

BROOKHAVEN

Candidates' Meetings

Sound Beach Civic and LWV- LD 6
Mastic Beach Civic- County Executive, Brookhaven Town and LD 3 + 6
Jefferson's Ferry- Brookhaven Town Supervisor and LD 5
Bay Shore High School for school board candidates

Voter Registration

Volunteers, many of them new to the process, distributed hundreds of voter registration forms at the naturalization ceremonies at the federal courthouse in Central Islip in January, March and September. Unfortunately, several of the dates that are usually planned for voter registration were cancelled this year.

Voter Education/Voter Service

Sept. 7- Brookhaven Fair
Sept. 14- Sayville Library
Sept. 17- Connetquot Library
Sept. 21- Middle Country Library
Sept. 23- Coram Civic Center
Sept. 24- National Voter Registration Day:
 Bayport /Blue Point Library
 Patchogue Library
 Stony Brook University
Oct. 2- Comsewogue Library
Oct. 3 + 4- HELP Suffolk
Oct. 5- Miller Place Fair
Alive After Five dates in Patchogue Village:
 June 27, July 11, July 25, Aug. 8

In May 2019, several Board members and other league members met at our "annual" meeting to plan for the upcoming year. We discussed past experiences and new venues for voter registration. Many activities were planned for colleges, libraries, schools and public events for the upcoming year. We planned to engage new members as much as possible. It was decided to order banners and utilize "go" bags with voter registration documents to encourage League visibility to the public.

HAMPTONS

Candidates' Meetings

May 8- Conducted a debate for school board candidates at the Southampton Intermediate School.
June 12- Primary debate for Southampton Supervisor for the Independence party line.
Oct. 7- Debate for Suffolk County LD 2 at the Hampton Bays Senior Center co-sponsored by the Hampton Bays Civics Association and the Express News Group.

HAMPTONS *continued*

Oct. 16- Debate for East Hampton Town candidates for Town Supervisor and Town Council co-sponsored with the East Hampton Library and the East Hampton Star.
Oct. 17- Debate for Southampton Town candidates for Town Supervisor and Town Council co-sponsored with the Express News Group.

Voter Registration

We distributed Voter Registration Forms, Absentee Ballots and the new Voter Reforms enacted by Albany this past January at all of our Public Information Meetings and other community events. We also distributed the ever changing Early Voting Sites available in Suffolk County up until Election Day.
May 11- East Hampton Village Street Fair in Herrick's Park off Newtown Lane in East Hampton Village.
Sept. 7 + 8- Sag Harbor Harborfest on the pier in Sag Harbor
Sept. 21- We set up a table in front of the Southampton Arts Center to take advantage of the crowd in the village for the Southampton Fest.
Sept. 24- National Voter Registration Day. We had tables at various locations all over East and Southampton Towns for this event:
 Montauk Post Office
 Amagansett Post Office
 East Hampton Post Office
 East Hampton Healthcare Center
 Springs One Stop market
 Bridgehampton Post Office
 Sag Harbor, in front of Schiavoni's
 Southampton Library
 Southampton Art Center
 Hampton Bays Library
 Westhampton Library
 Riverhead Library
And one of our vacationing members set up a registration table in front of the Post Office in Chestertown, NY in the Lake George area.
In November 2018 and this current November we are registering newly sworn in citizens at the Islip Federal Courthouse.

Voter Education Voter Service

We hold Public Information Meetings (PIM) approximately 8 times a year on various subjects relating to Government, Natural Resources, Candidate's forums and Health to keep our citizens informed on our local issues.
Mar. 12- PIM with Councilmen David Lys (EH) and Tommy John Schiavoni (SH).
Sept. 5- Many members of the LWV Hamptons VSC attended and participated in the Debate / Moderator training conducted by the LVW-SC in Bellport.

HAMPTONS *continued*

Sept 18th – Many members of the LWV of the Hamptons VSC attended the Islip Federal Courthouse training session at the Riverhead Library.
We participated in the creation of this year's edition of the on-line information website, Vote411. We covered the towns of East Hampton, Southampton, Shelter Island and Southold for a total of 78 candidates.
We have a phone that we constantly man to provide information to the public on any issues involving voting.
We maintain a public website for our LL and the public and constantly update it to provide timely and accurate information on all our PIMs

HUNTINGTON

Candidates' Meetings

Oct. 16- Forum cosponsored with Five Towns College for candidates running for the Suffolk County Legislature. Eight candidates participated. Held at Five Towns College.
Oct. 21- Forum cosponsored with Smithtown League for candidates running for Suffolk County Executive. Held at Kings Park High School.
Oct. 22- Forum cosponsored with Huntington Chamber of Commerce for candidates running for Town of Huntington offices: Town Council, Receiver of Taxes and Town Clerk. Nine candidates participated. Held at Harborfields Public Library

Voter Registration

We had a very successful registration season again this year with a total of 26 voter registration drives at a variety of venues including 7 at naturalization ceremonies. We participated in 2 festivals: Cow Harbor Day and the Huntington Fall Festival; did 6 voter registrations at 5 local colleges and 11 community sites including 7 libraries, Northport Farmers' Market, Noor Mosque, a senior center and Atria nursing home.

