

2021
Annual Meeting

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF NORTHERN VALLEY

**Highlights from Our Year July
2020 - June 2021**

**Music provided by All Seasons Chamber Players
Michael Webster's Carmen Rhapsody (based on themes from Bizet's Carmen)**





VOTER REGISTRATION



**Fran Morton, Kate Leibhold
& Nike Bach** registering voters at
Dwight-Englewood School



During-Covid
Vicki Sidrow,
at Overpeck
Park, Leonia



VOTING - OCTOBER 2020



During-Covid
Vote By Mail

Joyce Luhrs
VP – PR
& Marketing



VOTERS SERVICE 2020

We provided voter information about new Covid driven changes to voting procedures.

Intern Mia Clingham assisted in its creation and sent flyers to NV libraries

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Make Your Vote Count

Vote-by-Mail this Election!

ALL active registered NJ voters should have received a Vote-by-Mail ballot, with prepaid return postage envelope, by **October 6, 2020**. If you have not, please call (201) 938-4225.

If you need to apply for a **VBM ballot** the Bergen County Clerk must receive your application by **October 27**. You may apply in-person to the county clerk until 3 pm on **November 2**.

Ballots may be mailed (via U.S. Postal Service) and postmarked on or before **November 3rd** and received by **November 10, 2020**.

Alternative Ballot Return Methods:

- Drop your VBM ballot in a secure ballot drop box. There are 18 secure drop boxes in Bergen County. To find one closest to you, visit the [Bergen County Board of Elections](#).
- Return your VBM ballot, in person, to the Bergen County Board of Elections, 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, by **8:00 pm on November 3**. Each municipality is required to have at least one in-person polling site. Visit [NJ Do of Elections](#) to find your polling location.
- Hand your ballot to a poll worker on **November 3**. Each municipality is required to have at least one in-person polling site. Visit [NJ Do of Elections](#) to find your polling location.

To learn about the **THREE** ballot questions, which you will find on the **BACK** of your vote-by-mail ballot, please visit [http://bergen.org/votingquestions](#)

To watch videos of Candidates Forums, for a few Bergen County Municipalities and Board of Ed, please visit [http://bergen.org/candidates](#)

To track whether your ballot has been received, visit [NJ Do of Elections](#)

FOR INFORMATION: For assistance in-person, please call (201) 938-4225. For assistance with your ballot, please call (201) 938-4225. For assistance with your ballot, please call (201) 938-4225.

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Register to Vote!

Make sure YOUR voice is heard. **DEADLINE** to register is **Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

Register to vote, now available online! Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

OR complete and mail your form below (no postage needed) <https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

NOTE – To qualify for voting, citizens must register at least **21 days before the election**, be 18 years of age by the election, and not be incarcerated. You may register to vote if you are 17 years old but cannot vote until you are 18. You may declare a party affiliation but are not required to do so until you want to vote in a primary. Registration is permanent unless you change your name or address, but changes in party affiliation are permitted annually. One can register in person with the town clerk or the county elections office.

USE the Voter Registration form to change: your address or name, signature update, a mailing address for your ballot if different than your home address (VBM Ballots will NOT be forwarded), political party affiliation and Vote by Mail request (new registrants only).

Checklist and **NOT** needed to register: photo ID, social security number, and driver's license. (NJ Do of Elections) (NJ Do of Elections) (NJ Do of Elections)

