



Newsletter March 2022

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## Action Items

**Be Involved with Your Local League!**

All members are invited to attend our Committee Meetings - pop in and check it out:



**Topic: LWVMHR Membership Committee Meeting**

**Time: Mar 9, 2022 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86755608180?  
pwd=ODZrTll0dGpkR2Jjb3BjVVRmQmZGZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86755608180?pwd=ODZrTll0dGpkR2Jjb3BjVVRmQmZGZz09)

Meeting ID: 867 5560 8180

Passcode: 263882

Topic: **COP26 Group Report Event**

Time: Mar 9, 2022 7:00pm Eastern Time

TBA- will be set by organizers

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Topic: **LWVMHR Program Committee Meeting**

Time: Mar 10, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81301427574?  
pwd=Vm5oeU8yRjh0bjJjSVZVR3U1OEIhZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81301427574?pwd=Vm5oeU8yRjh0bjJjSVZVR3U1OEIhZz09)

Meeting ID: 813 0142 7574

Passcode: 209533

Topic: **LWVMHR Board Meeting**

Time: Mar 15, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348592823?  
pwd=Vm5oeU8yRjh0bjJjSVZVR3U1OEIhZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348592823?pwd=Vm5oeU8yRjh0bjJjSVZVR3U1OEIhZz09)

Meeting ID: 813 4859 2823

Passcode: 132287



### **LWVMHR Book Club Meeting**

Due to concerns about COVID, the Book Club isn't going to meet, in person, this month. We do have some reading suggestions for the membership at large, to prepare for when it is safe to

gather for discussion:

"THE SICKNESS IS THE SYSTEM:

WHEN CAPITALISM FAILS TO SAVE US FROM PANDEMICS OR ITSELF"

By Richard D. Wolff

"DEMOCRACY AT WORK: A CURE FOR CAPITALISM"

By Richard Wolff

"THE HISPANIC REPUBLICAN- THE SHAPING OF AN AMERICAN POLITICAL IDENTITY, FROM NIXON TO TRUMP" By Geraldo Cadava

We encourage members to seek out the book selections through the library system or purchase from local book sellers.

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**Topic: The Future of  
Solid Waste  
Management in**

## Ulster County

Please tune in to this fascinating program featuring local League members and Ulster County Legislators- MannaJo Greene and

Laura Petit, and the head of the Resource Recovery Agency, Kathie Beinkafner, (also a member!) as they discuss exciting possibilities and works-in-progress that are shaping this critical field. Mark your calendars for March 10th at 7:00pm.



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Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84631306393?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84631306393?pwd=NS9kZHNMcSt1Q09hWGFLbUxJK1RmZz09)

[pwd=NS9kZHNMcSt1Q09hWGFLbUxJK1RmZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84631306393?pwd=NS9kZHNMcSt1Q09hWGFLbUxJK1RmZz09)

Meeting ID: 846 3130 6393

Passcode: 503233

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### The Prez says...

Prez Says

February, 2022

As we transition from late winter into early spring, our League is gearing up

for new programs and activities. Winter storm, Landon, left a thick layer of ice on our Ruby neighborhood, co-opting our power and internet for days and leaving a fallen forest on our lawn. I'd like to start with an apology to anyone who tried to join in on our Membership Meeting just after Landon. Internet was restored, last of all, so the meeting never took place. Check the links for our next Program and Membership meetings. I have great confidence that we will hold them as planned. Please join us! Come and see what we're up to and add your ideas and/or talents to the pool.



That brings me to our next event, still virtual, on the Future of Solid Waste Management. Diversion, landfill siting and other solutions will be discussed. We have a panel of experts who will let us know how we will manage our solid waste, with the impending closure of the Seneca Meadows landfill. Seneca Meadows is where we have been sending our Ulster County trash for years and is a four-hour drive upstate for which our taxpayers have been footing the bill. New technologies, education and processes are no longer optional but are being actively pursued.

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Other upcoming programs include a Members-Only Concurrence meeting to vote and express your thoughts on a triad of issues,

Criminal Justice, Election Administration and Digital Equity. We will discuss these topics and additions to our official position on each. Be a part of the process--- your voices are needed! This meeting will be scheduled in April. Details will be in our next newsletter.

This year's Legislative Agenda is hot off the presses! If you would like a copy, I'm happy to mail one out to you or find a printable version at [Legislative Agenda 2022 LWV New York State \(lwwny.org\)](http://Legislative Agenda 2022 LWV New York State (lwwny.org)). They are handy resources for all the official LWWNY positions. As a local League, these positions are ours as well and this information can be used to enhance local lobbying efforts.

