



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



VOTERS WAITING IN THE RAIN OUTSIDE CITY HALL ANNEX ON OCTOBER 29

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TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO VOTE EARLY

Early voting sites in Westchester will be open on Sunday, November 1, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. If you are on line they will let you in to vote.

Seniors aged 65+ and people with physical disabilities may move to the front of the line. Let a poll worker know if you need to do so.

People with absentee ballots can bring them to the early voting site and place them in a secure lock box. You do not need to wait in line if you have an absentee ballot.

ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Polls will be open on General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Vote at your **regular polling place**.

IF THERE IS A PROBLEM AT THE POLLS

Please call the Election Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE .



VOTER SERVICE

During October, the LWW Youth Corps designed and produced, along with LMC-TV, several YouTube PSAs to encourage registration, advise of early voting and promote GOTV and voting in general! We are very proud of the Voting Plan video created by the LWW Youth Voting Corps, which was posted to League social media.



The Youth Corps continued to spread voter registration and voter service messages through our social media presence, and held various virtual workshops on voter registration and on making a plan to vote. The Youth Corps also participated in the International Day of the Girl Celebration in Westchester. See it here.



Voter Service assisted several Iona student groups with voter registration and absentee ballots this month (left.)



Voter Service and the Youth Corps, along with the County League and other groups, are planning to coordinate the serving of food in voting lines on November 1 and on Election Day. We will be serving food in New Rochelle, Mt. Vernon, Yonkers and Peekskill.

Here is our brand new Instagram (for the Youth Corps) @theyouthvotes

<https://www.instagram.com/theyouthvotes/?hl=en>

Catch the LWWNR on an **NBC news report** about voter registration at Monroe College!

For questions about voter service, please contact Joan at royjoanalex@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our League year begins on July 1, and **Annual Dues** are due. Please see our membership form or lwvnewro.org to renew. If you have any questions about membership, please contact mzoebrown@gmail.com. **Student memberships** are always free. Do you know a future activist who would like to join our ranks?

A MUSICAL MEDITATION ON WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND THE FIGHT FOR INTERSECTIONALITY: NOVEMBER 2



Join the LWV of NY for A Musical Meditation on Women's Suffrage and the Fight for Intersectionality, co-organized by the Human Rights Institute at Columbia Law School and the Global Health Justice and Governance Program at the Mailman School of Public Health. This virtual event will be held on Monday, Nov. 2 from 12:30-1:30pm

This event will feature a recording of the The Dream Unfinished: An Activist Orchestra's community reading of Fanny Lou Hamer's speech, "I am Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired." In this speech Fanny Lou Hamer, voting rights activist and civil rights leader, highlighted the injustices she and others in her community faced in securing their right to vote. Although Fanny Lou Hamer made this speech in 1964, these injustices are still prevalent today. The recording will play for the first 20-30 minutes of the event and the final 30 minutes will be a discussion about arts and civic engagement, voting rights, and current voter suppression. Click [here](#) to register for this event.

LWVNR's "*The Ballot Box*" Radio Show Featured President of LWV of Westchester and Fordham Law School Professor



The Ballot Box is the monthly WVOX 1460 AM radio show of the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle. Co-hosted by LWVNR members Tamar Tait and Nina Luban, the show features local, state, and national electoral issues and relevant civic matters. It airs live on the third Wednesday of the month from 9 am - 10 am and is livestreamed on the radio website, www.wvox.com.

The October 21st show hosted Kathy Meany, President of the League of Women Voters of Westchester and Professor Martin S. Flaherty of Fordham University Law School. Ms. Meany discussed efforts to increase voters' access to the polls and the importance of voting as a fundamental principle of our democracy. Professor Flaherty discussed the current state of the US Supreme Court and shared his thoughts on what's at stake right now concerning the vacancy left by Justice Ginsburg's death.

The Ballot Box maintains an ongoing, non-partisan conversation about the rights and responsibilities of – and the issues that face – our representative democracy.

All broadcasts of *The Ballot Box* are recorded and can be found on the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle website, www.lwvnewro.org/TheBallotBox.html.