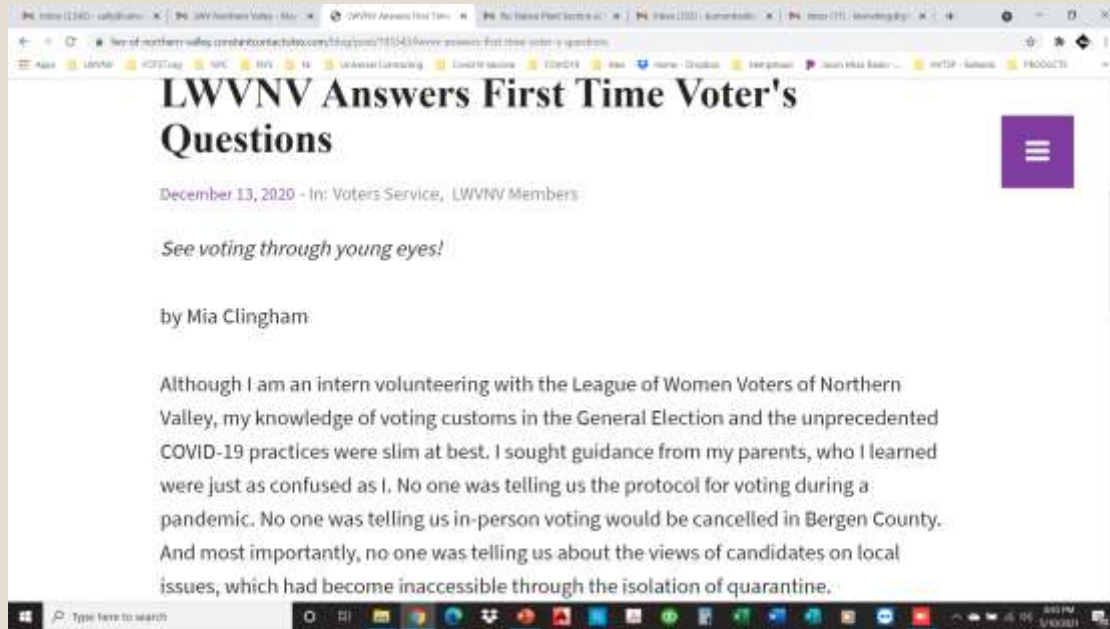
sample ballots: [http://www.nj.gov/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml](#)

Check **Vote411** – see what's on your ballot, information about local, county and Congressional candidates, and how to vote. (NJ Do of Elections) (NJ Do of Elections) (NJ Do of Elections)

