

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

# YEAR IN REVIEW

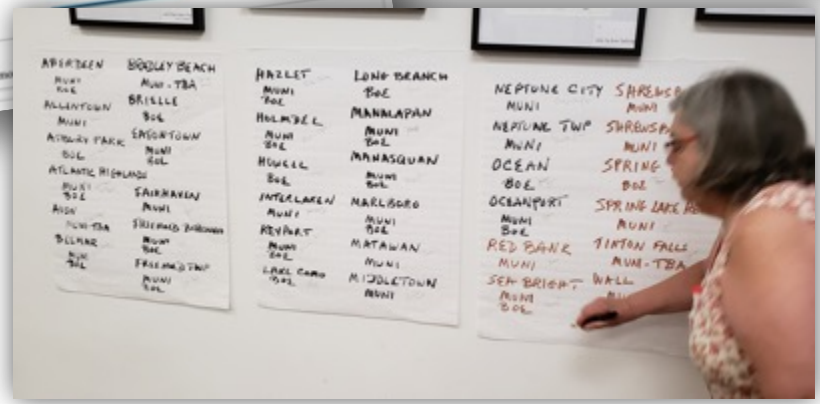
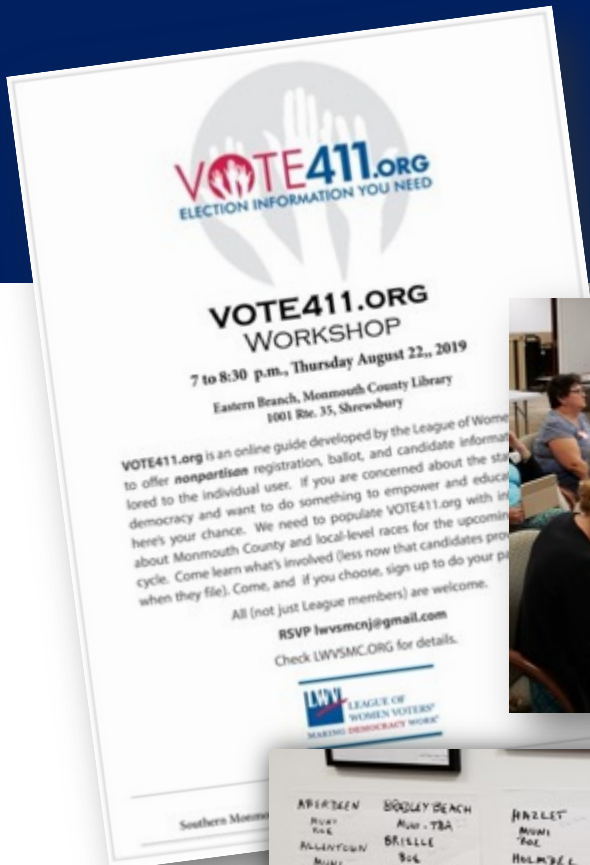


June 18, 2020

Virtual LWVSMC Annual Meeting

# VOTE411.org

## 2019 Monmouth County Initiative



- Trained and mobilized **26 LWV** volunteers
- Covered **55 races** (Monmouth County, municipal, board of education)
- **198 invitations sent**; 63 responses; 32% response rate

# How-to-Run-a-Candidate-Forum Job Training Workshop

August 28, 2019

Ocean Township Historical Museum



## HOW TO RUN A CANDIDATE FORUM WORKSHOP

7:00\* -8:30, Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Township of Ocean Historical Museum (The Woolley House)  
703 Deal Road, Ocean (In front of the Ocean Township Library)

It's what we're best known for—running fair and informative candidate forums. And there's no time in recent history when an informed electorate has been more critical to our democracy. To ensure we're ready for the upcoming election cycle and the public interest it is generating, the League of Women Voters affiliates of Monmouth County are holding a workshop to equip us to meet an anticipated spike in demand. You'll learn what it takes to put on a forum—design, candidate packages, legal concerns, ground rules, questions, roles, checklists, what can go wrong, tips from the experts, and more.

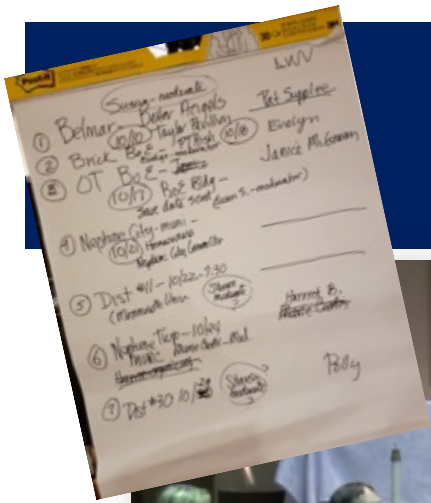
**Open to all League members. RSVP to [lwvsmcnj@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsmcnj@gmail.com).**

\*The Museum will be open to us at 6:30 for those who would like to see its newest exhibit, "Votes for Women, NJ and Beyond," before the workshop begins.



