



League of Women Voters of Tompkins County
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****TAKE ME TO VOTE!****

Take A Child and “Future Voter” to Vote with You on Election Day

TAKE ME TO VOTE! is a project of the League of Women Voters of Tompkins County (LWV-TC) and is coordinated with the Tompkins County Board of Elections. We hope you will participate and encourage your child’s participation in this early lesson in citizenship!

GOALS

- To have adults take their children or “future voters” with them to the polls and demonstrate the importance of active, informed participation in government by voting
- To prepare children for the rights and responsibilities of citizenship through direct experience with the voting process.
- To encourage voter turnout on Election Day

HOW IT WORKS

Before: Election Day: Talk to your child about the candidates, issues and the importance of participating in the decision-making process by voting. Attend candidate forums.

On Election Day: Take your child and future voter(s) to the polls with you on Election Day. “Future Voters” will receive a special sticker from the Poll Worker.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 19, 2011	Last Day to Register to Vote for the Primary Election	
August 30, 2011	Candidate Forum*, TC Public Library, Green St, Ithaca	7 P.M. – 9 P.M.
September 13, 2011	PRIMARY ELECTION (Tuesday)	Noon – 9 P.M.
October 14, 2011	Last Day to Register to Vote for the General Election	
October 19, 2011	Candidate Forum*, TC Public Library, Green St, Ithaca	7 P.M. – 9 P.M.
November 8, 2011	GENERAL ELECTION (Tuesday)	6 A.M. – 9 P.M.

* Candidate Forums are for the City of Ithaca Mayoral Race (8/30 for Primary; 10/19 for General Election)

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE & GET ELECTION INFORMATION?

Tompkins County Board of Elections, 607-274-5522 or 5521, www.votetompkins.com or www.tompkins-co.org/boe, 128 East Buffalo Street, Ithaca, NY 14850

* Request, download or pick up a NYS Voter Registration Form from the Board of Elections

* Mail, or bring a completed Voter Registration Form to the Board of Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

- ✓ **CALL THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS** if you have not received a post card from them stating that you are eligible to vote and providing the polling site location
- ✓ **VERIFY:**
 - that you are registered to vote and that your status is “Active”
 - that your name will appear in the polling place roll book on Election Day
 - your polling site location
- ✓ **BE INFORMED**(e.g. candidate forums, radio, TV, newspapers, party/candidate websites)

ON ELECTION DAY

- ✓ **TAKE A CHILD & A FRIEND TO VOTE!**
- ✓ **IF YOUR POLL RECORD IS MISSING – DON’T PANIC**
 - You may be at the wrong polling site (poll workers will direct you to correct site)
 - You may vote by Affidavit (paper) ballot or Court Order
- ✓ **WHEN IN DOUBT – ASK** (before voting):
 - how to use the voting machine
 - to view the sample ballot (posted at polling site and on BOE website)
 - for assistance in voting because of disability, or inability to read or write

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League does not support or oppose any political parties or candidates. It achieves its goals through year-round voter service activities, and study of and action on, issues selected by its members on the local, state, and national levels.

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