CITY PEOPLE AND ISSUES ON PAUSE

"City People and Issues," the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle cable TV program has suspended production of new interviews while we are all social distancing and while City Hall and its NRTV studio is not available. Previously produced programs can be seen on demand at www.vimeo.com/24211396 or by going to www.vimeo.com/visitor and searching for League of Women Voters of New Rochelle.

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ALISA KESTEN CELEBRATES RETIREMENT; BARBARA DAVIS TO CO-DIRECT WESTCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Congratulations to long-time LWVNR member Alisa Kesten, who retired in June after ten years as the Executive Director of VolunteerNY and who was feted at their October Gala.

Congratulation also go to League member Barbara Davis, who will become Co-Director of the Westchester County Historical Society in January. Barbara will continue on as our City Historian and will continue to produce local history zoom presentations through the NRPL (see below.) You can check [here](#) for links to older presentations and a schedule of what's coming soon.

Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot: A Virtual Presentation on Sunday, November 8 at 3:00

The Bird Homestead and Meeting House Conservancy in partnership with the New Rochelle Public Library will present "Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot," an illustrated Zoom presentation by author Mary Walton.

The talk is the second in a three-part series offered by the Conservancy, "The Struggle for Women's Rights: Three Leaders Rooted in Quaker Values, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul."The Quakers espoused the concept of gender equality long before this principle entered mainstream thinking.

Mary Walton is the author of *A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and The Battle for the Ballot*.

A New Jersey Quaker, Paul was the leader of the militant wing of the suffrage movement from 1913 to 1920. Hers was a David-and-Goliath struggle to convince a reluctant congress and a stubborn president to pass the 19th Amendment extending the vote to all American women.

Paul and her followers were the first people to picket the White House. They were arrested, thrown in jail, brutalized, and force fed when they went on hunger strikes. Paul was a pioneer in non-violent resistance. Ms. Walton appeared in the recent PBS documentary, *The Vote*, commemorating the centennial of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

This program is funded in part by Humanities New York with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

To register, please email communityrelations@nrpl.org

WOMEN AND THE VOTE INITIATIVE: LWVNY

This initiative is from a group of four women and close to 30 volunteers who have researched suffragists across New York State, and created a website with a suffragist database and interactive map of more than 250 suffragists buried across the state to encourage people to "Vote and Visit" on Election Day.

At a number of the cemeteries, they will have filmmakers and producers there to interview visitors, with the plan of making a documentary called Election Day 2020 NYS. Even for cemeteries where there will be no filmmaker, they are encouraging people to Vote and Visit, and post selfies and video, that they may use in the film.

Post any selfies or photos to #womenandthevotenys and see more information at their website <https://www.womenandthevotenys.com/>.
LWVNY

NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON ELECTION CRISES: LWVUS

LWVUS is a member of the National Task Force on Election Crises, a diverse, cross-partisan group of more than 50 experts in election law, election administration, national security, cybersecurity, voting rights, civil rights, technology, media, public health, and emergency response.

The Task Force's core mission is to ensure a free and fair 2020 presidential election by recommending responses to a range of election crises.

Our focus is ensuring that the election runs smoothly during challenging circumstances, that disputes are handled in a way that maximizes confidence in the outcome, and that there is a peaceful transition or continuation of power on January 20, 2021.

The only electoral outcome the Task Force advocates is that the election is free and fair. For more information, see their website at: <https://www.electiontaskforce.org/about>. LWVUS

Why Don't Young People Vote, and What Can Be Done About It?

Most young people in the United States don't vote. Fewer than half of Americans 18 to 29 voted in the 2016 presidential election — a gap of more than 15 points compared with the overall turnout.

This is not unique to the United States. Our new analysis of turnout for the most recent national general elections for heads of government in two dozen countries revealed that the general population's voting rate exceeds the voting rate for young people in every single one of them.

The sample of two dozen countries isn't representative of all nations. The 24 countries that had youth turnout data available were richer, more democratic and more literate than the 168 countries we contacted that didn't. But the trends are still illustrative. NYT 10/8/20 [READ THE REST](#)



Houston looks to boost turnout by offering 24-hour voting

As rapper Bun B finished his late-night set during a drive-in concert to promote eight 24-hour polling places in and around Houston, he urged fans to go out into the night — and early morning — to vote.

