



League of Women Voters of New Rochelle

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Board Meetings

- Oct 10* Museum in New Wing of NRHS
Nov 14 82 Taymil Road (Miriam Cohen)
Dec 12 50 Overlook Circle (Rhoda Kahn)
Holiday Party
Jan 9 365 Pelham Road Willow Towers
Feb 13 42 Stony Run (Mimi Lewinger)
Mar 12 23 Pebble Way (Ina Aronow)
Apr 9 17 Eck Place (Liz Richman)
May 14 68 Sara Lane (Leona Newman)
June Annual Meeting (TBA)

All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

Coffee & Conversation

with **Jeff Coleman**,
Commissioner of Public Works
for the City of New Rochelle



October 19, 2007 at 9:30 am
New Rochelle Public Library Meeting Room

Mr. Coleman will take you behind the scenes for a look at his department's challenging task of keeping the city's property and infrastructure working seamlessly: garbage and recycling pickup, snow removal, fixing potholes, city tree maintenance, street and traffic lights operation and more. Questions are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

November 16, next coffee and conversation (speaker TBA)

President's Letter

As president, I am now even more aware that the League of Women Voters is, in every sense of the word, dynamic. It is forceful, energetic, on the move, and definitely NOT static or standing still. There are activities and issues on the local, county and state levels, and national objectives that define everyday movement and accomplishments.

Accomplishments need the active support and participation of members. It is my goal this year to increase both membership and participation. There is a need for more members to become involved, those willing to take on tasks that will help us fulfill the objective of encouraging informed citizens to vote and to take on an active role in government and politics. We will be conducting a survey later in the year to determine your interests and availability. Please respond.

Another goal is for the public to be able to see New Rochelle Board of Education meetings on local cable television. This was adopted as an Action Item for 2007-2008. It is important for the public to observe the work and responsibilities of the school board and to understand how much time and effort their members devote to supporting and maintaining New Rochelle's excellent schools. Voters would also have a better appreciation of the costs involved in running a school district. Implementation of videotaping need not be costly.

The subject was introduced at a joint meeting of the LWVNR and the school board on April 19. Of the members present that evening, several endorsed the concept, others did not commit. When the question was put to candidates for the school board at the debates on May 7, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Lacher, and Mrs. Petrone endorsed cablecasting. The Board of Education has tabled discussion until their meeting on Oct. 30. I and other LWV members will be at the meeting (at Trinity School, 7:30 pm). I urge you to discuss the issue with school board members you know or write to the president, Mrs. Cindy Babcock-Deutsch at City Hall, 515 North Avenue, New Rochelle 10801, before then.

Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome. Contact me at 632-5799 or joan.silverstein2@verizon.net.

Joan Silverstein

P.S. I call your attention to the article on SmartVoter.org that appears on Page 5. Spread the word about this useful service.

LWVW Fundraiser

The Moiseyev Dance Company
Sunday, January 13, 2008 5:00 pm
Orchestra Tickets: \$55
RSVP: Kitt Rosenthal, 723-5126, kitt@optonline.net

Save these dates!

“Briefings on the Effects of War on Women Around the World

Sponsored by LWVNYS in association with United Nations Department of Public Information

November 28, 2007
At The United Nations, NYC

Global Warming Forum

Presented by Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, with speakers from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, National Resources Defense Council and Environmental Advocates of New York.

November 29, 2007
Cortlandt Town Hall

More details in next County Voter

New Rochelle City Soundings On Line!

The monthly community e-newsletter, *New Rochelle City Soundings* that provides information on the people, places and events that impact our City is now on the web at www.citysoundings.com.

The calendar lists civic, social, educational, and family fun events as well as art and cultural exhibits.

If you are currently a subscriber you will continue to receive an e-mail alerting you that the new edition has been posted. To subscribe at the site, or e-mail Ginny Herron-Lanoil at: citysoundings@optonline.net.