October 23rd

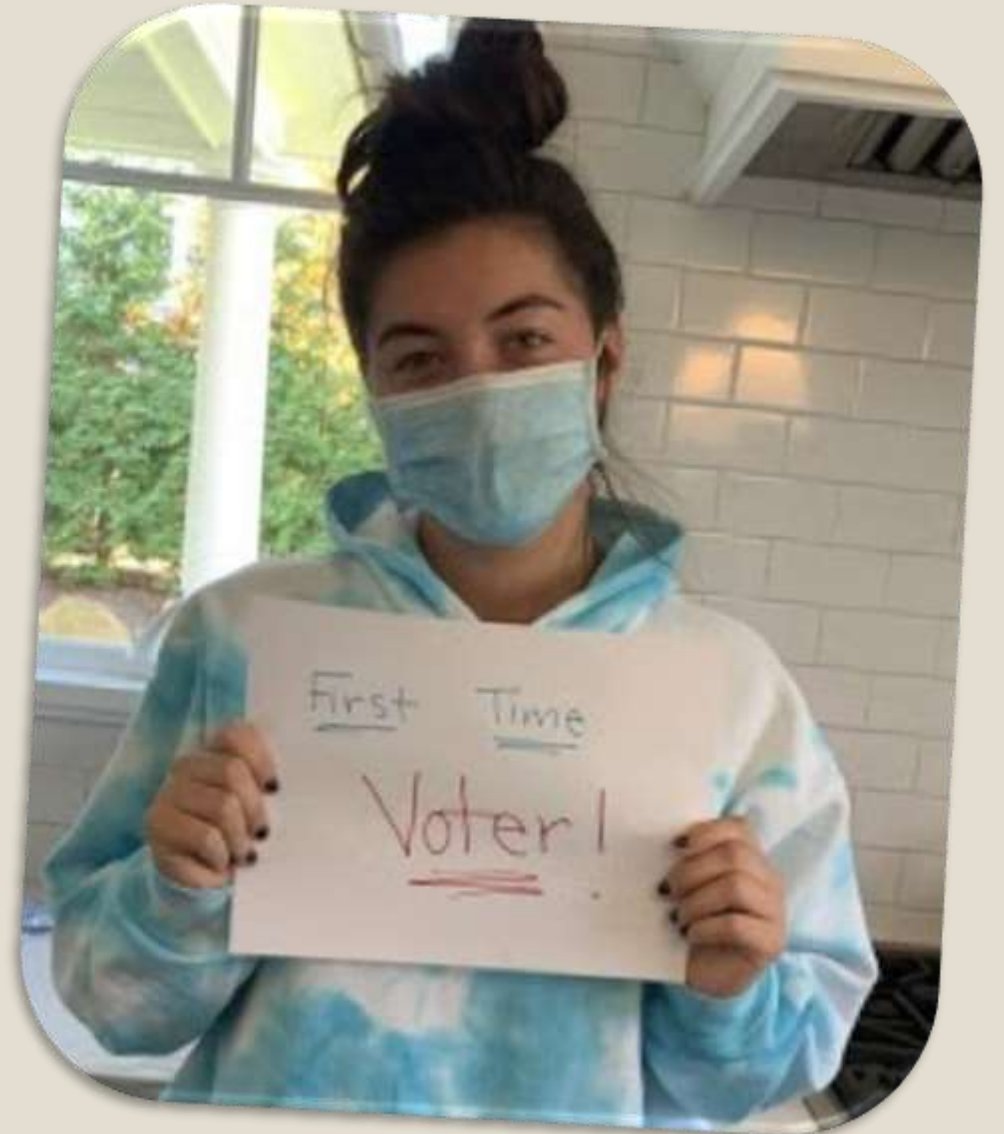
The Board of Elections is currently recruiting poll workers. This important civic responsibility is open to all registered voters in Bergen County. Visit [Bergen County Board of Elections](#) to learn more.