“It feels good to see my people out there that are ready to vote, ready to be heard ... If you haven’t voted yet, you need to drive on over. The polls are open right now,” the Houston-based performer said during the livestreamed concert Thursday.

Many followed the rapper’s advice as they flocked to the polling sites in Harris County — Texas’ most populous county — to cast their ballots starting late Thursday and into Friday, the last day of early voting in the state. AP 10/29/20 [READ MORE](#)

In Her Words: How Will You Vote?

“To characterize the women’s vote as if it stands for a single ideology or agenda would be too simplistic.” — *Kelly Dittmar, director of research at the Center for American Women and Politics*

If President Trump loses his re-election bid, female voters will probably have played a critical role. No nominee for either party has ever garnered as much female support as the Democratic nominee, Joseph R. Biden Jr., according to exit polls and data tracked by [the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University](#).

Of major concern among female voters this year is the president’s conduct, as well as his handling of the pandemic, according to [a range of polls](#). Even on issues that Mr. Trump has more readily owned, [women tend to prefer Mr. Biden](#): He has emerged as their choice to handle the economy.

In one of the most striking dynamics of the 2020 race, polls indicate that while the gap between male and female voters may be at its widest point ever, the longstanding [racial divide among female voters might be narrowing](#): [Women of color have long skewed Democratic](#), but now white women seem to be leaning toward Mr. Biden as well. NYT 10/20/20 [READ IT](#)

Supreme Court Allows Longer Deadlines for Absentee Ballots in Pennsylvania and North Carolina

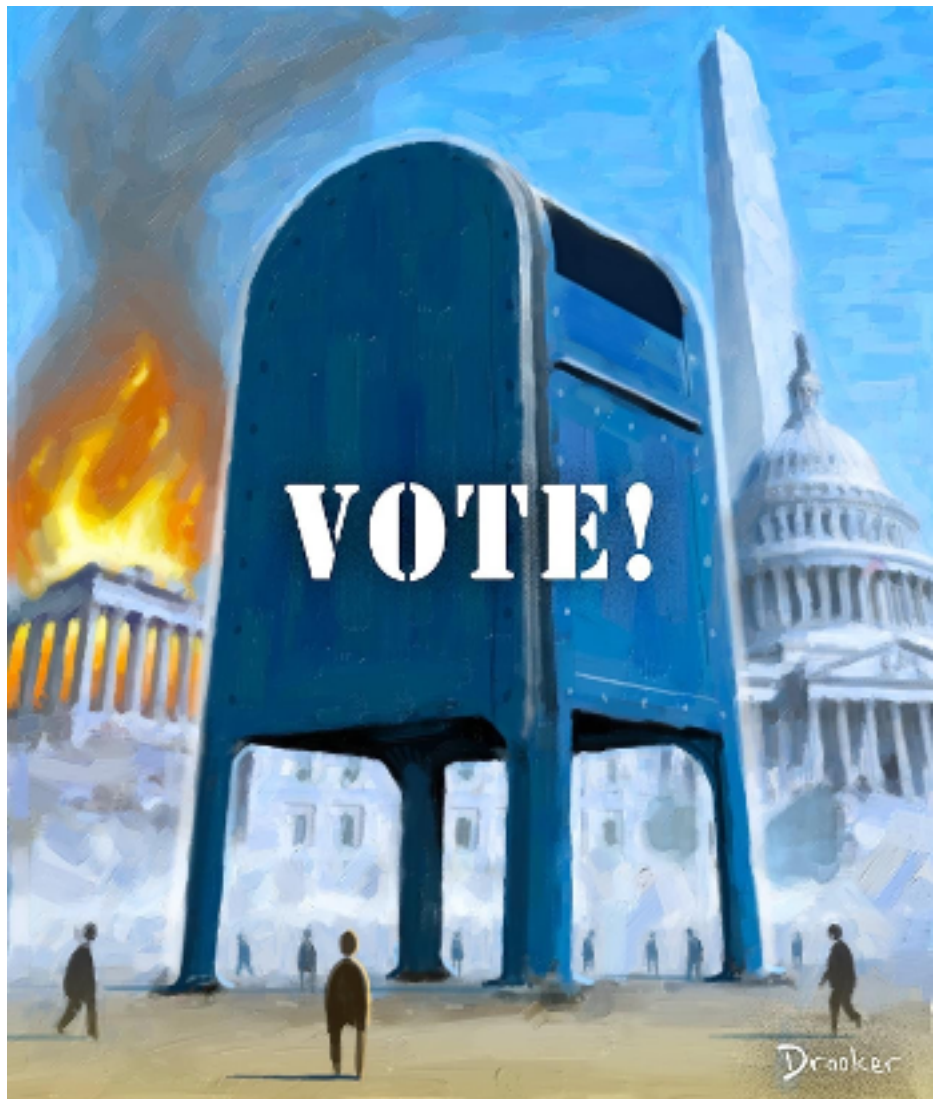
In a pair of decisions welcomed by Democrats, the Supreme Court on Wednesday let election officials in two key battleground states, Pennsylvania and [North Carolina](#), accept absentee ballots for several days after Election Day.

