 196 electoral votes have joined the NPVIC.

Redistricting



The League of Women Voters of Delaware is seeking volunteers for of its People Powered Fair Maps Project that will propose redistricting maps for the State Legislature in 2021.

The League of Women Voters of Delaware is one of 50 state Leagues, plus DC, participating in the LWVUS *People Powered Fair Maps* (PPFM) Project. We plan to engage members and other partners in non-partisan political action through Delaware's Fair Maps Project and to build a network of Delawareans Delaware who are knowledgeable about the history, process, and impact of redistricting on our political system.

We believe that gerrymandering at the state level ultimately affects results in gerrymandering at the Congressional level in states with multiple members of Congress. This insidious process increasingly infects the nation's political systems by electing legislators with little fear of losing their elections, thus finding little reason to compromise. The result: increasing extremism in governing our states and nation.

Redistricting is a somewhat arcane subject, happening only once a decade following the decennial Census, generally behind closed doors and managed by a small team of partisan officials. This project aims to encourage a broad understanding of the process, support transparency and citizen participation in the process in Delaware and build a knowledge base about all aspects of redistricting that will survive through future decades.

This project will involve participants in the following activities:

September 2020 – November 2020 and ongoing: **Study** the history of gerrymandering and how it can be **stopped**. **Participants will learn the laws** and principles of fair redistricting.

- **December 2020 – June 2021: Explore** how fair mapping principles can be implemented. **Participants will practice preparing** redistricting maps using existing data from the 2010 Census and comparing results to actual, current maps.
- **July 2021 – August 2021:** Participate in the development of proposed redistricting for the Delaware House and Senate. **Participants will use practice exercises in mapping and** data from the 2020 Census.

Volunteer opportunities

- Learn about the history and case law and how gerrymandering interferes with the development of **election district** maps, etc. through Zoom webinars.
- Learn how to use redistricting mapping software, for those interested in that aspect.
- Help us reach members of "Communities of Interest" (to be explained in one of the webinars) to engage them in the process.
- Help coordinate teams to work within each county League.
- Maintain a "history" of this project for future redistricting efforts.
- Draft letters to the editor and other means to inform the public about redistricting issues.
- Help build an online "library" of redistricting studies, documents, documentaries, and other media.
- Other: Suggest what skills you have that can support our advocacy for People Powered Fair Maps.

VOTE411 VOTER GUIDE UPDATE

Quick updates on VOTE411...

- ✓ In late May, the LWVUS VOTE411.org redesign won the Webby People's Voice award for Best Government and Civil Innovation website
- ✓ 3,380 Delawareans used VOTE411 prior to the July elections
- ✓ Two-thirds of school board candidates provided their profiles
- ✓ Dozens of Delaware Leaguers and friends have helped with this project!
- ✓ Candidate information for the Sept 15 state primaries will be published in early August 2020
- ✓ Keep telling your friends and neighbors about VOTE411, and encourage them to vote by mail for the fall elections in Delaware

ELECTION COMMITTEE – WHAT TO DO FACING COVID-19? BE CREATIVE.



The LWVDE Election and Voting Committee has been extremely busy this election year. Due to COVID-19, we are not able to perform our normal voter registration and educational services in schools, libraries, farmers markets, and at community events. We had to get a little creative and developed new ways to perform voter education.

- We created signs to post outside of libraries and schools that displays VR codes for Vote411.org and ivote.de.gov.
- We also sent letters to schools with an attachment for them to send to seniors about registering to vote and Vote411.org
- We have been contacted by many organizations to host webinars explaining how to vote this year. A partial list includes Network Delaware, Wilmington Library, Delaware Technical College, and the Rotary Club. We are also working on a Spanish version for the Latino community.
- We also have been involved with Ed Begleiter on a campaign to recruit over 4,000 new poll workers.

If you want to participate or know of groups we should contact about voter education webinars, please contact Jill Itzkowitz at jillitzkowitz@gmail.com.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT IN DELAWARE

Delaware Public Archives operates the Historical Markers program as part of its mandate. Markers are placed at historically significant locations and sites across the state. The unveiling of three new Markers that commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote and the 19th Amendment will take place around the state of Delaware.

