

League of Women Voters of New Castle County

HOT TOPIC LUNCH by ZOOM
Monday, September 21, 2020
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. (Note change of time and date)

**New Castle County 2050 Comprehensive Plan:
Let's Prioritize People over Cars.**

Speaker: Eric Sundquist, Director of the national State Smart Transportation Initiative

There will be a 30-45 minute presentation followed by questions from the membership that have been submitted prior to the zoom meeting.

Please send your questions to lwvde@comcast.net Further details will be sent to you closer to the event.



“If you just add capacity in hopes of maintaining Level of Service (LOS), you end up in [. . .] a vicious cycle where you induce more demand, you squeeze out other modes, and you end up with more cars and more congestion,” Eric Sundquist, Director of the State Smart Transportation Initiative (SSTI).”

Eric Sundquist, Managing Director of the State Smart Transportation Initiative, is a nationally known expert in transportation planning who will speak to the League on just one way we might be able to influence the County Comprehensive Plan update. It is a huge coup for us to have this widely respected planning guru talk to us about a big problem in New Castle County and across the country. We currently measure traffic

quality by how fast it zooms by. How about less zooming and more walking and biking? Widely published, Eric holds a PhD in city and regional planning from Georgia Tech. He is currently located at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The LWVDE has a position supporting the reduction of Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT).

Here is the link to pre-register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIcOGuqjwuGNEZWAG04w4j8FgaMRzJcjr5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

ZOOM

League of Women Voters

The Woman's Suffrage Movement

Saturday
October 3, 2020
10:00PM to 11:30PM

Below the Color-line

302-290-3060 Lecturer: Syl Woolford Sylwlf@aol.com

After a 70 year fight the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified in 1920, prohibiting the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. It is important to remember that not all women benefited from the 19th amendment. Middle-class and upper-class white women were the first to benefit. For Black women, August 1920 wasn't the culmination of a movement. It marked the start of a new fight. Because of Jim Crow laws and other obstacles, Black women were largely disenfranchised until the Voting Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965.

In 2013 the U.S. Supreme Court rolled back voter protections in the Voting Rights Act and, since that time, we have seen countless attacks on the right to vote—too often targeting racial minorities, as has been the case throughout our country's history. In the aftermath of that decision, we have seen regressions to early voting, unjust voter purges, and strict voter photo ID laws that make it harder for young people, women, people of color, and individuals with low incomes to register and exercise their right to vote.

Today in 2020, it is important that we remember the movements for suffrage which have been waged in the past, including the Women's Suffrage Movement which lead to the formation of the League of Women Voters.

https://www.macombdaily.com/lifestyles/womens-suffrage-movement-paved-the-way-for-women-today/article_79f87aa0-e14f-11ea-a60b-27628953c076.html

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/news-clips/hill-womens-equality-day-stop-romanticizing-19th-amendment>

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: Oct 3, 2020 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada) Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYrc--prjMrHNPY1mG-0vtW7BuSjm8waKYj>

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Syl Woolford is a native Delawarean who currently resides in Newark, Delaware. Mr. Woolford is a graduate of Wm. Penn High School, a graduate of Delaware State University with a BS Degree in Business Administration /Accounting and a graduate of Rutgers University with an MBA in Marketing.

In 2008, Mr. Woolford began researching his family history and expanded that research into a total revisiting of African-American history. He has been lecturing on African-American history since 2010 when he began lecturing on "African-American Soldiers in the Civil War."

He serves on several historical preservation boards and he has received many awards and tributes for his work.

**League of Women Voters of New Castle County invites you to its monthly
TED X Talk Discussion
How Racial Bias Works - And How to Disrupt It
Saturday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m.**

**The format is to watch the TED X Talk and then discuss the Ideas Worth Sharing.
Join us remotely for an engaging discussion via Zoom videoconference.
Go to the link at bottom of this page to pre-register.**

Sadly, we continue to witness racial tensions in our country. The TED Talk for September is **How Racial Bias Works – And How to Disrupt It**. This powerful talk by psychologist Jennifer L. Eberhardt delves into how our brains make sense of the world by creating categories. This allows us to recognize patterns and make quick decisions. Dr. Eberhardt explains how this ability feeds our unconscious bias which can lead to unfairly targeting Black people at all levels of society. This talk was selected because Dr. Eberhardt offers a solution that we can incorporate that will assist us in shifting the categories, thus changing our biases toward others to actively interrupt the troubling issue of racism.



