



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF EAST NASSAU

# Voter

*At local, state and national levels  
the League works to influence public policy  
through education and advocacy.*

May, 2008

## Save the Dates

**Tues., May 6 – 8:00AM – 4:30PM**  
**Sustainability Conference**  
Huntington Hilton, Melville  
Sustainable Long Island, 873-0230

**Wednesday, May 7 – 7:30 PM**  
**LWVEN Board Meeting**  
Home of Barbara Epstein– 221-1948  
221 Tardy La. S., Wantagh

**Wednesday, May 14 – 7:30 PM**  
**LWVEN Annual Meeting**  
See right column.

**Wednesday, May 21 – 4:00PM**  
**LWV Nassau County Convention**  
Be sure to attend, see page 8 for  
details.

**June 13 – 17 LWVUS**  
**National Convention**  
Portland, OR

*“The world needs dreamers  
and the world needs doers.  
But most of all, the world  
needs dreamers who do.”*

*~Eleanor Roosevelt*

*“I’m tired of hearing it said  
that democracy doesn't  
work. Of course it doesn't  
work. We are supposed to  
work it.” ~Alexander Woollcott*

**It's not the voting that's  
democracy; it's the counting.**  
*~Tom Stoppard, Jumpers*

## LWV East Nassau Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 7:30 PM**

Forest City Park Clubhouse  
3099 Morgan Drive, Wantagh

### Business Meeting:

Election of Officers & Directors  
Approval of Budget  
Discussion of Activities  
Important Announcements and Updates

### **Speaker from Nassau County's New Mental Health Court**

**Buffet Dinner – Only \$10.00**

*If you haven't already done so, send your check for \$10.00, payable to LWVEN, to Mary Price, 3930 Kingsberry Road, Seaford, NY 11783, and/or call her, at 731-0812, to let her know you are coming. (You can use the form on page 7 of the April VOTER.)*

*Don't miss this opportunity to learn what League has been doing, listen to an interesting and informative speaker, and celebrate the culmination of an eventful and successful League year. Bring a potential member or two with you.*



#### Directions:

Take Southern Parkway to exit 28S (Wantagh Avenue). Take Wantagh Ave. south to Jerusalem Avenue. Go right on Jerusalem Avenue. After going over Wantagh Parkway overpass, make a right on Douglas Avenue, then take an immediate right onto Murdock Road (which turns into Morgan Drive). If you miss Douglas Avenue, go right on Whitehall and make the next right onto Murdock. Park on Morgan Drive.

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### County Legislature Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, May 14 6:00 PM  
 (Committee meetings begin at 2:00 PM.)  
 Monday, June 23 10:00 AM

The Nassau County Legislature meets in the Legislative Chamber, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 1550 Franklin Ave, Mineola, 571-4252. An admittance pass must be obtained on the first floor of the building, at the north elevator.

### Town of Hempstead Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, May 6 10:30 AM  
 Tuesday, May 20 10:30 AM  
 Tuesday, June 3 7:00 PM  
 Tuesday, June 17 10:30 AM

The Hempstead Town Board meets at Town Hall, in the Nathan H. Bennett Pavilion, 489-5000.

### Town of Oyster Bay Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, May 13 10:00 AM  
 Tuesday, May 27 7:00 PM  
 Tuesday, June 10 10:00 AM  
 Tuesday, June 24 7:00 PM

The Oyster Bay Town Board meets at 54 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay, 624-6390.

**Call before  
attending.  
Schedules  
are subject  
to change.**



## LWVEN Board of Directors – 2007-2008

### OFFICERS

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## Keeping Connected

### LWVUS & LWVUS Education Fund

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### LWV of Nassau County:

Post Office Box 539, Point Lookout, NY 11569, 516-431-1628  
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## Bigger, Better, Bottle Bill

Let's build on the success of the past twenty-five years and expand the Bottle Bill to include more than 2 billion additional beverage containers that are not being recycled! This is primarily because most of the single-serve drinks are consumed away from home where there is no opportunity to recycle them.

The current bottle bill has a 70% return rate - 70% of 2 billion additional containers will make a significant difference in:

- Cleaner communities
- Conservation of natural resources through recycling
- Increased funding for environmental programs

There is a dire need for funding for the Environmental Protection Fund. The projected \$100 million that will be generated by the Bigger Better Bottle Bill will support many needed programs. In addition, beverage companies should be required to return unclaimed deposits to the State Environmental Protection Fund for the benefit of the public.

New Yorkers want and deserve a BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL.

Contact your state assemblymember and senator and ask them to support the BIGGER BETTER BOTTLE BILL

## Voter Facts

\* 126 million Americans voted in the November 2004 presidential election – a record high, representing 64 percent of voting age citizens.

\* The highest voter turnout in the 2004 elections was among those 55 and over.

\* In 2004, young voter turnout increased more than in any election year since 1972, when 18 year olds were given the right to vote. 20.1 million 18 – 29 year olds voted in 2004.

