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.

Any person 16 years and older, male or female, may become a League member.

The Natural Resources Committee by Kay Wagner

The Natural Resources Committee is excited about our upcoming program “Our Lakes and Streams: Their Health and Care” to be held on February 25. Our speakers, Hilary Lambert and Andy Zepp, are planning their talks and figuring out the best ways to complement each other. We hope that many of you will be coming, bringing lots of questions with you.

In addition to planning our program, we continue to follow local environmental issues including construction projects, the future of the Cayuga Plant, and the legal action calling for an environmental impact study regarding Cargill’s proposed mine shaft and further mining under Cayuga Lake. We are also interested in work being done by a local group that is studying “carbon farming” and planning a spring event that will focus on the best ways to grow our gardens and manage our yards.

We hope some of you will think about joining our committee. If you are interested contact Kay Wagner (592-4770, cmw18@cornell.edu).
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Save the Date!

The League’s Annual Soup & Bread Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd at the Borg Warner Room in the Tompkins County Public Library (ALERT – this is a different space from last year!!!).

Achieving Beulah Land — A History of Suffrage Activities in Tompkins County will be presented by Elaine Engst, Cornell Library Archivist Emerita, and Carol Kammen, Tompkins County Historian.

**The first woman’s rights convention in the United States was held at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19 and 20, 1848. The building is now maintained by the National Park Service.**

**Charlotte Woodward was a 19-year-old farmer’s daughter at the convention, and was the only person in attendance that lived long enough to see female suffrage become legal.**

**Lucy Stone was a leader of the women’s rights movement and lecturer for the abolitionist movement. People against her message made it known during her lectures: in midwinter, someone opened a window and threw ice water on her; Stone wrapped a shawl around her shoulders and kept talking.**
Taughannock frequently closed to swimming last summer by toxic algae.

What caused this algae? Will it happen again this year? Are there other problems found in Cayuga Lake and its tributaries we should know about?

Get answers to these and many other worrying questions at “Our Lakes and Streams: their Health and Care” a program being presented by the League of Women Voters of Tompkins County

**Monday, February 25, 2019, 7:00-8:30 in the Borg Warner Room at Tompkins County Public Library.**

The speakers are Hilary Lambert, Steward of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network and Andy Zepp, Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Land Trust.

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn how we can protect our lake and local water resources. Lambert and Zepp will discuss a variety of factors that are now having a negative impact on the lake and streams or may do so in the future, why they are of concern, and what we need to do to improve the health of our watershed. They will also describe some projects the Land Trust is pursuing to protect these important sources of our water, including building up important wetlands.

https://www.facebook.com/events/814544638937838/
# Upcoming Events

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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 Ithaca, NY 14850

You will receive a packet from the Membership Chair. If you have problems accessing or printing the form, please contact lwvtompkins@gmail.com

The Tompkins County League of Women Voters would like to honor

Mary Berkleman

Mary is now an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER. She has been a member for 50 years or more.

Please come help us celebrate her at our annual meeting.
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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://lwv.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://lwvtompkins.org/voting.html
Find out when the Upcoming Elections
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