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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
<i>Running & Winning</i>	Apr 23, 2019	Th	School Day	POSTPONED! Not surprisingly, R&W has been postponed to 2021. Camden Charter School. Our annual running for office event for female high school students.
LWVCC Board meeting	May 4, 2020	M	7 – 9 pm	The meeting will be virtual. Let us know if you want to attend and we will share the Zoom link with you!
LWVCC Annual Meeting	TBA			The League is working on our first-ever VIRTUAL annual meeting so that we can hear from an interesting speaker, socialize, idea-share, and take care of League business. Stay tuned for details!

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Meeting Report

At the April 2020 Board Meeting the board:

1. Debated the Annual Meeting. We need one for League business (like electing the new board) and maybe a speaker. All probably virtual.
2. Discussed nominations for the board. Our committee chair, Suzanne Daulerio, and her team are at work!
3. Decided to send a blast email from the League reminding people to complete the census.
4. Asked everyone to contact their social media friends – ask them to "Like" the League.
5. Agreed to seek approval to redirect some of our naturalization voter registration grant to other activities.
6. Agreed to pay the \$144 for an annual Zoom license.
7. Heard that Kristin and Janet will co-lead the Vote411 effort.

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello Fellow League Members,

I hope you are all making do in quarantine life, and following all advice to keep yourself, your family members, and the general public safe. This is unlike anything we've dealt with before so let's just keep our heads down but our chins up and get through it together.

As all of our in-person efforts this spring had to be cancelled, we will be reaching out broadly and individually to engage League members to keep pushing our mission forward. We need help spreading the word about the Census, starting up and promoting Vote411.org for the (now) July primary, and educating and assisting voters with understanding how they can vote safely in the primary. Your League needs YOU, now more than ever.

Like many other groups, the current circumstances forced us to hold our April board meeting virtually and has us moving our Annual Meeting to Zoom as well. Instead of seeing this as a short-term inconvenience, we are treating this as an opportunity to expand our horizons and maybe even engage some new folks who can't usually make it to our in-person meetings. If you're a long-time member and uncertain about Zoom, please email lwvccnj@gmail.com or leave a message on the League Line (856-438-0182) to ask for help -- we can walk you through it. There is also a phone number for the Zoom meetings so you can just call in (you will not be able to see materials shared on screen or see our beautiful faces!).

And finally, let's talk about the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment! There were no state ratifications (or rejections) in April 1920, but that doesn't mean the suffragists slowed down in any way. There were ratification committees working across the country to pull in straggling states and push for the 36th state. The finish line was in sight, but the course was about to get even tougher. We all know how the story ends, but it is still exciting to read about how we got there! Check out <https://www.nps.gov/articles/us-suffrage-timeline-1648-to-2016.htm>

In League,
Kristin Burke, President

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization of men and women, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Getting there - Directions!

From your house or back yard. All meetings are virtual for the time being. Zoom!

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Freeholder Meetings

We **encourage League members to observe Freeholder meetings** when they are convenient for you. Just show up with a LWV button to let them know we are watching! Don't make any statements -- you aren't entitled to speak for the League (or even yourself after wearing a League button). You can ask a neutral/informative question, however. Meetings start at 7. It's good for Camden County!

The list for the year is online in the form of a county events calendar at <http://www.camdencounty.com/calendar/list> It has lots of entries and is a bit hard to navigate.

Try searching for "Freeholder Meeting" or a specific month like "May 2020 Freeholder Meeting".

The **May** meeting is planned for Thursday, May 21st, 2020 @ 6:30 pm at the Cherry Hill Community Center 820 Mercer Street. **But you have to watch it online at www.CamdenCounty.com/live . Don't show up in person!**

The **June** 2020 meeting is Thursday, Jun 18th, 2020 @ 6:30 pm at the Haddon Heights Community Center 321 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights. At this time, still live, but that may change.

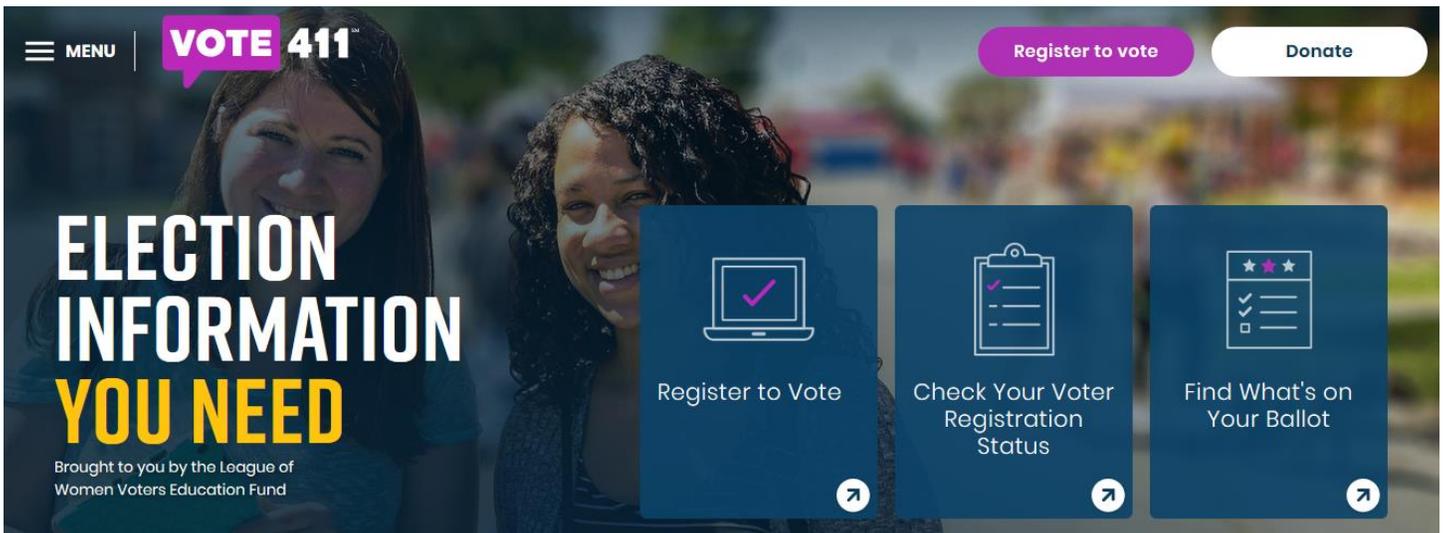
In general, town hall is at 6:30. Freeholder meeting at 7 p.m.