\* Of Americans who are registered to vote – most do. In the 2004 election, 89 percent of registered voters cast a vote.

\* In November 2008, there will be more than 200 million Americans eligible to go to the polls and exercise their right to vote.

(Source: US Census Bureau)

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## Town of Hempstead S.T.O.P. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, May 17 – Newbridge Road Park  
2600 Newbridge Rd, South Bellmore

Saturday, June 22 – Bay Park  
1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, East Rockaway

Saturday, July 19 - Town of Hempstead Parking Field L2  
Division Avenue, Levittown



## Town of Oyster Bay S.T.O.P./Electronic Waste Collection Schedule

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday, May 18 – TOB Department Of Public Works Garage, 150 Miller Place, Syosset

Saturday, June 14 – Electronic & Household Hazardous Waste,  
Town Hall South, 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa

Saturday, July 12 - Electronic & Household Hazardous Waste  
Sea Cliff Department of Public Works, Altamont Avenue

# Do You Know What Plastic Recycling Symbols Mean?

(Look at the little number in the triangle at the bottom of your plastic containers.)

## Number 1 Plastics -- PET or PETE (polyethylene terephthalate)

- **Found In:** soft drinks, water & beer bottles; mouth-wash bottles; peanut butter containers; salad dressing & vegetable oil containers; ovenable food trays.
- **Recycling:** through most curbside recycling programs.
- **Recycled Into:** Polar fleece, fiber, tote bags, furniture, carpet, paneling, straps, (occasionally) new containers

*It poses low risk of leaching breakdown products. Recycling rates remain relatively low (around 20 percent), though the material is in high demand by remanufacturers.*

## Number 2 Plastics -- HDPE (high density polyethylene)

- **Found In:** milk jugs, juice bottles; bleach, detergent and household cleaner bottles; shampoo bottles; some trash and shopping bags; motor oil bottles; butter and yogurt tubs; cereal box liners
- **Recycling:** Pick up through most curbside recycling programs, although some only allow those containers with necks.
- **Recycled Into:** laundry detergent bottles, oil bottles, pens, recycling containers, floor tile, drainage pipe, lumber, benches, doghouses, picnic tables, fencing

*HDPE carries low risk of leaching and is readily recyclable into many goods.*

## Number 3 Plastics -- V (Vinyl) or PVC

- **Found In:** window cleaner and detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, cooking oil bottles, clear food packaging, wire jacketing, medical equipment, siding, windows, piping
  - **Recycling:** Rare; accepted by some plastic lumber makers.
  - **Recycled Into:** decks, paneling, mudflaps, roadway gutters, flooring, cables, speed bumps, mats
- PVC contains chlorine, so its manufacture can release highly dangerous dioxins. If you must cook with PVC, don't let the plastic touch food. Never burn PVC, because it releases toxins.*

## Number 7 Plastics -- Miscellaneous

- **Found In:** Three- and five-gallon water bottles, 'bullet-proof' materials, sunglasses, DVDs, iPod and computer cases, signs and displays, certain food containers, nylon
- **Recycling:** Number 7 plastics have traditionally not been recycled, though some curbside programs now take them.
- **Recycled Into:** plastic lumber, custom-made products. *A wide variety of plastic resins that don't fit into the previous categories are lumped into number 7. A few are even made from plants (polylactide) and are compostable. Polycarbonate is number 7, and is the hard plastic that has parents worried these days, after studies have shown it can leach potential hormone disruptors.*

## Number 4 Plastics -- LDPE (low density polyethylene)

- **Found In:** squeezable bottles; bread, frozen food, dry cleaning and shopping bags; tote bags; clothing; furniture; carpet
  - **Recycling:** LDPE is not often recycled through curbside programs, but some communities will accept it. Plastic shopping bags can be returned to many stores for recycling.
  - **Recycled Into:** trash can liners and cans, compost bins, shipping envelopes, paneling, lumber, landscaping ties, floor tile
- Historically, LDPE has not been accepted through most American curbside recycling programs, but more and more communities are starting to accept it.*

## Number 5 Plastics -- PP (polypropylene)

- **Found In:** some yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws, medicine bottles
  - **Recycling:** Number 5 plastics can be recycled through some curbside programs.
  - **Recycled Into:** signal lights, battery cables, brooms, brushes, auto battery cases, ice scrapers, landscape borders, bicycle racks, rakes, bins, pallets, trays
- Polypropylene has a high melting point, and so is often chosen for containers that must accept hot liquid. It is gradually becoming more accepted by recyclers.*

## Number 6 Plastics -- PS (polystyrene)

- **Found In:** disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers, aspirin bottles, compact disc cases
  - **Recycling:** Number 6 plastics can be recycled through some curbside programs.
  - **Recycled Into:** insulation, light switch plates, egg cartons, vents, rulers, foam packing, carry-out containers
- Can be made into rigid or foam products -- in the latter case it is popularly known as Styrofoam. Evidence suggests it can leach potential toxins into foods. The material was long on environmentalists' hit lists for dispersing widely across the landscape, and for being notoriously difficult to recycle.*

# LWVUS Immigration Position

*After two years of study on the issue of Immigration, by local Leagues all over the country, we have reached consensus:*

The League of Women Voters believes that immigration policies should promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises. Provision should also be made for qualified persons to enter the U.S. on student visas. All persons should receive fair treatment under the law.