VOTERS SERVICE 2020

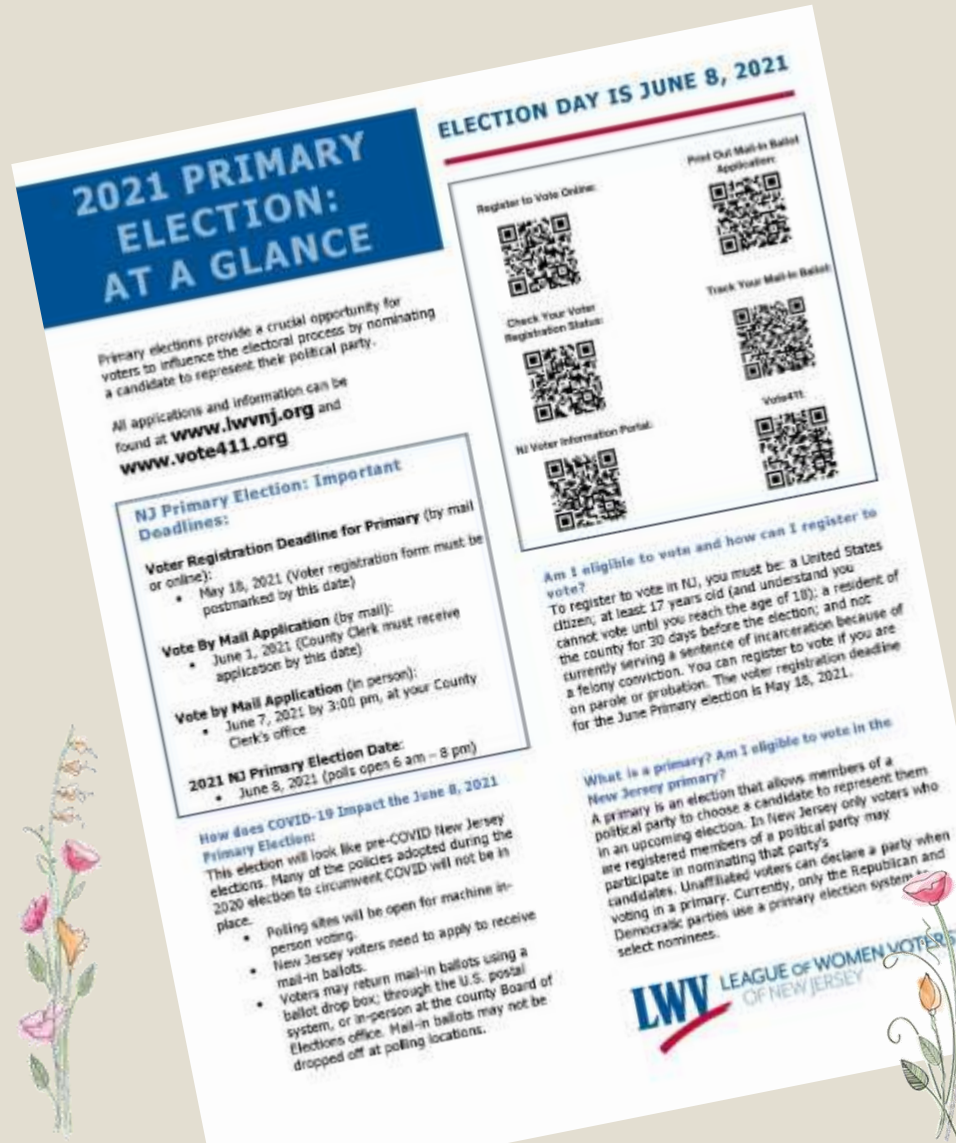


Check out Mia's Blog!

<https://lwv-of-northern-valley.constantcontactsites.com/blog>



VOTERS SERVICE - MAY 2021



2021 PRIMARY ELECTION: AT A GLANCE

Primary elections provide a crucial opportunity for voters to influence the electoral process by nominating a candidate to represent their political party. All applications and information can be found at www.lwvnj.org and www.vote411.org

ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 8, 2021

Register to Vote Online: [QR Code]

Print Out Mail-In Ballot Application: [QR Code]

Check Your Voter Registration Status: [QR Code]

Thank Your Mail-In Ballot: [QR Code]

Vote411: [QR Code]

NJ Voter Information Portal: [QR Code]

NJ Primary Election: Important Deadlines:

Voter Registration Deadline for Primary (by mail or online):

- May 18, 2021 (Voter registration form must be postmarked by this date)

Vote By Mail Application (by mail):

- June 1, 2021 (County Clerk must receive application by this date)

Vote by Mail Application (in person):

- June 7, 2021 by 3:00 pm, at your County Clerk's office

2021 NJ Primary Election Date:

- June 8, 2021 (polls open 6 am - 8 pm)

How does COVID-19 Impact the June 8, 2021 Primary Election?

This election will look like pre-COVID New Jersey elections. Many of the policies adopted during the 2020 election to circumvent COVID will not be in place.

- Polling sites will be open for machine in-person voting.
- New Jersey voters need to apply to receive mail-in ballots.
- Voters may return mail-in ballots using a ballot drop box, through the U.S. postal system, or in-person at the county Board of Elections office. Mail-in ballots may not be dropped off at polling locations.

Am I eligible to vote and how can I register to vote?

To register to vote in NJ, you must be: a United States citizen, at least 17 years old (and understand you cannot vote until you reach the age of 18); a resident of the county for 30 days before the election; and not currently serving a sentence of incarceration because of a felony conviction. You can register to vote if you are on parole or probation. The voter registration deadline for the June Primary election is May 18, 2021.

What is a primary? Am I eligible to vote in the New Jersey primary?