- **Trained 16** member-volunteers
- Description and run-through of **Forum Volunteer Roles**
- Review of **available templates and tools**
- **Sign-up for scheduled forums** in Monmouth County

# Candidate Forums



## 1. Ocean Township Board of Education

October 15, (LWVSMC sponsored.; Anne Torre, Moderator)

## 2. Neptune City Mayor and Council

October 21 (Neptune City Homeowners sponsored)

## 3. Fair Haven Municipal

October 23 (LWVGRA sponsored; Susan Sferas moderated, Wilma Pfeiffer assisted)

## 4. Monmouth County Freeholders and Sheriff

October 23, Bd (ILO sponsored, LWVSMC—questions screening and timekeeping)

## 5. Neptune Township Council

October 24, (MURC sponsored; Marie Curtis, moderated)

## 6. Barnegat Board of Education

October 28, (Tapin To Barnegat sponsored, Marie Curtis, moderated)

## 7. Legislative District 11

October 30, (LWVSMC sponsored; Sharon Steinhorn, moderated)

*Designed four additional forums not held when candidates declined to participate  
Unable to accommodate request for Asbury Park Board of Education that came in too late*



**BEGINNING OUR SECOND CENTURY  
THIS MONTH!**

**Register  
\*\*\*to\*\*\*  
VOTE**

**“HOW TO REGISTER VOTERS”**

TRAININGS

10:30 AM, Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch

1001 Route 35, Shrewsbury 07702

7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Twp of Ocean Library, Turner Gallery

701 Deal Road, Ocean 07712

The League of Women Voters of Greater Red Bank and The League of Women Voters of Southern Monmouth County are holding free, one-hour workshops to equip you to register voters. You will receive registration forms and vote-by-mail applications and learn all you need to know to help people fill them out. Find out the latest on recent changes to the registration and voting laws.

Come, prepare yourself to play an active role in encouraging full participation in our democracy!

Kindly Reply if you plan to attend: [LWVSMCNJ@gmail.com](mailto:LWVSMCNJ@gmail.com)

**New Jersey  
Voter Registration Application** 68

Please print clearly in ink. All information is required unless marked optional.

1. Check all boxes that apply:  New Registration  Name Change  Political Party Affiliation  Address Change  Signature Update  Vote By Mail

2. Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No  No (Do NOT complete this form) 3. Are you at least 17 years of age?  Yes  No (Do NOT complete this form)

4. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name or Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (jr, jr. II) \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of Birth (dd-mm-yyyy): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 6. Gender (Optional):  Female  Male Other (Please Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

7. NJ Driver's License Number or MVC Non-Driver ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Do NOT list an NJ Driver's License or MVC Non-Driver ID unless you have one of each.)

I am or affirm that I DO NOT have a NJ Driver's License, MVC Non-Driver ID or a Social Security Number.

8. Home Address (DO NOT use PO Box): Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality (city/town) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

9. Mailing Address (if different from home address): Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality (city/town) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  by mail  in person

10. Mail Address Registered to Vote (DO NOT use PO Box): Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality (city/town) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  by mail  in person

11. Former Name (if Making Name Change): \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Day Phone Number (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation?  Yes, the party name is \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)  No, I do not wish to be affiliated with any political party.

14. Request for Mail-In Ballot for all future elections (Optional):  I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections until I request otherwise in writing to the County Clerk's office.  I do not wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections. Mailing Address of different from above: Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality (city/town) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration** - I am or affirm that:   
 • I am a U.S. Citizen.   
 • I am at least 17 years old, and understand that I may vote and register the age 18.   
 • I have not been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude within the last 10 years or a crime involving moral turpitude within the last 10 years of my residence in the United States.   
 • I understand that my home or residential registration is subject to a fee of up to \$15,000, imprisonment for 30 years or both pursuant to N.J.S. 17-24.1.