Voter Education/Voter Service

Youth committee presented Vote 18 to high school seniors in Brentwood and Central Islip SDs and a local private high school. They were invited to another private high school to register the seniors. They also presented Vote 13, a middle school adaption of Vote 18, 4 times in Huntington and Brentwood. We also sponsored two high school students for the Students Inside Albany program and participated with our Suffolk ILO in Student Day in Suffolk County Legislature. We developed a teen program, Youth Engaging Youth, and it was presented at a local library. We were invited to discuss the program at the LWVNY Convention where we presented the strengths and weaknesses of putting on this program.

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Get out the Vote

Students from Five Towns College recorded PSAs in English and Spanish. These were aired on several local college radio stations in anticipation of early voting. Brenda Walker had the Dix Hills Fire Department advertise early voting on their LTD display in front of the firehouse. Mary Speed-Perry and Colette Knuth approached the Paramount Theater in Huntington and designed a display that also advertised early voting on their marquees. The PSAs were also distributed to the Suffolk County ILO, and Nassau and NYC LWV. We spoke to voters about early voting and distributed materials at Cow Harbor Day and the Fall Festival. We encouraged some voters who might want a reminder to vote to sign on to "Turbo Vote."

SHELTER ISLAND

LWVSI held the annual State of the Town Luncheon in April and it was shown on channel 22 and available on the SI town website 11 high school students were in attendance and prepared questions for the Supervisor. Two Registration drives were held at the Farmer's Market on July 4 weekend and Labor Day weekend. Voter's Guides and Directory of Public officials pamphlets were handed out as well as information about early voting. These were also given to the Shelter Island Library and the Town Hall and when received, the LWVNY Early Voting Information. The LWVNY Early Voting pamphlet was also distributed on the North Fork. On October 6th the LWVSI along with The Shelter Island Association held a Candidate Forum for the 5 candidates vying for 2 seats on the council and the 2 candidates for supervisor. Voter Registration was also conducted at the forum.

SMITHTOWN

Candidates' Meetings

May 13- Moderated Islip School Board school debate
May 16- Moderated Kings Park Board School debate
Sept. 21- Bay Shore/Brightwaters Library – Co-sponsored a County Executive Debate with Islip NAACP.
Oct. 16- Five Town College - moderated LWVH Suffolk Co. legislators debate (LD 13, 16, 17, 18)
Oct. 17- Moderated local Smithtown Candidates debate at Nesaquake Middle School; video recorded with link on YouTube and our website.
Oct. 21- Moderated County Executive debate, co-sponsored with Huntington LWV and assisted by Kings Park HS Student Council and National Honor Society; video recorded with link on YouTube and League website.
Oct.22- Moderated a LWVH local candidate forum at Harborfields Library

SMITHTOWN *continued*

Voter Registration

We covered naturalization in December, February and August handing out hundreds of voter registration forms, DPOs and First Vote. In August we handed out newly designed palm cards. Starting in June we distributed registration forms, Directory of Public Officials booklets and information on early voting at 4 tabling events in Smithtown. They were Kings Park Day and Smithtown Day in June, Nesconset Day in September and St. James Day in October. In addition we handed out voter information at a Volunteer Fair at the Smithtown Library on October 8.

On April 30th, members went to High School West to observe and assist the Board of Elections present a Voter Registration and Information Program for the senior class.

Maria LaMalfa and Dorothy Callahan-Harris worked throughout the summer on Vote 411 , the LWV's online candidate guide completing it for the 2019 election.

In September, members instructed students at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood on writing letters to their local, state, and federal legislators and also handed out and helped students fill out registration forms. Throughout the year we distributed copies of the 2019 Directory of Public Officials to civic groups, chambers of commerce, elected officials, libraries, etc.

SUFFOLK COUNTY INTER LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

We received a \$2000 grant from LWVUS for new citizen voter registration work, covering designing and printing new palm cards, enhancing our website and training members for Naturalization. We offered debate and moderator training to LWV members and civic groups with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System. We printed and distributed 8000 copies of the 2019 Directory of Public Officials and provided an updated pdf on our website.

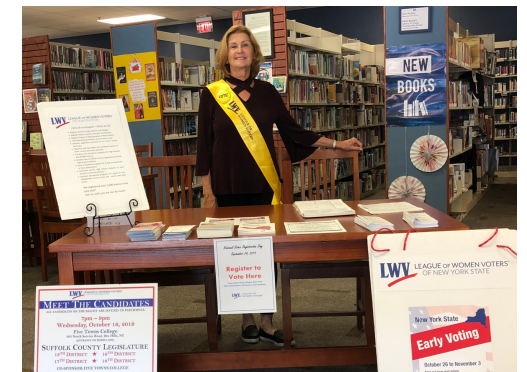
Thanks to Brian Medieros of LWV Smithtown we converted to a new, robust website- check it out at lvw-suffolkcounty.org. LWVSC worked with the Suffolk County Legislature in early 2018, offering Student Day at the Suffolk County Legislature in Hauppauge and in Riverhead in March. Those attending were most positive about the event. We write a monthly column, Making Democracy Work, in the six TBR newspapers All columns are archived on the LWVSC website. We met with the Suffolk County Board of Elections in July particularly to explore how the BOE was planning to handle Early Voting. We expect a follow up meeting this winter.

We are thankful to the Brookhaven, Hamptons, Huntington and Smithtown VOTE411 coordinators for their dedication, persistence, and success in giving voters throughout Suffolk a great tool to explore their November ballots online.



Celebrating Voter Service

**Post-Election Luncheon
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
The Cooperage Inn, Baiting Hollow**



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