



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK

STATE VOTER

4 Weeks Until Election Day

The State Voter looks a little different this month. As we get closer and closer to Election Day we want to keep you informed with all you need to know. As such, the State Voter will be sent out every Friday between now and November 5th.



President's Message

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In advance of voting November 5th, **make sure your registration status is active**. Go online and check your registration status. Websites you can use, include vote411.org or <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>. If you check your status and you're an active voter, you are good to go. Getting registered is only the first step. It's equally important to stay registered and to make sure you protect your right to vote. Encourage your friends to spread the word about being certain their voter registration is active. People move, something changes, who knows, just double check BEFORE election day to be certain your registration is active. Spread the word on this **please!**

All About Voting

Local leagues are actively engaged in their communities with voter registration drives and voter information events, and are ramping up for the November election. Numerous candidates forums, voter registration drives, and get out the vote efforts have been organized across the state.

Register to Vote

- 1) Online at the DMV or State Board of Elections website <https://elections.ny.gov/voter-registration-process>
- 2) In person with your local League of Women Voters
- 3) In person at your County Board of Elections

What's on your ballot?

President and Vice President, U.S. Senate in NYS District 20, U.S. Congressional Districts in NYS, NYS Senate, NYS Assembly, Local races, Prop 1 and local propositions.

Vote411.org

When you are seeking voting information, VOTE411.org is the perfect tool to use. This is a **national** voter guide. Everyone can check their voter registration status from here; register to vote; and obtain ballot and candidates' information. Feel free

to share this website information with your family and friends who reside anywhere in the U.S.

Text Alerts

Want to see reminders of deadlines - or reminders to vote? Sign up for text reminders on our website [here](#)!



Even Year Elections Law Deemed Unconstitutional

On Tuesday, a New York state Supreme Court judge ruled that the new state law that would move many local elections to line up with state and federal elections in even-numbered years violates the state Constitution.

The League does not have a position that would allow us to support or oppose this bill, but it would have huge impact on how our elections would run so we are keeping tabs on this issue. The court case will NOT impact the November 2024 election.

Read more [here](#)!

Celebrate Golden Day!

In December of 2023 Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation that reduced the time required for voter registration forms to be submitted in person from at twenty-five days prior to an election, to only 10 days before an election. This means that voters can register to vote and vote on the SAME day- October 26th!

Community groups across the state are combining canvassing and promotions with a celebratory event to welcome new voters. Connect with your local League to see what may be going on in your neck of the woods!



Local League Happenings

The Albany County League is hosting an event on Prop 1 on **Tuesday, October 15, 6:30- 8 pm** titled **"What Is Proposition 1?** Everything You Need To Know About NY's Equal Rights Amendment." Join Senator Liz Krueger for a virtual discussion about how it will protect abortion rights, as well as provide protections for LGBTQ New Yorkers, older adults, and people with disabilities. Speakers: Katharine Bodde, New York Civil Liberties Union; Ting Ting Cheng, Columbia Law School; Evan Davis, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. **RSVP and receive zoom link here.**

LWV of NYC is hosting a postcarding party on Wednesday, October 16th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Join them for a fun, non-partisan postcard writing evening on Wednesday, October 16th, 6-7:30 PM at the League office! Encourage our fellow New Yorkers to get out and vote. Plus, enjoy snacks and refreshments while making a difference! Location: 4 West 43rd Street, Suite 613

LWV of Buffalo is hosting a webinar on October 28th at 3pm. The outcome of the 2024 election can have a lasting impact on health care access and affordability. Join the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York and the LWV of Buffalo for the upcoming "Your Health Care and the Election: What's at Stake" webinar for a nonpartisan and informative discussion on health care in the upcoming election. Register for the webinar here: <https://tinyurl.com/mr3n8uvh>

This is a small snapshot of all of the incredible work that's going on around the state. If you'd like to share what your local League is up to email Erica at erica@lwny.org.



Where in the news is the State League?

This week we were quoted in a Times Union article on the lack of proper implementation of poll sites on college campuses. We partnered with NYPIRG and several other voting rights

organizations to call out this issue ahead of the election.

"While recent legislation aimed to facilitate voting for New York's 1.1 million college-age students, we have yet to see significant increases in on-campus polling locations," said Erica Smitka, Executive Director of the New York League of Women Voters, which cosigned the letter. "By ensuring that these sites are conveniently located, we can empower students to actively engage in the democratic process and make their voices heard on the issues that matter most to them."

Read the article [here](#).

This morning we joined Jaime DeLine and John Grey from News Channel 10 to talk about the upcoming election. We'll post a link as soon as it goes live!

LWVUS Corner:

- All League members are invited to attend this series of weekly webinars on a variety of election topics leading up to our busiest season of election work. Registration, recordings, and resources for each webinar are available at LWV.org/2024ElectionWebinars.

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