Signature of Registrant: Sign or mark and date on lines below. If applicant is unable to complete this form, print the name and address of individual who completed this form. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Important Instructions for sections 7, 8, 13 and 14:   
 7) Registrants who are submitting this form by mail and are registering to vote for the first time. If you do not supply any of the information requested by section 7, or the information you provide cannot be verified, you will be asked to provide a COPY of a current and valid photo ID, or a document with your name and current address on it to avoid having to provide identification at the polling place.   
 Note: Confidential and will not be released to any governmental agency. Any person who uses such numbers **legally will be subject to criminal penalties.**   
 8) If you are requesting a political party affiliation or you may provide the qualifications of any prior party affiliation. If you are a previously affiliated voter who wishes to change political party affiliation or become unaffiliated, you must file this form no later than 60 days before the primary election in order to vote in the primary election. Completing section 7 is OPTIONAL and will not affect the acceptance of your voter registration application.   
 14) If you wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections, mark the appropriate box in section 14. You will continue to receive Mail-In Ballots for all future elections until you request otherwise in writing to your County Clerk's office.   
 Need More Information? Check boxes below if you would like to receive more information about:   
 voting by mail  polling place accessibility  voting if you have a disability, including visual impairment   
 becoming a poll worker  available election materials in this alternative language \_\_\_\_\_

# “How to Register Voters” Workshops

- Created innovative 60-minute training program, vetted through LWV NJ
- Conducted four sessions – open to the public
  - 8-23-19, Bradley Beach Library, (5)
  - 9-18-19, Private Home in Belmar, (7)
  - 2-11-20, Eastern Branch Library, Shrewsbury, (10)
  - 2-19-20, Turner Gallery, Twp of Ocean Library (9)
- 31 people trained
- Program continually updated to incorporate legal and regulatory changes





# Voter Education



Neptune Schools Civics Day, June 2019



Neptune Senior Citizens, Sept 2019





Display in the County Clerk's headquarters



NJ Legislature Proclamation



League honored at the County Clerk's "Pink Tea," February 6

# 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment/ LWV 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





# LWV 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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# Voter Turnout



- **Canvassed door-to-door** in Neptune in Neptune encouraging residents to vote in the November 2019 General Election – left materials at 795 households and held 140 conversations
- Secured a Lyft/LWVUS grant to provide **50 rides to the polls**
- Used Google Voice number to **TEXT voting reminders and respond to inquiries**

# Support of new citizens



**Fighting for the Vote for Citizenship Class**

Long Branch, November 2019



**Registering new citizens at Naturalization Ceremony**

Long Branch, November 2019

# Supporting the Census



- Promoted Census with bilingual flyers at **Voter Registration Events and Candidate Forums** beginning in the fall of 2019
- Partnered with LWV NJ and Census Bureau – **videotaped January “Hot Topic” Lecture** and posted on our website
- Developed collaborative plan in **Neptune with MURC and Township Council** for a door-to-door campaign. (Shutdown by pandemic – partners now reaching out with virtual campaigns through church and community groups and township council)
- Offered support to **Asbury Park Complete Count Campaign**, led by its City Council
- **Promoted Census on our Facebook** account with Census Bureau videos, updates on completion rates, and Census Week “Five Friends Campaign”

# Reenter. Register. Vote.

## LWV – New Jersey Reentry Partnership



- **Partnership with NJ Reentry** (and others) supporting returning citizens reenter society
- Our role: strengthening the ties to community by **registering and encouraging returning citizens to vote**
- **Weekly** training/registration sessions
  - Started in Neptune City Reentry Office Feb 2019
  - Extended to six other NJ Reentry locations
  - Working to extend to GEO Reentry and state library initiative
- Successful Press Conference announcing **“Citizens Registration Day”** for 3/17—day parolees and probationers became eligible in NJ to register and vote

