



LOOKING FORWARD

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PRIMARY DAY – Tuesday, September 10, 2013

REMINDER: Only Voters Enrolled in the Democratic or Republican Party may Vote in their Party’s Primary Election

**Do you want to be a reporter for the Associated Press at the polls on election night?
Please contact the LWVNYC office at 212-725-3541.**

LWVNYC LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE: 11:00am at locations to be announced

- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3** – *What the Primaries Told Us and What City Hall May Look Like on November 6* – Douglas Muzzio, Professor of Political Science/City Government, Baruch/CUNY
- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7** – *“Ocean Wave Makers” vs. the Port Ambrose Floating LNG Facility*, Cindy Zipf, Executive Director, Clean Ocean Action
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5** – *Health Insurance Exchanges and the Affordable Care Act*, Danielle Holahan, Deputy Director of NYS Health Benefit Exchange

LWVNYC UPCOMING MEETINGS AT 4 WEST 43RD STREET

- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**– Hydraulic Fracturing Committee, 12:15pm
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** – Affordable Housing Committee, 10:30am
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** – New Member Orientation, 6:00pm
- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22** – Membership Committee, 1:00pm

EVENTS:

LWVNYC NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IN BRYANT PARK

Tuesday September 24, 11:00am-3:00pm

At Bryant Park, Upper Terrace, between 5th/6th Aves at 42nd St.



BRING FRIENDS!!



Join us and our 8 co-sponsors to register new voters and assist voters who need to update their voter information or have questions about voting and the election.

Enjoy Music, Giveaways, and 2013 NYC Election Information!

Win a Google Chromebook in our Raffle (1st 150 people receive a free ticket!)



COLLABORATIONS:

- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8** – The LWVNY, in association with the UN Department of Public Information, will co-host an afternoon of briefings at the UN: *UNiTE to End Violence Against Women* (\$60 for League members, \$75 for non-members, \$40 for students.) A UN tour and lunch in the Delegates Dining Room are offered as well. For more information, please go to: LWVNY.org



YOUR LEAGUE IN ACTION:

THE NYC DEBATES:

This summer, LWVNYC partnered with WABC-TV, Univision and the NY Daily News to produce the first Mayoral and Comptroller debates that were aired on WABC-TV. Links to these debates may be found on a variety of websites including LWVNYC. We also joined with the Manhattan Neighborhood Network to air the Manhattan Borough President Debate and the ten new City Council District Races. Group and individual training sessions for first time and veteran League moderators were held and scripts with the questions, plus how to handle rebuttals and attacks were discussed. Kudos to our moderators - Miriam Adelman, Mary Jenkins, Alice Bloom, Kate Doran, Rosemary Shields and Valerie Warner. The debates are airing continually on MNN and we have links on our website for streaming at any time. The candidates were questioned on topics ranging from affordable housing to changes in mayoral control of education, how to pay for necessary infrastructure repair to “stop, question and frisk.” We will be doing a run-off primary with the same partners at WABC and plan to do Mayoral General Election Debates with WABC. Laura Altschuler, Special Projects

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE:

We received approval for a 2013-14 study to update and revise our position on Affordable Housing so that we might strengthen our efforts to make a difference for the City’s residents who deserve decent and affordable housing. In order to prepare educational material and consensus questions for membership, we are currently reviewing the myriad topics that might be addressed in the study, including the location of low and moderate housing, zoning issues, the use of subsidies, tax abatements, partnerships with private corporations to fund construction, allocations of lower cost units for residents/city workers. Once consensus is achieved, we will be able to lobby and advocate for essential steps to secure affordable housing. We prepared questions for primary candidates to determine their plans for solving housing problems and have started to explore the roles played by the City Council, City Planning Commission and Community Boards. It is a complex, but compelling issue and we invite you to join us at our next meeting on September 12. Carole Mehlman, Chair

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING COMMITTEE:

Our current focus is on the Port Ambrose Liquid Natural Gas import port proposed outside the NY/NJ harbor among the busy shipping lanes. We have researched the Port Ambrose application, considered its implications, and helped prepare a letter to Gov. Cuomo from the LWVNY to oppose it. (Join us at *Lunch with the League* on Nov. 7 for a great presentation on this topic.) We will continue to push for passage of natural gas hazardous waste legislation at the State and City Council level this fall. Such waste is toxic and hazardous and poses grave threats to our water supplies. We continue to monitor the actions and decisions regarding drilling and the use of natural gas in NYC and to seek protections from naturally occurring radioactive material and radon carried with Marcellus gas. Come to our next meeting on September 11 to discuss these and other vital issues. Beth Kelley and Mary Anne Sullivan, Co-Chairs

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

After celebrating an award for Membership and Leadership that we received from the LWVNY at its June Convention, we resumed work on developing corporate sponsorships for LWVNYC League events, notably *Lunch with the League*, in an effort to ease the League’s financial burdens and attract new members. We have identified potential sponsors to whom we will be sending a Letter of Interest as a first contact. We are also actively involved in enhancing our working relationship with two of the organizations we have partnered with this year, NALEO (The National Association of Latino Elected Officials) and NaCoPRW (The National Conference of Puerto Rican Women.) We’ve redesigned and updated a new Membership brochure. We are always happy to welcome new members; please join us at our next meeting on October 22. Evie Katz & Mary Jenkins, Co-Chairs