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Vote411 Update

Kristin Burke and Janet Fisher-Hughes are co-chairs of the Vote411 committee. This year, our chapter will be covering primary (where applicable) and general election races for Camden County and Gloucester County freeholder, municipal, and board of education. We are also covering two May municipal races in Burlington County – Bass River and Medford Lakes.

By mid-May, we anticipate being able to start inviting candidates to visit the Vote411 site in order to update their information, add photos, and answer key questions regarding their positions on relevant issues for the Primary Election (now in July). We welcome assistance from our members to help us follow-up with candidates so that we can enhance their participation and ensure Vote411.org remains a go-to source for voter information. If you are interested in helping us in this important task, please contact Janet Fisher-Hughes (fishyhugs@msn.com) or Kristin Burke (kristinbburke@gmail.com).



PERSONALIZED VOTING INFORMATION

- ✓ See What's On Your Ballot
- ✓ Check Your Voter Registration
- ✓ Find Your Polling Place
- ✓ Discover Upcoming Debates In Your Area
- ✓ And Much More!

Enter Your Address to Get Started:

Street address

City Select a state

Zip code

Submit

Census Reminder

Jodi Feldman

The League wants to remind you that the 2020 Census is happening NOW!

Why should every RESIDENT of the US complete the Census and be Counted?

A Complete Count will bring roughly \$22.7 Billion to New Jersey every year for the next 10 Years!

A Complete Count will assure the proper number of Congressional Seats for New Jersey.

Share a Census video [Everyone Counts/30 sec](#) on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram challenging your friends to fill the Census.

Send a text or email with a Census video [Why Does the Census Matter?/29 sec](#) to 3 friends asking them to complete the Census.

#ItsSafeEasyImportant
#FillItOut
#CountMeIn



Contacts for Volunteering

Voter Registration/Education: Anita Hahn -- hahna98@yahoo.com

Government/Advocacy: Jane Scarpellino -- jlscarpellino@yahoo.com

Moderating/timekeeping: Ed Gracely -- Edgracely@verizon.net

Running & Winning High School Girls Leadership Pgm:

Janet Fisher-Hughes Fishyhugs@msn.com

Census Complete Count - Jodi Feldman -- jodirespect@gmail.com

Social Media/Communication: Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

Fundraising and Other Outreach: Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com

Vote411 (entering information about candidates):

Kristin Burke -- kristinbburke@gmail.com and Janet Fisher-Hughes -- Fishyhugs@msn.com

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LWVCC MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I am Interested in:

- *Learning about government and the political process.*
- *Becoming involved in the political process in nonpartisan ways.*
- *Meeting and working with other citizens who care about good government.*

I Want to join the League of Women Voters of Camden County!

Send this form with your check to: LWVCC, PO Box 245, Voorhees, NJ 08043

Or join online. Visit: <http://lwvnj-camden.org/membership.html>

Name(s): _____

e-mail: _____ (our primary mode of communication)

Address _____

Phone: Cell / Home / Work (_____) _____ - _____ (circle type)

Phone 2 Cell / Home / Work (_____) _____ - _____ (circle type)

Please check activities that might interest you:

- Voter registration IN PERSON (such as tabling events)
- Voter education ELECTRONIC (for example Vote411.org website)
- Voter education SPEAKING (such as invited talks to local groups or schools)
- Social media, marketing, and/or public relations
- Planning events/ activities
- Advocacy/working with elected officials on League priorities
- Fund raising
- Moderating/Time keeping (Training is provided)
- Writing short articles or summaries for the website or the monthly newsletter
- Running & Winning (our program for high school girls)

And circle how active you would like to be:

Membership only A few times a year About once a month More active

First time new annual membership is only \$25! This also applies to household members.

Student membership is \$10!

Renewal membership is \$60 annually (plus \$30 for each additional household membership).

Number of members in the household: _____

Total dues: _____

Extra gift: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Thank you!