Dr. Jennifer L. Eberhardt is a social psychologist at Stanford University, where she conducts research on race and inequality. As noted in the TED Talk bio; "Through interdisciplinary collaborations and a wide-ranging array of methods -- from laboratory studies to novel field experiments -- Jennifer L. Eberhardt has revealed the startling, and often dispiriting, extent to which racial imagery and judgments shape actions and outcomes both in our criminal justice system and our neighborhoods, schools and workplaces." In her work, Dr. Eberhardt has highlighted the negative impact of racial bias on all of us through science. She is the author of *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice that Shapes What We, See, Think, Do.*

You may also be interested in a TED Talk interview with Ibram X. Kendi on The Difference Between Being Not Racist and Antiracist. https://www.ted.com/talks/ibram_x_kendi_the_difference_between_being_not_racist_and_antiracist

Join in the conversation virtually on September 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. by registering at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsc--oqjwoHtFnX_T9yAy_qj3uI5S9ydp7

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Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights leader who died on July 17, wrote this essay shortly before his death. It was published by the New York Times on the day of his funeral, and I share it with you now.

“While my time here has now come to an end, I want you to know that in the last days and hours of my life you inspired me. You filled me with hope about the next chapter of the great American story when you used your power to make a difference in our society. Millions of people motivated simply by human compassion laid down the burdens of division. Around the country and the world you set aside race, class, age, language and nationality to demand respect for human dignity.

That is why I had to visit Black Lives Matter Plaza in Washington, though I was admitted to the hospital the following day. I just had to see and feel it for myself that, after many years of silent witness, the truth is still marching on. Emmett Till was my George Floyd. He was my Rayshard Brooks, Sandra Bland and Breonna Taylor. He was 14 when he was killed, and I was only 15 years old at the time. I will never ever forget the moment when it became so clear that he could easily have been me. In those days, fear constrained us like an imaginary prison, and troubling thoughts of potential brutality committed for no understandable reason were the bars.

Though I was surrounded by two loving parents, plenty of brothers, sisters and cousins, their love could not protect me from the unholy oppression waiting just outside that family circle. Unchecked, unrestrained violence and government-sanctioned terror had the power to turn a simple stroll to the store for some Skittles or an innocent morning jog down a lonesome country road into a nightmare. If we are to survive as one unified nation, we must discover what so readily takes root in our hearts that could rob Mother Emanuel Church in South Carolina of her brightest and best, shoot unwitting concertgoers in Las Vegas and choke to death the hopes and dreams of a gifted violinist like Elijah McClain.



Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights leader

Like so many young people today, I was searching for a way out, or some might say a way in, and then I heard the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on an old radio. He was talking about the philosophy and discipline of nonviolence. He said we are all complicit when we tolerate injustice. He said it is not enough to say it will get better by and by. He said each of us has a moral obligation to stand up, speak up and speak out. When you see something that is not right, you must say something. You must do something. Democracy is not a state. It is an act, and each generation must do its part to help build what we called the Beloved Community, a nation and world society at peace with itself.

Ordinary people with extraordinary vision can redeem the soul of America by getting in what I call good trouble, necessary trouble. Voting and participating in the democratic process are key. The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it. You must also study and learn the lessons of history because humanity has been involved in this soul-wrenching, existential struggle for a very long time. People on every continent have stood in your shoes, through decades and centuries before you. The truth does not change, and that is why the answers worked out long ago can help you find solutions to the challenges of our time. Continue to build union between movements stretching across the globe because we must put away our willingness to profit from the exploitation of others.

Though I may not be here with you, I urge you to answer the highest calling of your heart and stand up for what you truly believe. In my life I have done all I can to demonstrate that the way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way. Now it is your turn to let freedom ring.

When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide.”

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION SERIES - These meetings are now being held via Zoom.

The series is usually scheduled for 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.; however on September 21, it will take place 2:00 –4:00 p.m.

During this time of social isolation you are invited to watch the Great Decision video on your computer at your convenience prior to the meeting each month. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Brenda Toomey brendatoomey@yahoo.com (302-757-1371) who will send you the link to the video and Zoom link.

Meeting schedule: September 21, 2020 2:00 p.m. * Ch 5; US Relations ... discussion led by Sherry Wenger and Bob Gilliam, **October 19, 2020 1:00 p.m.** China's Road into Latin America...led by Judy Villamarin, **November 16, 2020 1:00 p.m.** Ch 7; The Philippines and the US... led by Marianne Green.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The elections committee will meet by zoom on October 6, 2020 at 11 a.m. for its regular meeting. Please contact Jill if you would like to participate at jillitzkowitz@gmail.com.

The Election Committee has been busy finding ways to virtually register voters and educating the public.

Due to COVID-19, we are not able to perform our normal voter registration and educational services in schools, libraries, farmers markets, and other 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 QR codes for Vote411.org and lvote.de.gov.



