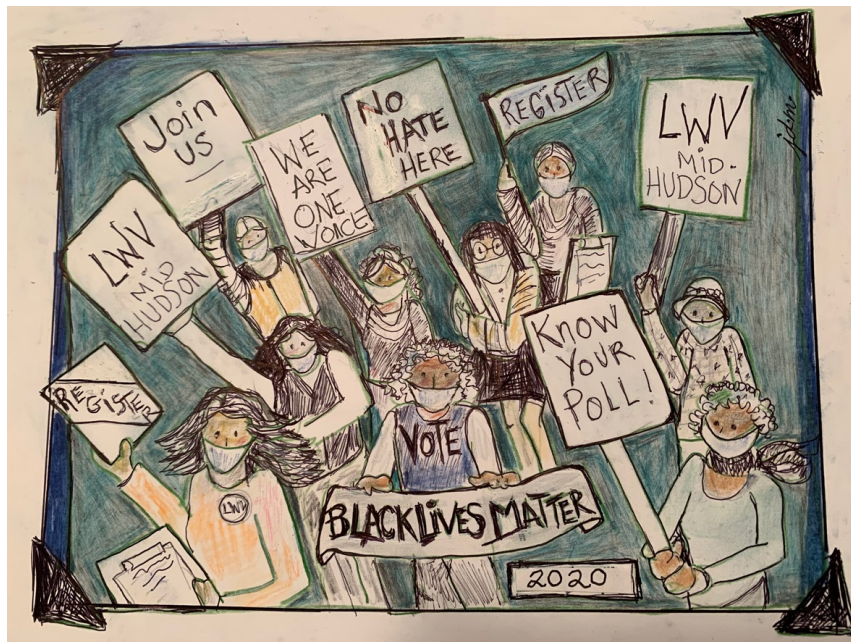




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LWV Mid-Hudson Region - Together by Joanie

We hope you're all still with us. Next issue of this newsletter will be sent to only the paid members of the LWVMHR. [Click here](#) to join or renew.

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## The Prez says...

The 19th Amendment to the Constitution states: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex.”

This was the result of a long and valiant effort by many women and more than a few men. Persistence and a deep belief that we are better together kept them going for the 42 years it took from the first introduction of the legislation to its passage.



Susan B. Anthony drafted the legislation in 1875 and it was first introduced to Congress in 1878. Once the legislation was

introduced, the process for ratification began. Anthony went to the polls and voted, which was against the law at the time, and was arrested but never jailed. She became the first of the militant suffragists who risked their reputations and personal safety to bring about the final successful result.

I wonder how those women would feel today, seeing so much voter apathy and the fight for equality for all still going strong.

On August 18, 1920 the Tennessee State Legislature ratified the 19th amendment to the Constitution. By just one vote. This is yet another example of how one vote can change the world.

In the Year of Covid, voter registrations are down in New York State and we have our work cut out for us, but we are missing a prime tool—human to human contact. In honor of the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote, the LWVUS has put together a list of 100 things a concerned citizen can do to make a positive impact this year. [CLICK HERE](#) to see what you can do to help ensure the next 100 years are better than the last.

Cynthia (Cindy) Bell

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## Census Deadline

Data acceptance for the 2020 Census has been shortened by this federal administration to the deadline of September 30th. Be sure to get your information counted by [CLICKING](#)

**CENSUS CLOSES  
SEPTEMBER 30TH**

[HERE](#), and tell all your friends and family to do the same.

You do not need to be a U.S. citizen to complete the census.

If you'd like to get involved in an active census outreach program, contact Citizen Action of the Hudson Valley by [CLICKING HERE](#).

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## September 15 Local Elections

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In **Dutchess County**, local elections will be held in some (not all) villages on September 15th. Contact your Village Clerk for more information.

In **Ulster County** only the Village of Saugerties will have local elections on September 15th.

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## November Election - dates to note



### **Voter Registration Deadlines**

**October 9th** - last postmark date accepted for a mailed in registration, registrations must be received by county Board of Elections by October 14th

**October 9th** - last date to register in person at the BOE. Those discharged

from the military or naturalized citizens after this date have until October 24th to register.