In the [Pennsylvania](#) case, the court [refused a plea](#) from Republicans in the state that it decide before Election Day whether election officials can continue receiving absentee ballots for three days after Nov. 3.

In the North Carolina case, [the court let stand](#) lower court rulings that allowed the state's board of elections to extend the deadline to nine days after Election Day, up from the three days called for by the state legislature.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett did not take part in either case. A court spokeswoman said Justice Barrett had not participated "because of the need for a prompt resolution" and

"because she has not had time to fully review the parties' filings." NYT 10/28/20 **READ THE REST**



Georgetown created fact sheets on illegal militias at the polls and what to do if you spot them

It's illegal in all 50 states to engage in militia activity. Still, militia members will almost certainly appear at some [polling places this election cycle](#).

To prepare voters for potential voter intimidation, Georgetown University Law Center created [fact sheets for all 50 states](#) on illegal militias and what to do if voters encounter them.

A private militia engages in law enforcement activities without authorization by state or federal officials. Their members are often armed and wearing uniforms or identifying insignias, and they often believe they have legal authority to protect property or control crowds.

But no private militia has that authority. Every state bans unauthorized militias from taking on the activities of law enforcement. CNN 10/6/20

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A Federal Judge Accused Other Judges Across The Country Of A "Systematic Effort" To Suppress Votes

"Hiding behind closed courthouse doors does not change the fact that ruling by ruling, many courts are chipping away at votes that ought to be counted," Judge Karen Nelson Moore wrote.

A federal appeals judge on Thursday accused her colleagues and other judges across the country of sanctioning "a systematic effort to suppress voter turnout and undermine the right to vote."

Judge Karen Nelson Moore of the US Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit wrote a scathing dissent in a case about how Tennessee handles absentee voting — she disagreed with her two colleagues in the majority who rejected a challenge to the state's signature match rules for mail-in ballots. But Moore's dissent went further, criticizing judges across the US who have sided with states seeking to limit mail-in voting this year. AP 10/26/20 [READ THE REST](#)

New Rochelle Receives American Planning Association Award for Downtown Revitalization Initiative

The New York State Department of State announced that the New Rochelle Downtown Revitalization Initiative recently received the Meritorious Achievement Award from the American Planning Association New York Metro (APA-NYM). New York State Secretary of State Rossana Rosado accepted the award, along with New Rochelle Mayor Noah Bramson and the consultant VHB Senior Planner Jill Gallant, during the APA-NYM Chapter Annual Conference on Friday, October 16.

The Award bestows recognition on individuals, organizations, and projects that exemplify the best of the metropolitan region's planning work. The Meritorious Achievement Award recognized the New Rochelle DRI for its Strategic Investment Plan. [Read more here](#)

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BUDGET PROPOSAL

The LWVW annual review and consensus meeting of the proposed 2021 Westchester County budget will be held on Thursday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. The LWVW County Government Committee has been monitoring the Westchester budget appropriations all year.