A primary is an election that allows members of a political party to choose a candidate to represent them in an upcoming election. In New Jersey only voters who are registered members of a political party may participate in nominating that party's candidates. Unaffiliated voters can declare a party when voting in a primary. Currently, only the Republican and Democratic parties use a primary election system to select nominees.

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League members formed a state wide Voters Service Coalition who, along with LWV NJ staff, created voter information.

Intern Mia Clingham sent flyers to NV libraries



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Who am I voting for when I vote in a primary?

Primary elections happen at all levels of government, including United States President, New Jersey's Senator and Representatives to the U.S. Congress, New Jersey state legislators, as well as county and municipal seats. As a declared member of a party in your voting district you vote to choose which candidate, supporting general election.

What about early voting?

New Jersey recently passed legislation implementing in-person early voting, but it does not go into effect until the November General Election. You can vote early using a mail-in ballot for the Primary Election.

How can I vote by mail?

In New Jersey, any eligible registered voter can Vote by Mail - you do not need a reason to request a Vote by Mail ballot, but you do need to apply. To receive your Vote by Mail ballot by mail, the application must be received by your County Clerk by June 1, 2021. Voters can also apply in person to the County Clerk up until 2:00 pm on June 7, 2021.

I am currently affiliated with a political party, but want to change my affiliation before the primary.

The deadline to change party affiliation has passed. You would have had to file a Party Affiliation Declaration form with your County Commissioner of Registrations/ Supervisor of Elections at least 55 days before the primary election.

I am not currently affiliated with a political party, but want to vote in the upcoming Primary Election. What do I do?

Unaffiliated voters can register with a political party up to and including Primary Election Day. Unaffiliated voters have an opportunity to declare your affiliation in person at the polls on Primary Election Day or when you cast your mail-in ballot (read the information that comes with your ballot carefully). You retain that party affiliation unless you file a Party Affiliation Declaration form after the election.

I want to vote in person. Where is my polling location?

You can look up your polling location online at www.vote411.org. Your polling location will also be listed on your sample ballot. Voters receive sample ballots in the mail about a week before Election Day.

Do not want to use the last minute to return your ballot. You may return your postage-paid ballot as soon as you receive it. It must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the County Board of Elections within 144 hours (3 days) after the close of polls. You may also bring your ballot in person to your county's board of elections office, or to a secure ballot drop box location before polls close on election day. Check with your county clerk for drop box locations. Your ballot can be tracked online.

How do I learn about the candidates?

Candidate debates and forums are core features of the League of Women Voters. Candidates running for federal or statewide office are often easier to find information about. Local primary candidates typically vocalize their opinions through the local newspaper forums, and send out campaign material. Party candidates also create Facebook and Twitter accounts where you can learn more about their platform. To learn about candidates running in your town, including Candidate Forums moderated by League of Women Voters members, visit www.Vote411.org.

Other questions?

Email the League of Women Voters of New Jersey at members@lwvnj.org, direct us @LWV NJ, or reach out on Facebook [facebook.com/LWV NJ](https://www.facebook.com/LWV NJ).

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CANDIDATE FORUM - OCTOBER 2020