**FINALIST: LWVUS “EQUITABLE PARTNERSHIPS AWARD”**

# Facts and Issues



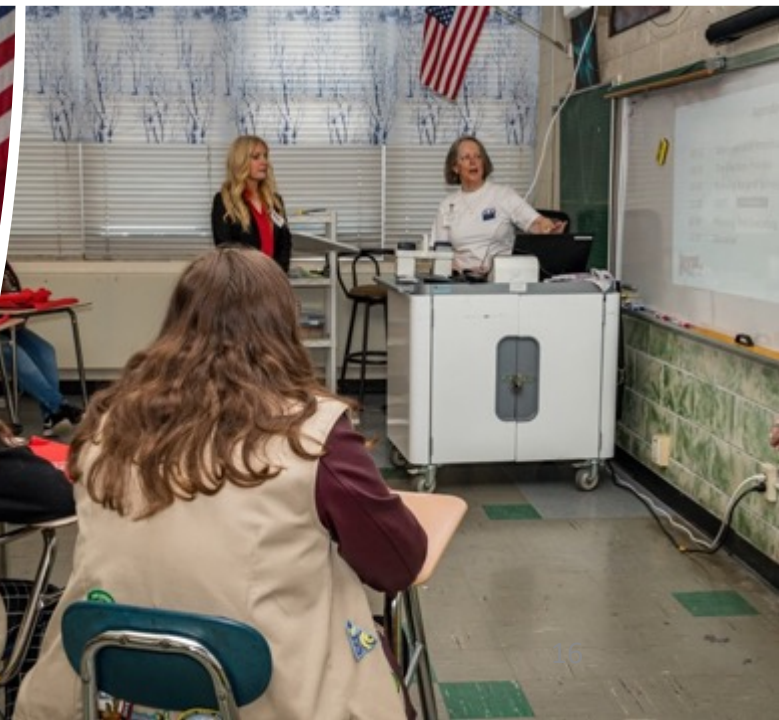
## SHOWS THIS YEAR

- Redistricting
- Earth Day, Earth Share
- Interfaith understanding: Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom
- LWV 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Ocean Township's Cultural Commission
- 2019 Changes to Vote-by-Mail process
- Ocean Township 2019 Ballot Questions

# Voter Girl

March 7, 2020

- LWV/Girl Scout Collaboration
- Scouts at all levels earned citizenship badges
- 100 LWV volunteers and 50 elected officials—statewide
- LWV volunteers at Brick High School





# Suffragists Speak

Living History Program

## SUFFRAGISTS SPEAK

THE FIERCE AND FLAWED BATTLE FOR THE VOTE



2 to 3:30, Sunday, March 1, 2020

Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch  
1001 Rte. 35, Shrewsbury, NJ

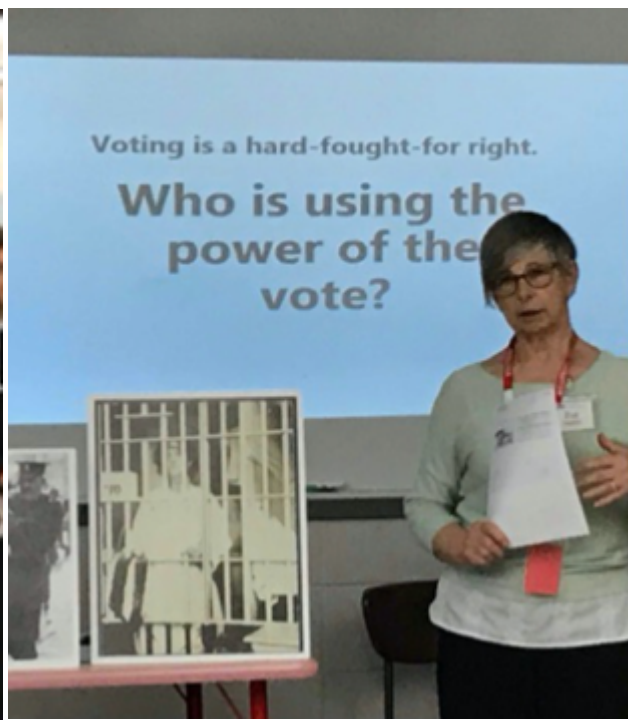
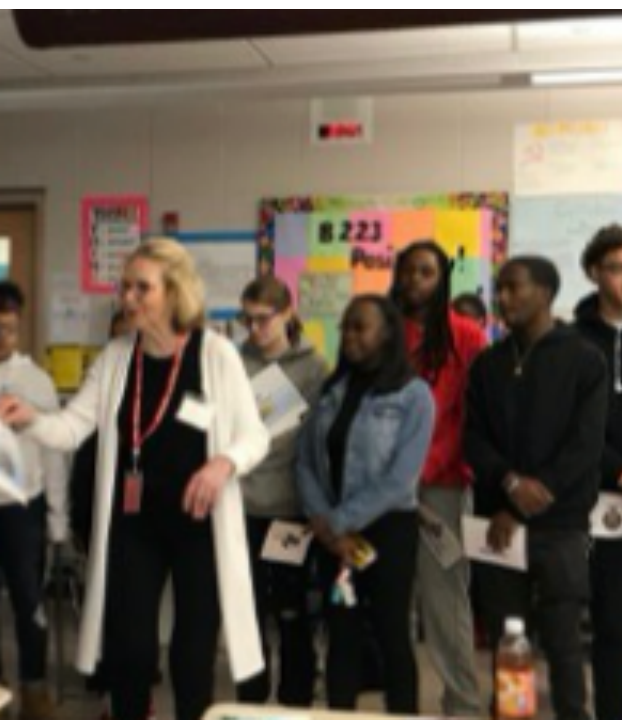
The voices of five women and one man bring the struggle for the vote to life, with particular focus on the experience of African-American women. Living history interpreters recreate a conversation between Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass that reveals the strain on their friendship following passage of the 15th Amendment. The words of Carrie Chapman Catt, Alice Paul, and Ida B. Wells explore racial tensions that continued to test the movement through the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Finally, Fannie Lou Hamer's 1964 account of racially motivated voter suppression makes real that, for African-American women and men, the fight for the vote was not over.