The dates, times, and locations for the New Castle, Sussex, and Kent markers are as follows:

- **Dover: August 26th at 11am** - Along the walkway on the North side of the Old State House between Federal Street and The Green.
- **Georgetown: September 16th at 12pm** - E Market Street side of the Sussex County Courthouse
- **Wilmington: September 21st at 11am** - E Front Street Park

All the dedications will be held outdoors.



Online Voter Guide for Delaware 2020 Elections

Before each election,

1. Go to www.VOTE411.org
2. Enter your home address
3. Click "Submit"
4. Click "Explore Now" under "Find what's on your ballot".

You can find out...

- Where is your polling place?
- What's on your ballot?
- Who's running in each race?
- The candidates' qualifications and viewpoints

All Delaware voters can vote absentee in 2020; request your absentee ballots from ivote.de.gov

Delaware Election Dates in 2020

July 7, 2020 – Presidential Primary

Register by June 13, Switch parties by May 8

July 21, 2020 – School Board Elections

Sept. 15, 2020 – State Primaries

Register by Aug. 22, Switch parties by May 29

Nov. 3, 2020 – General Election

Register to vote by October 10

**Be Aware.
VOTE Aware.**

**Check out
VOTE411.org**

LWVDE is proud to provide an exciting and timely program designed for the three LWV chapters in Delaware, entitled

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Awareness Program: Moving the Conversations Forward

It is a 3-part series of workshops, conducted (for now, at least) via Zoom. These will be presented to small groups, each week, over the coming months. Dates for the first part are below.

Through courageous conversations, self-reflections, role plays and engaging activities, League members move from awareness to action. Using the content in this program, members will learn to:

- Integrate diversity, equity and inclusion best practices into our programs, policies, systems, and procedures.
- Engage in honest conversations about how to improve interactions with new and diverse audiences.
- Understand how the dynamics of privilege and marginalization impact us in our daily lives.

Part One, **Moving the Conversations Forward on Diversity**, will be offered on the following dates --- Monday afternoons, at 1 p.m. (and concluding by 4 p. m.) Choose the one that works best for you:

- **July 27**
- **August 3**
- **August 21**
- **August 31**
- **September 14**
- **September 21**
- **September 28**
- **October 5**
- **October 19**
- **October 26.**



We hope to be announcing additional dates and times and encourage you to sign up for one of these early ones if one fits your schedule. For sessions already full, there is a waitlist option.

Register via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-program-moving-the-conversation-forward-tickets-112516917128>

Dates for Part Two, **Moving the Conversations Forward on Equity** will start in January, and for Part Three, **Moving the Conversations Forward on Inclusion**, in March.

We look forward to your participation in this timely --- and timeless --- program. We believe it will give us tools and vision toward solving some of our society's most pressing problems.

Join your League members for this research-based, interactive, and dynamic series on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion!



WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT & ADVOCACY

[READ THE REPORT](#)

Dear Friends,

The needs of Delaware women need to be front and center in the continued COVID-19 pandemic recovery effort. Delaware women have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a **New Report** by the Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy.

As the report shows, although we are all facing the same storm right now, we are in different boats. Delaware women are over-represented in front-line occupations, as well as those who have been affected by temporary business closures. The analysis shows that Delaware women, especially Black and Hispanic women, are more likely to be in poverty while at the same time being key family breadwinners. Add in the increases in caregiving needs due to childcare and school closings, and Delaware women are being hit especially hard.

Additional key findings include:

Delaware women are the majority COVID-19 cases 55% and deaths 53%.

