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, may become a League member.

The League of Women Voters is holding a brainstorming session!

**Monday, September 23 at 7pm. A special meeting for members and their guests in the Borg Warner Room at Tompkins County Public Library**

*Vote on the proposed increase in dues! Get to know fellow members, and talk about the future of our local League.*

Join a new committee or start a new one, learn about our new book club, meet the board members, help plan an upcoming program, have some fun, and more!
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A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

August 26th was Women’s Equality Day, marking that wonderful day 99 years ago when the 19th Amendment was ratified and women throughout the United States gained the right to vote. In New York State women had been assured of the right to vote earlier, on November 4, 2017. Many League members gathered on the Commons this year, together with members of Planned Parenthood of the Southern Finger Lakes and American Association of University Women, Ithaca. We registered voters, answered questions, and talked to many people about what our groups do to advance equality for women. It was a lot of fun and great to get to know more members of our community.

Many of the people we talked to were interested in the League’s legislative agenda and some asked about becoming members of the LWV. We must remember that next year August 26 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. We must do something much bigger and better then. So put it on your calendar now and put on your thinking caps!

We are looking forward to many upcoming events, especially our meeting on Monday, September 23 when we vote on the proposed increase in our membership dues. We hope that all of you will come if you can, get to know each other better, and share your thoughts about what you would like to see our League doing in the future. Think about joining one of our committees if you are not already involved with one. Or think about starting a new committee that matches your interests and start a process that could eventually get to the National League. Or simply get involved in whatever ways work well for you. But mostly just come and have a good time. Bring any friends who would like to join in with the fun. And remember that the League is not for women only. We hope to see you there.
Voter Services Update!

The Chair of the Voter Services Committee moderated two forums in June for the Town of Danby candidates. There was a great turnout and lots of great questions from the audience. We have one candidate forum scheduled so far for this fall. It will be held October 22nd for the Town of Caroline. The Chair of Voter Services will again serve as the moderator.

The League and Voter Services volunteers attended the Juneteenth celebration on June 19th. We had a wonderful time and look forward to attending this wonderful event every year. We were able to talk to quite a few people about the League and handed out some information regarding voting dates and League membership.

We were able to register 14 new voters at the Naturalization Ceremony held on August 7th. As always, it was a glorious day and we are so thankful to be able to participate in this important event when they are held.

Looking ahead, we will be tabling at the Apple Harvest Festival at the end of September and will have some activities planned for National Voter Registration Day coming up on September 24th.
Volunteer opportunities with Voter Services

On September 22nd, Voter Services will be tabling at PorchFest with the Unitarian Church from 12pm to 2pm. Look for us near the free ice cream!

The Apple Harvest Festival is one of our favorite events of the year. The League has applied to table on the Saturday and Sunday, the 28th and the 29th. This event is held around and on the Ithaca Commons.

If you are interested in volunteering at either event, please email Mandy Qualls at mandyqualls@gmail.com.

National Voter Registration Day coming up on September 24th. Please check our website or email Mandy for more information about the activities the League has planned!
The League of Women Voters is proud to announce the newly redesigned VOTE411.org, the most trusted nonpartisan election website used by more than five million voters in 2018.

The purpose of VOTE411 is to provide voters with non-partisan voting and election information, and to enable candidates to provide their contact and biographical information and their responses to questions posed so that voters can become more informed. All candidates are contacted directly by U.S. mail and invited to participate. If they choose not to participate or provide information, their name and the office that they are running for will be listed.

Please see the attached PDF for more information.

General Candidate Questions:

1. Why are you running for elected office and what are your office-specific goals?
2. What are the major issues or challenges facing the community that you wish to represent?
3. What do you see as the greatest challenge or issue facing your community in the next few years and what steps would you propose or support to address that challenge or issue?
4. What skills and experience do you have that qualify you for the office that you are running for?
5. How do you plan to communicate with the members of the community that you represent in order to share information and receive feedback?
The Natural Resources Committee will be meeting on September 9 to begin planning our activities for the year and our February program. Come join us and bring your ideas to the discussion. During this summer we have continued to follow many environmental issues including the work being done by CLEAN, a group that is concerned about Cargill’s plans for future drilling under the lake.

At the LWVNY convention in June, the state committee on Agriculture, Energy and the Environment, chaired by Beth Radow, held a program on food waste. Beth arranged for a speaker from the DEC to talk about new legislation that requires large food producers to take steps to avoid food waste and to compost what cannot be used. Kay Wagner spoke briefly at this program about the importance of regenerative farming practices and how these practices help sequester carbon. Be sure to go to the LWVNY website and at the bottom of the home page you will find Beth’s Be Earthwise Guide which includes information on food waste.

Some members of our committee attended a public hearing held by the NYS Public Service Commission on Wednesday, August 14. The hearing was held due to the request by NYSEG to increase its delivery charges for both electricity and gas. The meeting began with an information session given by NYSEG, followed by two hours of statements given by members of the audience. The speakers from the audience were almost unanimous in calling for no new infrastructure for natural gas and were strongly opposed to the plan to replace an old pipeline with a larger 12" pipeline. The statements given concerning electricity rates involved concerns about the affordability for residents who are already in financial difficulties and many complaints about how NYSEG has currently been responding to vegetation growth and other problems. But most of the comments stressed the importance of requiring NYSEG to upgrade the electrical grid with more substations and appropriate connections so that developers can bring solar and wind farms on line. There were also many calls for subsidies for heat pumps since NYSEG is the only utility in the state not already offering them.
DIRT RICH: a film that shows the power of regenerative agriculture

Tuesday, Sept 10, 7:00 pm
FREE at Cinemapolis, Ithaca Commons

Dirt Rich shifts focus from greenhouse gas emissions to carbon drawdown, a natural solution to help reverse the effects of runaway global warming in a timely manner.

Through reforestation of abandoned land, protection and restoration of carbon-rich wetlands, use of biochar, and regenerative agriculture, Dirt Rich shows how these strategies can return our atmosphere to safe levels of carbon while growing soil and protecting water, our most precious resources.

This event is being co-sponsored by The League. Other sponsors include: Mothers out Front, Fossil Free Tompkins, Sustainable Tompkins, Environmental Management Council, Food Forest Farm, Citizens Climate Lobby, Groundswell, and many others.
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The League is busy this fall. Please Join Us. See page 5 for Voter Service Events.
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

https://www.facebook.com/events/2474818809469007/
A social, informal book club led by members of the Tompkins County League. Open to everyone!

Each meeting we will read and discuss 2-4 chapters, which are independent from each other. Feel free to join us for one or all of the meet ups!

Where: Ithaca Bakery, 2255 N Triphammer Rd. There is plenty of parking. We will grab a table in the back of the side room. Look for a poster on our table.

When: Thursday, October 24th to discuss Chapters 1 & 2.
Thursday, November 21st to discuss Chapters 3, 4 & 5.
Thursday, January 23rd to discuss Chapters 6, 7, 8 & 9.

Time: 5:45pm. The bakery closes at 7:30. This should give us enough time to chat about the book and get to know each other. Feel free to grab something to eat before or during!

What to bring: A copy of the book, your thoughts, and a friend! Please contact Megan Nettleton with any questions or comments!
Nettleton.Megan@gmail.com (330) 962-5448

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First Book Pick is *Don't Know Much About History, Anniversary Edition: Everything You Need to Know About American History but Never Learned (Don't Know Much About Series)* By Kenneth C Davis.
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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://www.lwvtompkins.org/voting.html
Find out when the Upcoming Elections

https://www.elections.ny.gov/

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