The next couple of weeks will be spent making appointments with and visiting our state representatives. Since the Mid-Hudson Region's geographic area spans so much territory, I am asking members join in our effort to reach out to each of our State Senators and Assembly members as League representatives. There are set questions to bring to interviews, along with plenty of instructions and support from experienced State and local Leaguers. We generally go in teams of two or three. If you are interested, please let us know! We can get together, via Zoom, and pair up with our neighbors to get this done - but the time to act is short. It is recommended the visits take place during the last two weeks of February, before legislative budget month in March. Send an email to the League's address, or call any board member to let us know you're interested. This is a simple, short-term project where you can make all the difference and get to know your representatives at the same time. It's one of my favorite activities of the year.

Next up: Membership May is coming. Our board members are setting up small get-togethers in our different geographic areas in order to get to know our League's work and our nearby



members better. We had planned these twice before, but the pandemic got in the way. The third time's the charm!

In League,  
Cynthia (Cindy) Bell

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## News Items



### **Civics & Social Justice**

The High School of the Tri-Valley Central School District in Grahmsville has been chosen by New York State to be one of 50

schools that is teaching an innovative program of Civics & Social Justice. Volunteer students attend weekly meetings with a variety of policy makers, volunteers and professionals that work in areas of issues that the students have identified that concern the community. The students will then adopt an issue and develop a project to address that concern. Our League was excited to send members Sheba Abraham and Cindy Lanzetta to meet with teachers, Matthew Haynes and Tyler Eckhoff, and their extraordinary high school class. We hope to be a continuing

conduit of resource information and will stay in touch to see how their projects unfold!

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### Verifyit!

Check out this [link](#) to play a fun free online game developed by the LWV of Alameda CA? The game is

called Verifyit!

Designed for both single and multiple players, Verifyit addresses civics learning, voting rights (including New York specific voting information) and news literacy - all topics of importance to our young and future voters.

The game can help teachers to evaluate students' civics and voting knowledge and help you add impact to your local high school voter registration drives. Send us an [email](#) if you want to get more information!

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### Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Offers Composting Class

UCRRA is the proud recipient of the 2021 Small Scale Composter of the Year Award! On their FaceBook site, they will be offering a class "Making & Using Compost in the Garden". Join in on March 15th, 7-8:30pm at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/542048116880531/?>







DID YOU KNOW...

We have an archive of videos done by our local LWV Mid-Hudson on YouTube? You can access them [here](#).

You can see the final **New York State Redistricting Maps** at:  
<https://lwvny.org/redistricting-2021-people-powered-fair-maps-nys/>

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## Environmental Impact

### Civilian Climate Corps

“The Civilian Climate Corps (CCC) is an executive initiative put forward by President Biden in his executive order on climate in January [2021].



The program is organized through the Department of the Interior and Agriculture and aims to “conserve and restore public lands and waters, bolster community resilience, increase reforestation, increase carbon sequestration in the agricultural sector, protect biodiversity, improve access to recreation, and address the changing climate.”

[S.1057 - Civilian Climate Corps Act of 2021 117th Congress ...](#)

During the New Deal’s first winter, the nation’s cities were filled with unemployed men desperate for work. In one of FDR’s most popular initiatives, a Civilian Conservation Corps was created, initially employing 400,000 unemployed workers on projects designed to build and maintain America’s parks. National Park Service’s website. I first heard about the Civilian Conservation Corps listening to stories from my late father-in-law, a WW2 vet who spent a couple of memorable years in the program.

This is a unique opportunity for diverse young people to work together to make their world a better place. When it was first put forward as an executive order by President Biden it included no funding. There is a bill in the Senate first advanced by Senator Edward Markey of Massachusetts that would provide funding as part of the American Jobs Infrastructure Bill. There is discussion about breaking down the Jobs bill in order to pass parts of it through reconciliation, though the proposed funding is seen as meager for the scope of the program. The bill remains in the Senate.

Cynthia Bell

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## Editor's Note:

We want you to know that we welcome your feedback with regard to anything you read in this newsletter, or items that you would like to see. We're here for you and would like to hear from you. Contact [lwvmidhudson@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmidhudson@gmail.com). Thanks.

Also note: this and previous issues of our newsletter are available for viewing on our website [lwvmidhudson.org](http://lwvmidhudson.org).

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