The program is a collaboration of AAUW Northern Monmouth County Branch, League of Women Voters Monmouth County, T. Thomas Fortune Cultural Center, and the Monmouth County Library.

Come celebrate the centennial of women's suffrage with the production of an under-reported story of the fight for the vote.



- Original production of the story of suffrage from the African American women's point of view.
- Collaboration: LWV, AAUW, T. Thomas Fortune House
- Virtual LWV NJ production scheduled for August



# Fighting for The Vote

- Original, interactive, classroom program designed to turn students into life-long learners
- Delivered this year to:
  - Long Branch High School (Social Justice Academy)
  - Manalapan High School
  - Asbury Park Intermediate School
  - Red Bank Regional
  - Hoboken High School
  - Ryder University

# Fighting for The Vote



**Teaching future teachers to teach Fighting for The Vote**

**Ryder University**

In response to Covid-19

# Adapted Fighting for The Vote (FfTV) to a virtual package

Are you looking for a worthwhile civics lesson,  
ready-to-deliver-remotely?  
...a lesson with substance and accurate,  
up-to-date information about the upcoming  
elections?

The League of Women Voters is here to help...

**In the time of Covid-19: How to Register and Vote from Home**

A complete lesson package developed by the League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization, to help **Get Out the Vote**

Download and use it remotely during the last days of school – just prior to the NJ Primary Election on July 7, 2020 – and in the fall to prepare for the Presidential Election.

<http://lwvsmc.org/covid.php>

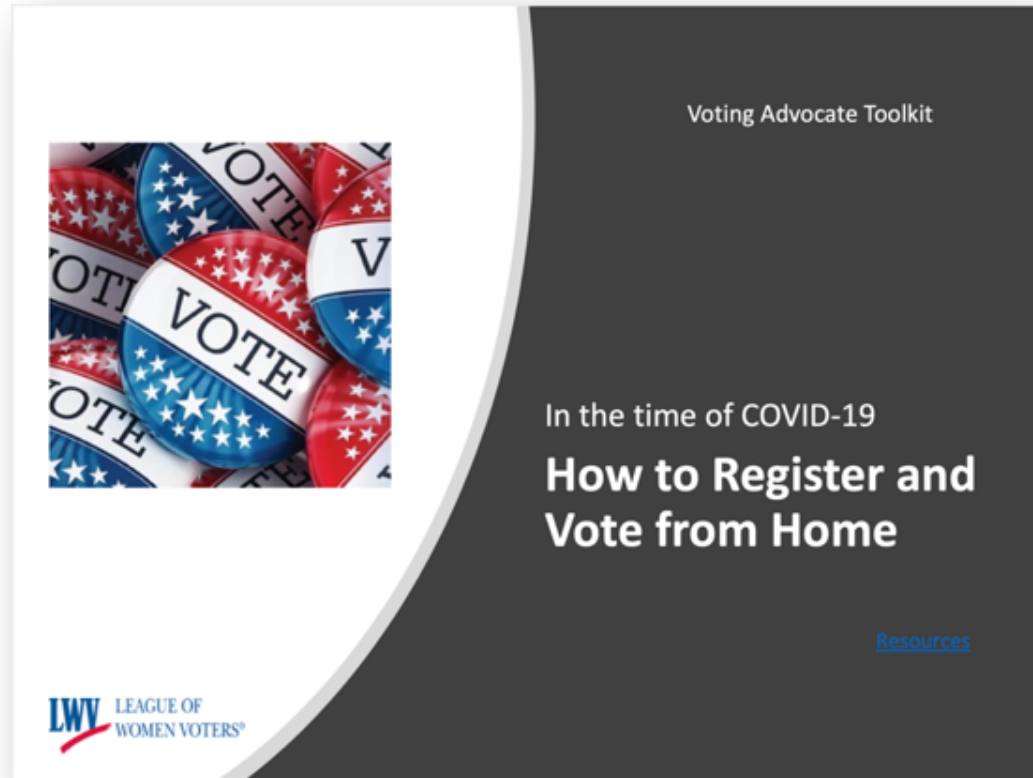
In addition to the Teacher Packet, we include a **Student Advocate Toolkit**. Students can apply what they learn immediately by helping others in their households overcome hesitation about voting by mail – many have never done so before and may need help with the process.