- Delaware women are the majority unemployment claimants 52.7%.
- Delaware women are over-represented in front line occupations: 93% of home health care workers, 77% of hospital medical workers and 93% of Delaware child-care workers, are women.
- Delaware women are over-represented in occupations affected by temporary closures: 54% of restaurant and food-service employees, 77% of beauty-salon and barbershop employees and 77% of retail-clothing employees, are women.
- Delaware women are over-represented in low paying jobs, representing 63% of the low-paid workforce.
- 1/3 of Delaware mothers live in poverty.
- In Delaware, 82% of Black mothers, 58% of White mothers and 56% of Hispanic mothers are key family breadwinners.
- In Delaware, 23% of Black women live in poverty, 20% of Hispanic women live in poverty and 9% of White women live in poverty.
- According to the United Way of Delaware, compared with last year, calls to the 211 Helpline for food and for rent/mortgage assistance are up 300% and 100%, respectively. 80% of all callers between March 1, 2020 and March 28, 2020 were women. This represents a 50% increase in calls compared to 2019.

You can access the full report [here](#). We would appreciate if you could:

- Forward this email to your colleagues and networks:
- Help us amplify the report on social media by **sharing our Facebook post**;
- Consider the impacts of COVID-19 on Delaware women as a topic or panel for upcoming conferences, webinars, etc. We would be delighted to partner with you! Please contact us at DelawareWomen@delaware.gov.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, OWAA will continue to share data and information of interest. As always, we are happy to assist with referrals for community resources. Please feel free to reach out to us at DelawareWomen@delaware.gov or call us at 302-577-8970.

Stay safe!

Melanie Ross Levin, Director, Office of Women's Advancement & Advocacy

Offshore Wind Potential for Delaware

If you missed the forum entitled **Offshore Wind Potential for Delaware** presentation by Dr. Willett Kempton held on Monday, July 27 at 11:30 am. here is the link to the Power Point presentation, the video and the resources that were mentioned in the presentation.

<https://my.lwv.org/delaware/new-castle-county/article/willett-kempton-presents-lwv-offshore-wind-potential-delaware>

Hot Topic - DRBC Re-Vote on Shipping of Liquefied Natural Gas

Monday, August 24, 2020 - 11:30am to 1:00pm **Zoom web conference**

See map: [Google Maps](#)

The LWVNCC Hot Topic for August 2020 will cover the planned re-vote by the Delaware River Basin Commission on the decision they made last June to allow shipping of liquefied natural gas and other hydrocarbons obtained from fracking in the Marcellus Shale down the Delaware for export to the Caribbean and some European ports.

The Delaware Riverkeeper forced a rehearing on certain issues and a promise of an opportunity for commissioners to reconsider their votes. LWVNCC Environmental Committee Chair Coralie Pryde along with a speaker from the Riverkeeper Alliance will review the current situation, the potential negative effects, and possible actions the League could take.

To register and link to the event check out the LWVNCC website later this month

<https://my.lwv.org/delaware/new-castle-county>.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 10 am - noon	ZOOM meeting	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting. Regular 2nd Wednesday meeting of the LWVDE Advocacy Corps (legislative lobby group) in Dover. For details or to attend, contact Advocacy Chair Linda Barnett
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3 – 5 pm	ZOOM meeting	LWVDE BOARD MEETING regularly scheduled board meeting.
Monday, August 24, 2020 11:30 am to 1:00 pm	ZOOM meeting	LWVNCC HOT TOPIC: DRBC Re-Vote on Shipping of Liquefied Natural Gas. Presenters will be The Riverkeeper Alliance and LWNCC Environmental Committee Chair Coralie Pryde.
Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:00 – 6:30 pm	ZOOM SOCIAL <i>Centennial Suds</i>	<i>LWVDE, in collaboration with Dogfish Head Brewery, is creating a digital Happy Hour to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage and the birth of the League of Women Voters.</i>
Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 11 a.m. - noon	ZOOM meeting	ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING. Contact Jill Itzkowitz for details (302-650-6862) jillitzkowitz@gmail.com
Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 10 am - noon	ZOOM meeting	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting. Regular 2nd Wednesday meeting of the LWVDE Advocacy Corps (legislative lobby group) in Dover. For details or to attend, contact Advocacy Chair Linda Barnett

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