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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION/INFO
LWVCC Annual Meeting	June 15	M	7 pm	Our first-ever VIRTUAL annual meeting so that we can hear from an interesting speaker, socialize, idea-share, and take care of League business. You have to sign up to get the Zoom link! See flier on page 4, below.

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Meeting Report

At the May 2020 Board Meeting the board:

1. Agreed to invite speakers to a virtual annual meeting in June.
2. Learned that we are trying to get involved in a post card census reminder activity (as of the meeting this looked iffy, but in fact it is happening!)
3. Agreed to pay \$144/year for a Professional version of our new Weebly web site (watch for it!) that will not show Weebly notes.
4. Approved nominations slate, plans for budget, and so on.
5. Agree to touch bases with our members and see how they are doing.
6. Saw and liked Kristin's video (visible on the web page).

League of Women Voters of Camden County

President's Message

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Hello Fellow League Members,

We are excited to announce our 2020 Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom (the future Webster's word of the year??) on **June 15 from 7-8:30 pm**. Back by popular demand in a bustling election year will be two representatives from the Camden County Board of Elections to talk to us about changes this year and what we can expect around voting in a COVID-19 world. We will also discuss what the League is advocating for in terms of protecting and defending the vote.

Vote411.org is just around the corner for the July 2 primary so reach out if you want to get involved in this important effort to get candidate profiles up online.

Welcome to new members Donna Marie Robinson, Sandra Green, Melissa Pollitt, Corinne Frockowiak, and Dennis Gormley. We are so thrilled to have you! And this month I would like to thank Denise Zeitenberg and Melissa Pollitt for donations to the League – we appreciate your support!

In the final push for the 19th amendment, the suffragists probably felt like things were stalling in May 1920. I look forward to sharing more next month as things heat up in June and July.

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 **June** 2020 meeting is Thursday, Jun 18th, 2020 at noon, being streamed live at www.CamdenCounty.com/live. Members of the public are welcomed and encouraged to view and participate via the live feed. The main list has links for asking questions and such.

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PREPARING FOR A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN A PANDEMIC

MONDAY, JUNE 15 • 7:00 - 8:30 PM

LOG IN TO ZOOM AT 6:45 PM

RICH AMBROSINO and DONNA ROBINSON TAYLOR CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Commissioners Ambrosino and Taylor will explain changes to the primary including vote by mail and in-person voting options, what to expect for the General Election in November, voting security, and more! A must-attend event for anyone interested in being informed - and informing others - this election year.



**Pre-registration required to receive the Zoom link!
Members and non-members, no fee, donations welcome.**

Program followed by Annual Business Meeting and Discussion

Find the event at [facebook.com/lwccnj](https://www.facebook.com/lwccnj) or email lwccnj@gmail.com

The League is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government.

July 7th - New Jersey Primary Election Vote By Mail

By: Anita Hahn

New Jersey's June primary election has been moved to July 7th due to the Coronavirus outbreak. By Executive Order of the Governor, this election will be almost exclusively by mail. Within the next few weeks, mail-in ballots (not sample ballots) will be mailed to registered voters who have declared a political party, Democrat or Republican. It is too late for a registered Democrat or Republican to switch parties for this primary election – you will have to vote for candidates in the party you selected. Of course in the general election in the fall you can vote for a candidate from any party.

Inactive and unaffiliated voters will receive an *application* to vote-by-mail. Unaffiliated voters can select a party in the primary as part of the voting process. Likewise any new registrants (deadline is June 16) may declare a party when they register.

Postage pre-paid return envelopes will be included in the mailings along with detailed instructions. There will be designated secure drop-off boxes in about five locations around the county should you choose to drop off your ballot instead of putting it in the mail.

Polling locations will be open on election day, but on a limited basis, possibly one per municipality. Voters with a disability who cannot complete a paper ballot may use a voting machine. Anyone else who goes to the polling place on election day would vote by completing a provisional paper ballot. It's "provisional" because they have to check that you didn't also vote by mail before they count your vote.

Five states in the U.S. have been conducting elections primarily by mail for several years. Voter participation in those states is higher for all parties regardless of affiliation, and there have been minimal confirmed reports of voter fraud or tampering. This year many other states will expand vote-by-mail accessibility (formerly known as absentee ballots) for reasons of safety, security and convenience.

Non-partisan resources available for additional details, to check status of your voter registration or to update for any reason including change of address or signature: Camden County Board Elections: 856-401-8683, email: BOE@camdencounty.com, or Electdiv@camdencounty.com.

Here in our community, Anita Hahn has a supply of New Jersey Applications for new or changes to existing registrations. Phone 856-261-2783, email hahna98@yahoo.com. For more information you can also check: Voter.svrs.nj.gov, or Vote411.org, or the League of Women Voters of Camden County, email: lwvccnj@gmail.com, 856-438-0182.

Contacts for Volunteering

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

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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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Census card volunteers!



Beulah Gordon-Skinner



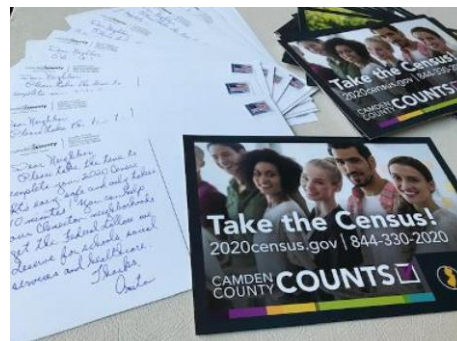
Audrey Miller



Debbie Moore



Laurie Laska



Anita Hahn

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://lwvni-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!