- ✓ We also sent letters to high schools with an attachment for them to send to incoming 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, and the Rotary Clubs. Various Sussex AKA and Delta Sorority, Indivisible Highlands, and the Millennial Summit.
- ✓ Upcoming Webinars: Wilmington Library, two Millsboro seniors centers, Delaware Technical College's Constitution Day, AAUW, Rotary Club, UD Associate program, Wilmington Job Corps, and Bear Library.
- ✓ A Spanish version of our webinar has been created for the Latino community.

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

VOTER SERVICE UPDATE

I have been involved with a few virtual meetings; Poor People Campaign, Votamos, and Child, Inc. Lawn signs for Vote 411 have been placed at various shelters and places with a lot of foot traffic.

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday September 22nd, and I am attempting to organize various locations for registering voters to comply with new Covid-19 regulations.



Thank you for all who participated in the Fund Raiser at Anthony's Coal Oven Pizza. They couldn't have been more gracious in assisting us. It's a great venue and hopefully we can organize another in a couple of months.

At right is Senator Cathy Cloutier picking up her pizza. Thanks you Cathy!



Patti Christopher, Chair, lww.patti@gmail.com

Welcome New Members

Kristin Brownlee, 302-283-0295 cell irkristinb@gmail.com

Charles Gebhart, 302-562-0103 home, 302-562-0103 cell, chuckgeb@verizon.net

George Geller, husband of current member Karen Stanley, 203-914-6201 cell, captain.geller@post.harvard.edu

Matthew Lynch, 302-563-9687 c, matakachip@comcast.net

Susan Sherk 302-888-1675 home 302-893-0079 cell sherksusan@gmail.com

Gen Wallace-Roe 302-388-2551, genwallaceroe@gmail.com

The LWNCC is growing again! We are now 216 members.

Thank you to all who have played a part in making this organization vital and working towards our mission: **Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy. We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.**

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 11 a.m. - Along the walkway on the Northside of the Old State House between Federal Street and The Green.
- **Georgetown:** September 16th at 12 noon - E Market Street side of the Sussex County Courthouse
- **Wilmington:** September 21st at 11 a.m. - E Front Street Park – by Zoom.

All dedications will be held virtually; a link will be sent when available.

Delaware's 22nd annual Chautauqua: "Women's Work: Campaigning for Social Change" on Sept. 19 and 20, 2020

- All activities to be presented free via Zoom; registration required.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the **19th Amendment** which granted women the right to vote, Delaware's 22nd annual Chautauqua—"Women's Work: Campaigning for Social Change"—will be presented virtually from the **New Castle Court House Museum** on Sept. 19 and 20, 2020. Register for each event separately on the links below.

Women's Work: Campaigning for Social Change: Schedule of Events New Castle Court House Museum Facebook livestream and Zoom

Saturday, September 19, 2020 Schedule

Daughters of Freedom

Saturday, September 19th 1:00 p.m.

A New Castle women's vocal ensemble performing songs of suffrage and prohibition. The ensemble is directed by Kathleen Shannon, Professor of Choral Music, Temple University and Chorus Master, York Symphony Chorus.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_URS1jGzVR7-X0aBicCF3qw

Pass the Rum: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition in Delaware

Saturday, September 19th 2:15 p.m.

Delaware Humanities speaker, historian and writer, Mike Dixon, will present a lively picture of Delaware during the prohibition period and relate stories of rum runners and bathtub gin, organized crime vs outgunned lawmen, and women creating change with the Temperance Movement.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V5cHEQ4WRiSt-tfL4JGvHw

Celebrating 100 Years: Revisiting the Women's Suffrage Movement with 2020 Hindsight

Saturday, September 19th 3:30 p.m.

Through Lora Englehart's program you will meet some of the determined women, both on the national level and in Delaware who lobbied for and those against women's right to vote.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IC5nCCTpQz-2FwgiL5LS0A

Delaware League of Women Voters (LWVNCC)

Saturday, September 19th 4:45 p.m.

This nonpartisan political organization encourages informed and active participation in government to give a voice to all American through education, advocacy and empowering voters.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VYiOJC_qTsyRkz3FloB38g

American Historical Theatre

Saturday, September 19th 6:00 p.m.

Accomplished actor, historian and singer, Pat Jordan, portrays the National Women's Suffrage Association leader and founder of the League of Women Voters organization, Carrie Chapman Catt.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-tZSo2gDR1WpmCewrr9aCQ

Sunday, September 20, 2020 Schedule

Daughters of Freedom

Sunday, September 20th 1:00 p.m.

A New Castle women's vocal ensemble performing songs of suffrage and prohibition. The ensemble is directed by

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https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_udv-QbheRU-aZl4rXvL-Zw

Daughters of the American Revolution

Sunday, September 20th 2:15 p.m.