**October 14th - last date BOE can accept change of address.**

A change of address is accomplished by filing an updated voter registration form.

[Click here](#) for more information and voter registration form for Dutchess County.

[Click here](#) for more information and voter registration form for Ulster County

### **Absentee Ballot Applications**

**October 27th - last postmark date for a mailed in application for an absentee ballot**

**November 2nd - last day for in person application for an absentee ballot**

Note anyone may apply for an absentee ballot for this upcoming General Election, even if they are not going to be out of town on November 3rd. They can use "temporary illness" due to Covid 19 as a reason.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a NYS Absentee Ballot application, which you can complete online, and mail in to your County Board of Elections.

### **Absentee Ballots**

**November 3rd - last postmark date for an absentee ballot to be accepted, but ballot must also be received by county BOE by November 10th. Military absentee ballots will be accepted until November 16th.**

**November 3rd - last day hand delivered absentee ballots will be accepted if delivered to BOE or local polling place.**

### **Early Voting**

Early Voting in Dutchess and Ulster counties from Saturday 24th October - Sunday 1st November

[Click here](#) for Dutchess County early voting locations and times.

[Click here](#) for Ulster County early voting locations and times.

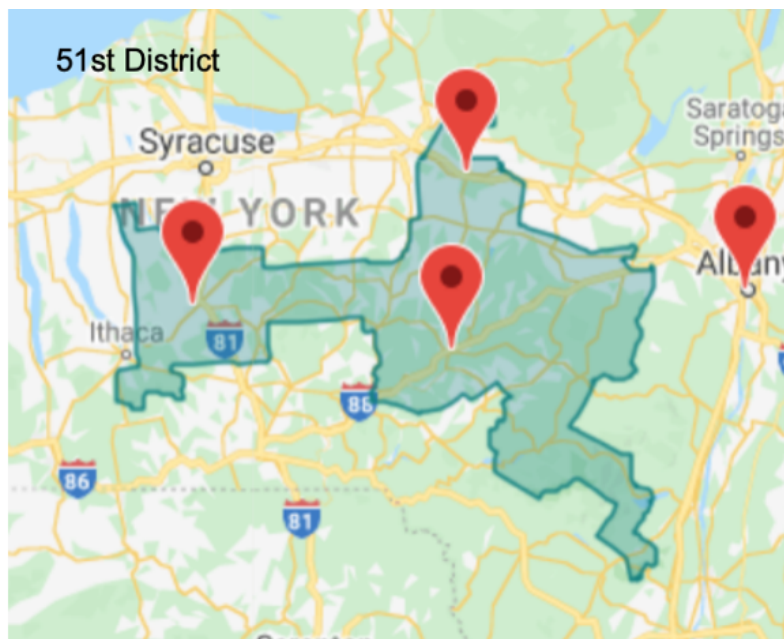
For more general information on the upcoming election go to

[lwvmidhudson.org/voting](http://lwvmidhudson.org/voting)

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## LWVMHR Debates



*51st Senate District, markers are Sen. Seward's four offices in Oneonta, Herkimer, Cortland and Albany*

Approximately the size of Connecticut, NYS's wildly shaped 51st Senate District is comprised of all or part of nine counties, including part of Ulster County. The District's Senator James L. Seward (R) is not seeking re-election. Five local Leagues (including the LWV Mid-Hudson) are coordinating to co-sponsor - along with Spectrum News - a debate for this district. The event will be held sometime the first week of October.

Seeking to assume Seward's place in the Senate are Jim Barber (D) and Peter Oberacker (R). Susan Arbetter of Capital Tonight on Spectrum TV has agreed to moderate. The presentation will be livestreamed, and all have agreed that clips following the live event, will be selected in accordance of the League's nonpartisan position. Only Spectrum and the League have permission to air portions of the debate.

## **2nd Debate Considered**

LWV Mid-Hudson is also working with the LWV's of Albany Co. and Schenactady Co. to possibly present the candidates for the 46th Senate District seat being vacated by George Amedore. News to follow!