Your students will learn how, using online resources, to register, to obtain a vote by mail ballot and to actually vote by mail ... all based on the most up-to-date information from the Governor's office.

- Had FfTV deliveries set for Long Branch, Neptune, and Ryder
- Created a package for the virtual classroom
- Teacher slideshow and notes
- Student “Voting Advocate” Toolkit to support friends and family in registering and voting from home
- Distributed to our partner schools and through the NJ Association of Superintendents and the NJ Association of Social Studies Supervisors

In response to Covid-19

## Created a Toolkit and Webinar on Voting in the 2020 NJ Primary



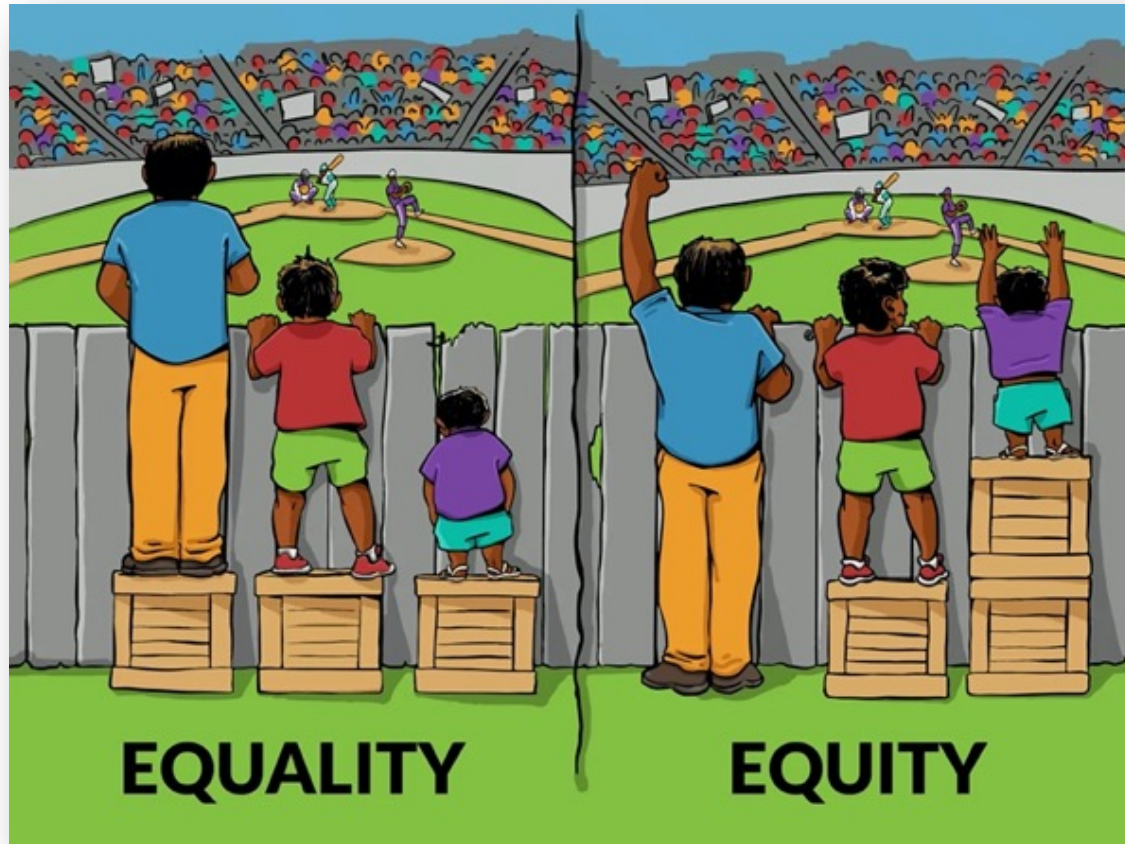
### Presentations

1. LWV members (May 28)—*28 people*
2. Greater Red Bank Women's Initiative (June 15)—*38 people*
3. MURC, Neptune (June 16)—*68 people*
4. Asbury Park (June 20)
5. Unitarian Universalist Congregation (June 20)
6. Congregation Torat-El (June 24)
7. Ocean Grove Home Owners Association (June 27)