The County executive is responsible for issuing both operating and capital budgets that determine our county tax obligation. The public is given an opportunity to respond to the proposals at public hearings prior to its adoption. The Board of Legislators has responsibility to accept and/or make adjustments before enacting final approval by the end of the calendar year 2020. Westchester County Budget Director Larry Soule will present an overview of the proposal and respond to LWVW and participant questions. Following the presentation and question portions, members will convene to formulate a consensus statement that will be read at one of the public hearings. All Westchester Leaguers are invited to participate. lwww.org



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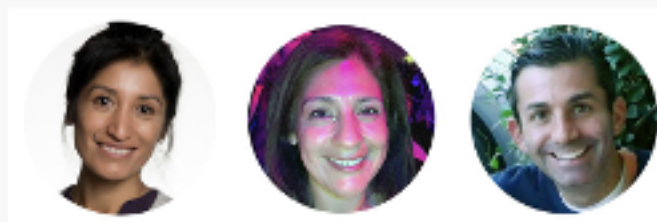


**PANDEMIC-RELATED
EVICTIONS:
Creating Problems for Both
Tenants and Landlords**

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**CLICK TO REGISTER! A ZOOM LINK WILL
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PANELISTS:

- Janet Rolon Fry, *Deputy Executive Director, Community Resource Center*
- Blanca Lopez, *Advisor to Westchester County's Fair and Affordable Housing Committee*
- Andrew Spatz, *Managing Partner, Andrew Spatz Law Offices*

NEW! Missing the conversations with fellow-attendees at our programs?
We will be providing time after the presentations and Q&A for informal
conversation with other attendees. Join us and stay around for "coffee and
conversation" after the program!



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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**Hudson Valley
Restaurant Week
Returns In
November In
New Rochelle**
**See Restaurants
Here**

Take New Rochelle's development survey!

Here's an opportunity to look into the future of New Rochelle and help make it better. The City is exploring the use of virtual reality to encourage community engagement and input, and is conducting a baseline survey to start the process.



City Contacts

EMERGENCY- Call 911

New Rochelle Police Department (non-emergency) 914-654-2300

New Rochelle Fire Department (non-emergency) 914-654-2212

New Rochelle Public Works

Street Flooding 914-235-3567

Report Downed Trees 914-740-6118 (Hotline- activated after a storm)

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

UPCOMING EVENTS



Kristallnacht Commemoration

Reconsidering the Catholic Church and the Holocaust

Virtual Film Screening and Live Discussion

*Please note: This event will be held on **Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 7:30 pm EST**. A link to the film will be sent to registered guests on Friday, November 6th. The film will be available for viewing until Monday, November 9th. For questions, please contact Dr. Elena Procario-Foley, eprocariofoley@iona.edu*

Holy Silence is a new thought-provoking documentary that examines the individuals in the United States and across Europe who played a crucial role in shaping the Vatican's response to the rising Nazi threat across Europe.



This still from a 1959 Univision Newsreel shows Pope Pius XII on the balcony of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, Rome, Italy. Acquired at US Holocaust Memorial Museum, courtesy of National Archives & Records Administration.

As the Nazi Party's power and antisemitism spread across Europe in the 1930s-40s, how did one of the world's most influential institutions—the Catholic Church—address and confront the Nazi regime and its laws, particularly the persecution of Jews? Furthermore, how did the Catholic Church's response influence its followers in Nazi-occupied Europe?

Please join us for a **LIVE** virtual discussion with the film's director, Steven Pressman, Dr. Adam Gregerman of Saint Joseph's University, Dr. Kevin Spicer of Stony Brook College, and Dr. Suzanne Brown-Fleming of USHMM. Dr. Elena Procario-Foley of Iona College will moderate the conversation.

Panel discussion: November 10th, 2020 | 7:30 PM via Zoom

You must register for the event to receive a link to the film and panel discussion:

<https://tinyurl.com/HolySilence2020>

YOU HAD THE POWER ALL
ALONG, MY DEAR.

~ GLINDA, THE GOOD WITCH

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