City People and Issues

The New Rochelle League of Women Voters Cable Program

The following four programs have been videotaped to help New Rochelle residents understand the workings of the city and the issues facing the city before the November 6 local election for Mayor, City Council and County Legislators. The League’s half-hour programs are shown on Cablevision Channel 76 on Mondays and repeated on Wednesdays as follows:

I. Commissioner of Development, Craig King

Oct 8 at 7:00 pm and Oct 10 at 9:30 pm.

The latest plans for Echo Bay, limits on downtown development as well as neighborhood projects will be discussed.

II. Republican County and New Rochelle Chairman, Douglas Colety and New Rochelle Democratic Chairman, Arnold Klugman

Oct 15 at 7:00 pm and Oct 17 at 9:30 pm

The Chairmen will give us a behind the scenes look at the party politics of endorsing candidates and running campaigns.

III. Congresswoman Nita Lowey

Oct 22 at 7:00 pm and Oct 24 at 9:30pm

Congresswoman Lowey speaks about the issues before Congress.

IV. City Manager, Charles Strome III,

Oct 29 at 7:00 pm and Oct 31 at 9:30pm

How and why the City Manager’s job is separated from politics and a general look at city issues including the 2008 budget will be discussed.

Our appreciation and thanks to Ina Aronow and Theresa Kump-Leghorn whose efforts have made **The City People and Issues** a viable and successful conduit for educating and informing our residents. Ina Aronow conducted all of the aforementioned interviews.

Voter Service

- ◆ The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle will be holding Candidates Forums for Mayor, City Council Members and County Legislators. They will take place in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- ◆ The forums for local candidates will include questions from the audience and will be videotaped and shown on Channel 75 repeatedly in the days before the election.

Wednesday, October 24th at 7pm

- Candidates for **Mayor** and **Districts 1, 3, and 5**
- Unopposed District 5 candidate Barry Fertel will be given time for a 5 minute statement.

Thursday, October 25th at 7pm

- **Candidates** for **Districts 2, 4, and 6**
- **County Legislative** incumbents Vito Pinto, **District 10**, and James Maisano, **District 11**, will be offered time to speak.

Tuesday November 6th Election Day

Please note:

- ◆ A small section of New Rochelle is in County Legislative District 7, along with Mamaroneck and Rye. There will be a forum in Mamaroneck Town Hall on Boston Post Road on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7pm, which will begin with incumbent Judy Meyers (D) debating challenger Donald R. Marsh (R).
- ◆ All candidates for local office in New Rochelle are elected at the same time on a 4-year election cycle. County Legislators are elected on a 2- year election cycle.
- ◆ Further information on your local candidates can be found at www.smartvoter.org (see page 5). For voting information, call the Westchester County Board of Elections, 995-5700.

Smart Voter (<http://www.smartvoter.org>)

County residents now have an interactive source for non-partisan voting information, thanks to the efforts of the League of Women Voters of Westchester. The League website is ready to provide Westchester voters with easy access to personalized local election information. Designed to help voters understand their choices better including local contests, Smart Voter offers extensive background information on candidates in participating counties as well as information on state and local ballot measures. The website also allows users to view results of recent and past elections. While the League of Women voters of Westchester will continue to publish and distribute its traditional Voters Guide, both in English and Spanish, in time for general elections, <http://www.smartvoter.org> now provides county voters with a continuously updated source of election information.

Taken from www.lwvwestchester.org.

County and National Events

County Website: www.lwvwestchester.org

The League of Women Voters of Westchester in conjunction with The Board of Legislators of Westchester is sponsoring a seminar on

“How to read a Capital Budget”

Thursday, October 18 2007 at 9:30 am

Michaelian Office Building, 3rd Floor Budget Conference Room
Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY

Anne Reasoner
Westchester County Budget Director
Arthur Vietro
Deputy Budget Director

will describe the ins and outs of a capital budget and how it applies to the county and your own municipality.

For more information call
Barbara Strauss, LWVW Budget Chair, 725-1713