**WEBINAR AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

**TOOLKIT AVAILABLE ON [LWVSMC.ORG](http://LWVSMC.ORG)**

# Diversity ~ Equity ~ Inclusion Initiative



## LWVUS 2020 Diversity Equity & Inclusion Equitable Leadership Program

- Awarded one of **48 program slots**
- Enrolled in online **DEI course through *Leadersity*** to help build knowledge and skills on DEI initiatives – course completed June 2020
- Provided guidance in launching DEI plan and creating **DEI Policy for LWVSMC**
- Includes a **\$500 grant** to support DEI initiative

# Showing up for Social Justice



**Justice for George Floyd Rally**  
Asbury Park, June 1, 2020



**Art Justice Walk**  
Asbury Park, November 2, 2019

# Showing up for Social Justice



**Asbury Park Pride in the Park**

October 2019



**Neptune Black History Month**

February 2020



# Public Relations



**LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 19, 2020

Contact: Evelyn C. Murphy, PhD, Voters Service Director, League of Women Voters of Southern Monmouth County (LWVSMC), 732-612-9570 (cell), EvelynCMurphy@gmail.com lwvsmcnj@gmail.com

*Above are the participants in the League of Women Voters Press Conference to introduce their program to register over 80,000 new voters due to New Jersey's recent law which re-enfranchises those on parole or probation. The conference took place at the New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) in Neptune City. They are left to right: NJRC intern Tymberly Kelly, LWVPA President Nancy Heediger, LWVSMC Board Member and Program Coordinator Annette Scott, NJRC Facility Director Brian McGillivray, NJRA Social Worker Kyana Champion, LWVSMC Board Member and Voters Service Director Evelyn C. Murphy, NJRA Case Manager Darlene Tyler, B.S.W., and NJRC client Advil Robinson, Asbury Park. Not pictured is Robin Hagel, NJRC Employment Specialist.*

**League of Women Voters Declares March 17, Statewide Citizens Voter Registration Day to register 80,000 Voters under New Law**

Neptune City: On Wednesday, February 19, the League of Women Voters held a press conference at the Neptune City office of The New Jersey Reentry Corporation (NJRC) to announce a March 17 statewide initiative to register more than 80,000 citizens to vote. These citizens will soon be re-enfranchised due to a new law signed by Governor Murphy this past December.

Evelyn C. Murphy, the LWV Voters Service Director of the Southern Monmouth County League (LWVSMC), explained the law which declared that voting is a fundamental right and that, in New Jersey, many people are denied that right who are on parole or probation. More than half of those people are minorities due to racial disparities that exist in our criminal justice system. Additionally, the law declared that there is no evidence that denying the right to vote to people with criminal convictions serves any legitimate public safety purpose and unnecessarily burdens law enforcement, election officials and New Jersey residents. This new act serves to conserve law enforcement resources and creates a bright-line rule so that citizens are not wrongly denied their right to vote due to confusion or mistake.



Press releases, press conference, Facebook, town signs, community events, letters to the editor, flyers, . . .

# lwvsmc.org

- Useful links
- Critical updates
- Publicly available LWVSMC original resources
- Members only resources
  - Toolkits for Public Relations, Forums, VOTE411, and more
  - Organization documents: Membership List, Bylaws, Nonpartisan Policy, and more



**LWV**  
League of Women Voters  
of Southern Monmouth County  
*(formerly of the Township of Ocean)*  
P. O. Box 414, Oakhurst, New Jersey 07755

The League  
League Initiatives  
The Town  
The Schools  
Voting Guide  
Members Only  
Facts & Issues, The League on TV  
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**LWV at George Floyd Rally**  
from LWVSMC

Useful links:  
[Township of Ocean](#)  
[Borough of Neptune City](#)  
[Neptune Township](#)  
[City of Asbury Park](#)  
[Tinton Falls](#)  
[Borough of Manasquan](#)  
[Township of Ocean Schools](#)  
[League of Women Voters of New Jersey](#)  
[League of Women Voters of the United States](#)  
[New Jersey Division of Elections](#)

Voting links:  
[Vote411.org -- Election Information You Need](#)  
[Monmouth County Votes -- the Clerk's Office](#)  
[Voter Registration Forms](#)  
[Vote By Mail \(Absentee Ballot\) Applications](#)  
[Am I Registered?](#)  
[Find My Polling Place](#)  
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Questions about voting? Call the League of Women Voters of New Jersey toll-free voter hotline 800-792-VOTE (6683)

**Changes to the 2020 NJ Primary**

- [Summary of Changes](#)
- [Executive Order](#)
- [Voting Advocate Toolkit](#)
- [Webinar of Voting Changes Workshop](#)
- [Vote By Mail Ballot Tips](#)

