



League of Women Voters of Smithtown Township

# VOTER

*The LWV is a non-partisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy*

May 2011

website: <http://www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org/smithtown.htm>

## *LWV of Smithtown Annual Meeting*

**Tuesday, May 24**

**Mills Pond House**

**5:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Guest Speaker: Allyson Murray**  
**of the Smithtown Planning and Community Development Department**

The Town of Smithtown has joined efforts with the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA), Green Jobs Green New York, and Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® to provide Smithtown residents with an innovative program to retrofit homes to reduce energy cost and improve energy efficiency. LI GREEN HOMES in Smithtown offers free or reduced cost energy audits (performed by accredited contractors) and low interest financing to help homeowners of 1 to 4 family dwellings improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The program aims to create local jobs by using local contractors to perform the audit and install upgrades.

There is no cost for this meeting, but we ask those planning to attend to bring hors d'oeuvres, finger food, salads, dessert, wine, soft drinks, etc.

*Please call Marie Manginelli at 265-1791 to RSVP and let her know what you will bring.*

*Purchase raffle tickets to help support the League.*

*Tickets enclosed with meeting materials in this issue of the Voter.*

*LWV of Suffolk County invites us to the*

## **LWVSC 43rd Annual Convention**

*Suffolk Community College Culinary Arts + Hospitality Center, Riverhead*

**Tuesday, May 17 from 9am to 2pm**

Keynote Address: **Rep. Tim Bishop**

Featured Presentation: **Sarah Meyland on “Why LI’s Aquifers Need Protection”**

See flyer in this issue of the Smithtown Voter

## LWV of SMITHTOWN

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## President's Message

Now is the time to become nostalgic, as this will be my last presidents message before our annual meeting. At that time the LWV of Smithtown Gavel will be passed to our incoming President. Thank you to all of the loyal board members who always did whatever was necessary to keep our league presenting programs, having candidates meetings, sending articles to the voter and working very hard to register as many voters as we could. Thank you to our membership who has made the last four years a worthwhile, rewarding experience.

This year we began with very hopes for our opening meeting the showing of the film *The Last Fix*. The morning of the meeting there was a horrific storm. Our guest speaker called and told us that it would be impossible for her to get to Smithtown. We considered cancelling, that would have been very difficult because our publicity was so good that many people were expected to attend. By show time the weather had improved and the room was full of members and guests. So far so good. Next we could not get the library equipment to run the film. A number of people tried to help. A young graduate student from SNUY Stony Brook offered assistance. After what seemed like an interminable wait we were able to show the film. The audience was very polite and patient during the delay. Two members of the audience answered questions from the group after the film was over. In the end everything worked out well.

Our next event was a Candidates Forum held at one of the branches of the Smithtown Library. All of the invited candidates had agreed to appear at the event. The Candidates for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District had a very busy schedule. They were to appear after the candidates for State office. The microphones did not work. It turned out that it was possible to be heard without a microphone. When it was time for the congressional candidates to appear they were nowhere in site. Their aides assured us that they were in transit from another meeting. Agony until they arrived. Again the audience was polite and patient.

The remainder of the year went well. There were the two luncheons, one with Lisa and me giving a presentation on redistricting, and second our wonderful guest speaker Dr. Robyn Stein DeLuca whose subject was comparing the Roles of Women in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Finally at our last general meeting the film *Gasland* was shown.

*Joyce Rosenthal*



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**The League of Women Voters of Smithtown thanks Allison J. Cruz, Executive Director and the staff of the Smithtown Township Arts Council/ Mills Pond House Gallery for its support of the League.**



***We encourage all Town Residents to support the Arts Council, participate in its cultural programs, and visit the historic Mills Pond House in St. James. For info: www.stacarts.org.***

## LWV-Smithtown Program 2011-2012

### **A. Voter Service and Citizen Education**

Voter Service is a primary function of the LWV of Smithtown. We will serve as a non-partisan source of information and education for voters and take action by:

1. Conducting voter registration drives throughout the community and encourage all eligible citizens to vote
2. Organizing as needed and providing trained moderators to serve for candidates forums to give every citizen the opportunity to hear the candidates views on important issues
3. Conducting educational forums about the local government process in order to promote greater citizen awareness
4. Training speakers as needed
5. Developing ideas for community service projects for students and youth organizations

### **B. Library**

We will continue to have an observer at Library Board meetings to keep us aware of any changes in policy that will either improve or diminish service to the public.

### **C. Natural Resources Preservation**

Under the Natural Resources position for preservation of open space and wetlands of the LWNYS, we will continue action in support and enforcement of measures for preservation of the waterfront, wetlands, bird sanctuaries and open space usage of properties within Smithtown township, including the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center property and others as they become available.

### **D. Township Development**

1. We will support an updated Master Plan to provide for controlled growth within the Township and revitalization of downtown Smithtown within the context of our present and projected economic conditions.
2. We will explore and address other items of concern relating to the welfare of the Township and its residents as they may arise.

## Nominating Committee Report

### Nominees for 2 year terms 2011 – 2013

#### Officers

President	Mary Zopf
1st Vice President	Sondra Irvine
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Joyce Rosenthal *
Secretary	Marie Manginelli
Treasurer	Lisa Scott*

\*completing unexpired term

#### Elected Directors for 2011 -2013

Director (2 yr):	Arlene Lesser
Director (2 yr):	Susan Glatzer
Director (1 yr):	June Carlson*

\*completing unexpired term

#### Nominating Committee for 2012

<u>Chairperson</u>	Marie Manginelli
<u>Committee</u>	Pat LaWare + _____

*Second representative to be designated at January Executive Board meeting*

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**June Carlson (Chair),  
Sharon Kunz, Arlene Lesser**

### **Smithtown Town Board Meeting Schedule**

**Tuesday: May 10**

**9:30 am** work session

**2:00 pm** regular meeting

*Smithtown Town Hall  
Second Floor Board Room*

**Thursday: May 26**

**7:00 pm** regular meeting

*Eugene A. Cannataro Senior Citizen Center  
420 Middle Country Road, Smithtown, NY.*

### **Library Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule**

Regular meeting:

**Tuesday: May 17**

Smithtown Main Library at 7pm



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**The 2011 LWVSC Directory of Public Officials  
is now available**

**copy enclosed  
for more copies contact Joyce Rosenthal.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**May 2011**

**LWV Smithtown board meeting details to be announced**

<b>Tues.</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>Town Board Meetings, 9:30am-Work Session; 2pm-Regular Meeting, Town Hall</b>
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