The League supports federal immigration law that provides an efficient, expeditious system (with minimal or no backlogs) for legal entry of immigrants into the U.S.

To complement these goals the League supports federal policies to improve economies, education, job opportunities, and living conditions in nations with large emigrating populations.

In transition to a reformed system, the League supports provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status

The League supports federal payments to impacted communities to address the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations.

## **Criteria for Legal Admission to the U.S.**

The League supports the following criteria for legal admission of persons into the United States:

- Family reunification of spouses or minor children with authorized immigrants or citizens;
- Flight from persecution or response to humanitarian crises in home countries;
- Economic, business and employment needs in the U.S.;
- Education and training needs of the U.S.;
- Educational program opportunities; and
- Lack of a history of serious criminal activity.

## **Administration and Enforcement**

The League supports due process for all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal and right to humane treatment.

The League supports:

- Improved technology to facilitate employer verification of employee status;
- Verification documents, such as status cards and work permits, with secure identifiers;
- Significant fines and penalties for employers who hire unauthorized workers;
- Improved technology for sharing information among federal agencies;
- More effective tracking of individuals who enter the United States; and
- Increased personnel at borders.

The League also supports programs allowing foreign workers to enter and leave the U.S. to meet seasonal or sporadic labor needs.

## **Unauthorized Immigrants Already in the U.S.**

In achieving overall policy goals, the League supports a system for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status, including citizenship, by paying taxes, learning English, studying civics and meeting other relevant criteria. While policy reforms, including a path to legal status, remain unachieved, the League does not support deporting unauthorized immigrants who have no history of criminal activity.

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for the  
LWVNC 44<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Conv

# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF NASSAU COUNTY

44th Annual LWV of Nassau County  
CONVENTION & DINNER  
Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 4:00 to 7:40 PM

**George Washington Manor**  
1305 Old Northern Boulevard, Roslyn, NY  
(\$50.00 - \$55.00 at the door)

- 4:00 PM Registration
  - 4:15 PM (sharp) Business Meeting
  - 5:30 PM Dinner-only Registration
  - 5:45 PM Dinner
- Keynote Speaker:  
**Thomas P. DiNapoli**, Comptroller, NYS
- Adele Fox Memorial Award:  
**Dr. Deborah Shichtman**, Co-President, LWVNC

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) @ \$50.00  
for the LWVNC 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Dinner  
My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

I cannot attend, but would like to make a contribution to  
League. My check is enclosed.

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Please clip and return this form, with your check payable to: LWV of  
Nassau County, to: LWVNC, PO Box 539, Point Lookout NY 11569,  
on or before May 12.

## Don't Make Our Mistakes- Lessons From Riverside, NJ

by Suzy Gell,

On April 15, 2008 *Long Island Wins* presented a forum at Touro Law titled: "Don't Make Our Mistakes - Lessons from Riverside, NJ - On the Cost of Attacking Immigrants."

**David Verduin**, President, Riverside, N.J. Coalition of Business Owners and Landlords, described the devastating economic consequences of anti-immigration legislation. Riverside NJ is a small town of 8000 people with 2000 immigrants, mostly from Brazil, all hard working, respectful members of the community, with significant purchasing power. As a result of the legislation, 50% of local businesses closed down.

**Matthew T. Crosson, Esq.**, President, Long Island Association, pointed out that if Long Island shows intolerance to illegal immigrants, the reputation of Long Island would be such that no one would want to move here, resulting in devastating economic consequences

**David Nyce**, Mayor of Greenport, stated that Greenport was forever an immigrant community consisting of 17% Latinos. Besides the housing issue, there is a great deal of acceptance. According to him, when the Village is doing well, no one gets blamed.

**Professor Mariano Torras, PhD**, author of "*The Economic Impact Of The Hispanic Population on Long Island*," stated that there are 450,000 immigrants on Long Island consisting of Latinos, Europeans, Asians and Caribbeans, with some Africans, who are geographically dispersed. Long Island benefits from their contributions to tax revenues and consumer spending.

The panel agreed that political action should be taken at the local level without dividing the community. Churches, town councils, business and labor officials should be involved. Intolerance affects human life: people move, the tax base decreases. Organized labor must get involved in combating negativism. The more diversity in the community, the more likely it will succeed. We need to exercise *Justice with Compassion*.

**"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts."** -Will Rogers

**"Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!"** -Pericles (430 BC)

**"If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed."** - Mark Twain