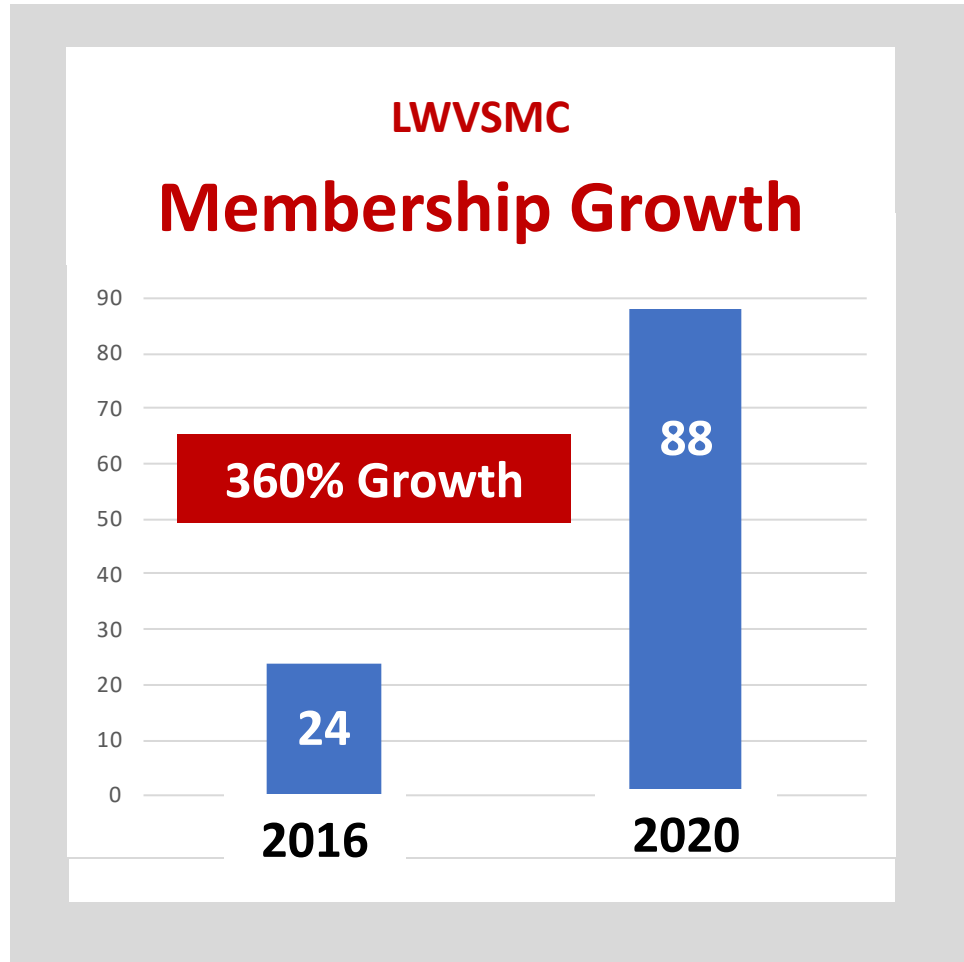
**LWVSMC Annual Meeting June 18**

- [Proposed Bylaws](#)
- [Proposed Budget](#)
- [Proposed Slate](#)

**Monmouth County Primary Ballot Candidates**

From the Monmouth County Clerk, lists of the candidates appearing on the 7 July 2020 Monmouth County primary election ballots:

# Members made it happen



## 88 members from 23 communities

Ocean (28), Neptune (17), Asbury Park (8), Tinton Falls (4), Belmar (3), W. Long Branch (2), Little Silver (2), Sea Girt (2), Interlaken (2), Lakewood (2), Manasquan (2), Bradley Beach (2), Eatontown (1), Manchester (1), Wall (1), Allenhurst (1), Avon (1), Toms River (1), Long Branch (1), Neptune City (1), Deal (1), Cream Ridge (1), Brick (1)

- January new member reception
- Mentor program
- Welcome package

# Grants: Funding our great ideas



## Grants Received

- LWVUS: \$700 for *Fighting for The Vote*
- LWVUS and Lyft: 50 rides to the polls (\$750)
- LWVUS: \$500 Diversity-Equity-Inclusion
- LWVUS: Virtual Platform Funding (\$45)

## Applications Submitted

- Union of Concerned Scientists: Technology upgrade for voter virtual outreach – not funded
- NJ State Bar Foundation: *Fighting for The Vote* – pending