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## **Federal and State Representatives in Dutchess and Ulster Counties**

### **US Senators (click on name for more information)**

[Charles E. Schumer, Dem](#) (term expires 2023)

[Kirsten Gillibrand, Dem](#) (term expires 2025)

### **Congressional Representative District 18**

[Sean Patric Maloney \(Dem\)](#)

is running for re-election. Opponents include Chele Farley (R) and Scott Smith (L).

### **Congressional Representative District 19**

Antonio Delgado, Dem

is running for re-election. Opponents include Kyle Van De Water (R), Steven Greenfield (G), and Victoria Alexander (L).

**All 63 NY State Senate seats are up for re-election.**

To find out who your State Senator is [CLICK HERE](#).

**All 150 NY State Assembly seats are up for re-election and all Hudson Valley incumbents are running.**

To find out who your Assemblymember is [CLICK HERE](#).

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Don't forget [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) is the place to get election questions answered

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## Voter Registration Update

We not only registered new voters but we enlisted new volunteers early this month at the Artist on the Street event on Huguenot Street in New Paltz. We have been active with



clipboards rather than tables at Black Lives Matter events in Gardiner and in Kingston. Next Kingston BLM event is Wednesday August 26th at 5pm on Academy Green. They are planned for every second Wednesday so if you are interested in volunteering in Kingston, let Cindy know. Other registration and information events concerning absentee ballots are in the planning stage, but contact Kate Hymes if you would like to volunteer. You can reach Cindy or Kate at [lwvmidhudson@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmidhudson@gmail.com).

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## Remembering Local Women Activists

### The Dutchess County Clerk remembers Helen Wilkinson Reynolds

Bradford H Kendall, Dutchess County Clerk joins other communities across the country in honoring local women as we celebrate the one hundred year anniversary of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. [CLICK HERE](#) to read his article about Helen Wilkinson Reynolds, local historian.



### Remembering Sojourner Truth

A 7-foot sculpture of abolitionist and women's rights activist Sojourner Truth (1797-1851), born in Ulster County, was installed this past week and will be dedicated August 25th.

Completed by artist Vinnie Bagwell, the sculpture stands in the Walkway over the Hudson State Park on the west side of the river.

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## **WE RISE Poughkeepsie**

**WE RISE Poughkeepsie** is a two week long celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. It has been organized by a collaboration of artists, galleries, and arts activists in Poughkeepsie.



All events are in downtown Poughkeepsie, running from September 3rd through September 19th. They include both in-person and virtual options, and they are free to the public, though registration is required for some. The full range of participation in the struggle for women's rights is represented. Especially, the contributions of Black suffragists and abolition and civil rights movements, will be honored. Also, contemporary female artists will show their expressions of power relationships in their communities.

There will be art exhibits, movie screenings, performances, panel discussions and lectures. The celebration will also feature a [trivia night](#), and a [movie and pizza night](#).

For more information [click here](#)

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## Action Items for Members

**Volunteer to observe vote counting** after the election. Local Boards of Elections are looking for observers as they are expecting large number of absentee votes in November. If you are interested please contact Cindy. Local Boards of Election are also looking for Election Inspectors for November. Contact your local Board of Elections if you are interested, training is required.



**Support the Post Office and the right to vote.** [Click here](#) to read how the LWVUS has joined with others in legal action against the Postmaster General and cutbacks to the Postal Service.

**Apply for your absentee ballot now** Governor Cuomo signed legislation allowing any voter to use "temporary illness" to request their absentee ballot, as well as other bills that will make acceptance of absentee ballots easier. You can send in your ballot any time, the earlier the better.



**Volunteer to register voters at demonstrations and Black Lives Matter events.** Contact Kate or Cindy for more information. [lwvmidhudson@gmail.com](mailto:lwvmidhudson@gmail.com)

Support the celebrations of the 19th Amendment by coming to the kick off party Together WE RISE in Poughkeepsie, at Revel 32, 32 Cannon Street 5:00-7:00pm on Thursday 3rd September. No fee, but please register [here](#).



Looking for a good movie? Stream REPRESENT from [Time and Space Limited](#) (\$12) This documentary is equal parts personal and political, and follows three women on both sides of the

aisle who share the singular goal of improving their community through public service. [See the trailer here](#).

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