A presentation explaining DAR, what they do, and how they supported the women's suffrage movement by DAR member, Cynthia Pritchard. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_U6JBrvSBQcuMHx2yAUcdgg

Battling for the Ballot: Suffrage in Delaware Sunday, September 20th 3:30 p.m.

Delaware Humanities speaker, historian and writer, Mike Dixon, will present a history of the expansion of suffrage while laying out arguments that were made by both sides of the right to vote debate.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DlwTHS75QXWTQY_g_Xy5pQ

Women's Suffrage in New Castle Sunday, September 20th 4:45 p.m. Historian, writer and Director of the New Castle Historical Society, Michael Connolly, will present a picture of the battle for the vote between two opposing sides in the City and the women involved. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wPTCqUL6SSqxvtpIa6U_g

HIGHLIGHTS TO THE HOT TOPIC:

Will Liquefied Natural Gas and Other Flammable Hydrocarbons be Exported Via the Delaware River?

To attendees and those who registered for the Hot Topic presentation about the **Will Liquefied Natural Gas and Other Flammable Hydrocarbons be Exported Via the Delaware River?** Below are links to the resources mentioned and the video link to the Zoom presentation.

<https://my.lvv.org/delaware/new-castle-county/article/delaware-riverkeepers-presents-arguments-opposition-lng-shipping>

Links to actions and tools re. proposed Gibbstown LNG Export Terminal:

The Petition campaign – we need many individual signers and we hope you will sign the petition yourself and share it with others so we can get lots of signers telling the DRBC “NO!” on the proposed Gibbstown LNG Export Terminal. DRBC will be voting on whether or not the LNG terminal will move ahead in the coming weeks, possibly September 10:

Link to the Petition: <https://www.delawariverkeeper.org/node/6128>

The Municipal Resolution Campaign:

We need folks to approach your municipality with our model resolution opposing the transport of LNG through communities. Please fill out the Google Form if you can do this and you can join the effort underway. THANK YOU!

Google form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15t1ixAvHc-zB5xoZVfHqSapFSgGeEr1-4J2udCCRwIs>

Here is the link to the model municipal/county resolution for Delaware: <https://bit.ly/3htqMxf>

Here are links that show the four potential truck and rail routes. The static maps: <https://bit.ly/3gaCBYg>

We also have an interactive map that you can zoom in on your area: <https://www.delawariverkeeper.org/taxonomy/term/1174>

DRN webpage with loads of info on the project and LNG hazards: <https://www.delawariverkeeper.org/ongoing-issues/gibbstown-logistics-center-lng-ngl-exports-proposed>



CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	ZOOM meeting	LWVDE ADVOCACY CORPS Meeting. Regular 2nd Wednesday meeting of the LWVDE Advocacy Corps (legislative lobby group). For details or to attend, contact Advocacy Chair Linda Barnett luvchocdog@hotmail.com
September 19 and 20	Moved to ZOOM	Delaware's 22 Annual Chautauqua: Women's Work: Campaigning for Social Change. SEE DETAILS AND LINK IN THIS Newsletter.
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	ZOOM meeting	LWVDE BOARD MEETING. Regularly Scheduled the third Wednesday. Note the change in time.
Monday, September 14, 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting	LWVNCC BOARD MEETING. Regularly scheduled the first Monday has been moved because of Labor Day)
Saturday, September 19, 2020 1:00 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting	TED X TALK: HOW RACIAL BIAS WORKS – AND HOW TO DISRUPT IT. This powerful talk by psychologist Jennifer L. Eberhardt,, delves into how our brains make sense of the world by creating categories. Contact Kay Palmer kaypalmer@42llc.com
Monday, September 21, 12:00 -1:30 p.m.	ZOOM meeting	HOT TOPIC: NCC 2050 COMPREHENSIV PLAN: LET'S PRIORITIZE PEOPLE OVER CARS. Zoom Presentation and Discussion. Presenter: Eric Sundquist, Director of the State Smart Transportation Initiative.
Monday, September 21, 11:00 a.m.	ZOOM meeting	Commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote and the 19th Amendment. Delaware Public Archives operates the Historical Markers program. Ceremony on E Front Street Park Wilmington
Monday, September 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting	GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION Contact Brenda Toomey brendatoomey@yahoo.com
Saturday, October 3, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	ZOOM Meeting	WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT: BELOW THE COLOR LINE. Presenter Syl Woolford. In 2008, Mr. Woolford began researching his family history and expanded that research into a total revisiting of African-American history.
Monday, October 5, 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.	ZOOM meeting	LWVNCC BOARD MEETING. Regular board meeting.
Tuesday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	ZOOM Meeting	LWVDE ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING. Regular committee meeting. Contact Jill Itzkowitz jillitzkowitz@gmail.com

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