The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government. The league works to increase and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Are you interested in being more hands on with the League? If so, then please consider joining our amazing Executive Board!

The nominating committee is searching for a Secretary, a Co-Voter Service, and a President. Each position has a key role, and is supported by the other board members. Please contact Ann Warde or Kay Wagner for more information.
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The Natural Resources Committee by Kay Wagner

The Natural Resources Committee is busy planning our February program. We are interested in the subject of local land use but are still narrowing in on a specific topic.

While planning our program we are also following local issues and recently submitted a statement to the City of Ithaca Planning Board concerning Cornell University’s proposal for a large project on north campus that would include new housing, dining and other facilities. Our statement confirms that we recognize the need to add significant new housing for Cornell students, but states that we have serious concerns about the specific construction plans. In particular, we point to the need for a thorough environmental review and the need to make the buildings net zero in energy use by installing heat pumps and avoiding all use of natural gas. You can find a copy of this statement on our League website.

The Tompkins County Legislature’s Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee (PDEQ) has just voted 4-1 in support of a resolution urging the DEC to reject the permit application from the Cayuga Power Plant to convert its power generation from coal to natural gas. The one vote against the resolution was by a representative who believes the alternative resolution calling for a thorough environmental review by the DEC is more appropriate at this stage of the process. The power plant’s proposal for the first half of the project would involve an average of 25-60 truck loads a day of compressed fracked natural gas. Approximately 70 local residents attended the meeting, with at least 30 speaking to the committee and most favoring the resolution. We expect that a final version of the resolution will be voted on by the legislature on Tuesday, November 20. The resolution can be found on the Tompkins County website by searching for “resolution Cayuga power plant 2018”.

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As a follow-up to the program on carbon farming for which our League was a co-sponsor, Sara Hess (one of our committee members) has written a thoughtful letter to the editor of the Ithaca Journal. You will find it in the Saturday, November 10, paper.

In her letter Sara discusses the importance of using plants and healthy soil to remove significant quantities of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Specific activities mentioned include “tilling less, adding diverse crops and rotation, planting hedgerows and trees in and around pastures and cropland, and managed livestock grazing”.

As always, we welcome new members to our committee. If you are interested contact Kay Wagner.
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Tompkins County Public Library Borg Warner Room

Come hear local health professionals and community members share information, best practices, and real experience about living with chronic lung disease. Enjoy a *Harmonicas for Health* performance following the presentation.

*Light snacks and refreshments provided — Open and Free to the Public. Doors open at 4:00pm for exhibits. Presentation begins at 4:30pm.*

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**Health Committee**

The Department of Health requested that the League co-sponsor a program on COPD. In researching this illness, it becomes apparent that the illness is more deadly for women than for men.

The Health Committee is meeting with the Department of Health this month to finalize the program, which will be November 14, 4:30-6:00 pm. in the Public Library Borg-Warner Room.

The Committee is considering a program for the Spring on the legalization of marijuana. It is a topic that is currently being debated by college students. It is a topic that needs our attention, as our state, as many other states, is considering this issue. We will have Sebastian Chavez, our student liaison, help plan this program.

Diane Kelleher, Ann Warde, Kay Sharp, Debbie Levin
Interested in becoming a league member?

The league would love to have you!

Who can join LWV-TC? Membership is open to all men and women, 16 years or older.

What does membership bring?
Joining the League of Tompkins County automatically enrolls you in the League of Women Voters of New York State and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Membership includes our Voter newsletter with reports, legislative action, events, news, membership updates, and more. For more information, here is our Membership Booklet.

To join LWV-TC, print and complete the membership form and return it to League of Women Voters of Tompkins County
303 Savage Farm Drive
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You will receive a packet from the Membership Chair. If you have problems accessing or printing the form, please contact lwvtompkins@gmail.com

When we voted on November 6th it was the 100th anniversary of women actually voting in New York State.

Over the last hundred years women have voted for (or against) many candidates and many issues. Make no mistake The League has been effective in helping voters to be informed citizens and to thus influence our country's future. The League has also been a respected, active, and effective lobby in the halls of government.

There is no shortage of important issues coming up in the next hundred years along with candidates for office with ideas for solutions. As in the past, the resulting governments will have to contend with the League's powerful lobbying effort.

WELCOME To all the League members who have already renewed their membership and to the number of new members who have joined the 2018-2019 League Roster.
Thanks to you, together we will hope to surpass the progress of the last century as we embark on the next.

We invite all, members who haven't as yet renewed their membership, and those who wish to join with us to be in League as we start the next League century.

(You can find a membership form in this Bulletin)
Membership Committee, Megan Nettleton, Ann Ward
Lory Saltzman (chair)
Recognizing Women's Right To Vote in New York State

This traveling exhibit features the journey of women's efforts to gain the vote here in New York state.

This exhibition was curated by Julia Corrice, Susan Goodier, and Sally Roesch Wagner of the South Central Regional Library Council, in partnership with the Empire State Library Network and New York Heritage Digital Collections, with funding from Humanities New York and exhibition materials contributed by libraries around the country.

Please visit [https://thehistorycenter.net/](https://thehistorycenter.net/) for more information.

The programming committee is hard at work, planning events for early 2019!

Plans will be discussed at the board only brunch in December. Please forward any suggestions to Charlotte Coffman.
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Important Links

http://lwvtompkins.org/bulletins.html  
See all of the League’s Past Bulletins

http://lwvtompkins.org/calendar.html  
The League’s Calendar of Events

http://lww.org/  
The National League Website

http://www.lwvny.org/  
The State League Website

http://lwvtompkins.org/stand.html  
Where the Tompkins County League stands on important issues

http://www.lwvtompkins.org/program_archive.html  
A link to previous league sponsored programs which were videotaped.

http://www.lwvtompkins.org/voting.html  
Find out when the Upcoming Elections

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