Candidate Forum for Woodcliff Lake Council

Moderated by Vicki Sidrow and assisted by Marnita Robertson and Sophie Heymann



CANDIDATE FORUM MAY 2021



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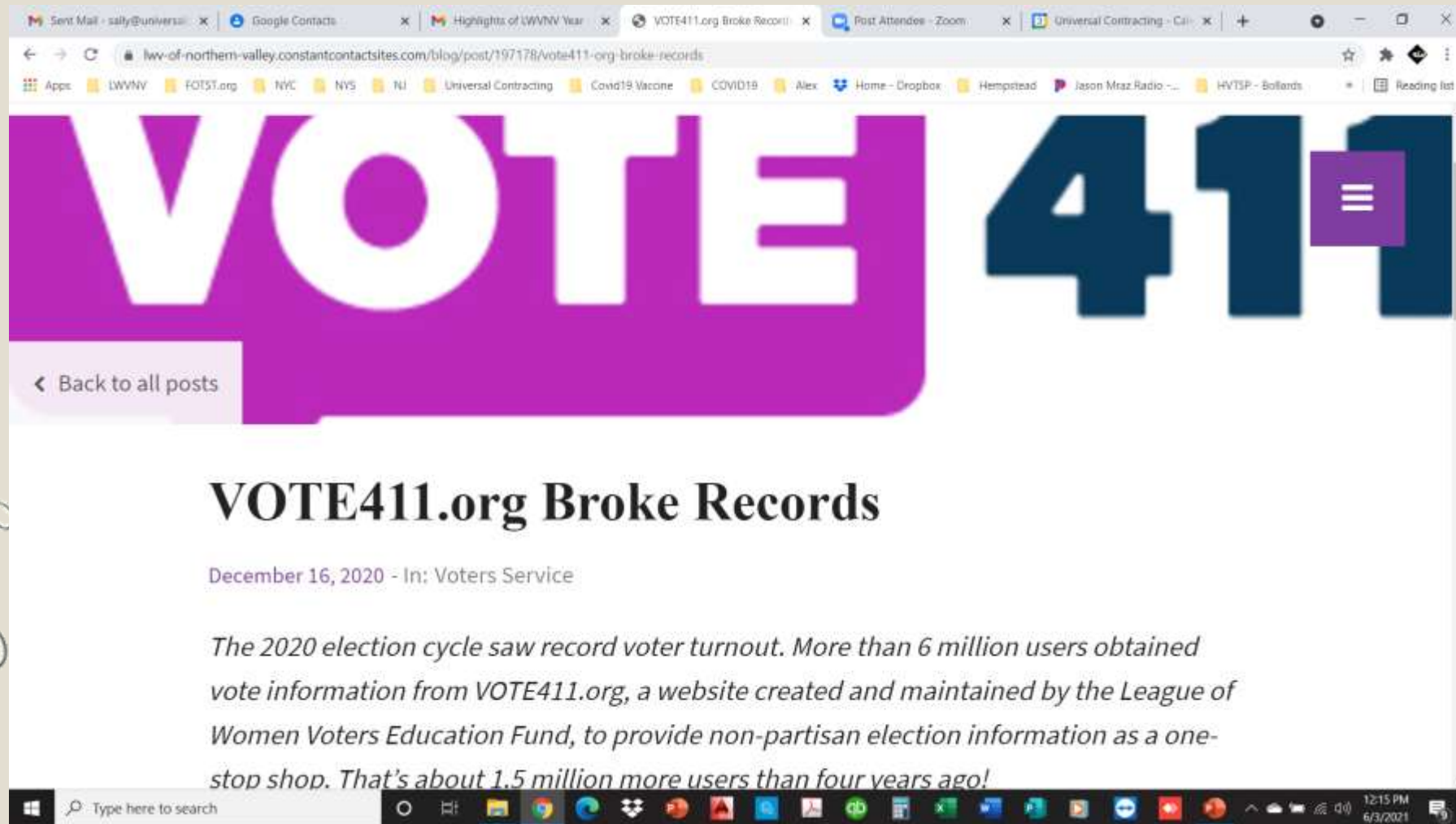
GETTING INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Vicki Sidrow, Marnita Robertson, Nike Bach, and Mia Clingham
ask candidates to respond to League questions.



VOTE411 BROKE RECORDS!

Read More about it on our Blog Site...



The screenshot shows a web browser window with multiple tabs. The active tab is titled "VOTE411.org Broke Records". The address bar shows the URL: lwv-of-northern-valley.constantcontactsites.com/blog/post/197178/vote411-org-broke-records. The browser's bookmark bar contains various sites like "LWVNY", "FOTST.org", "NYC", "NYS", "NI", "Universal Contracting", "Covid19 Vaccine", "COVID19", "Alex", "Home - Dropbox", "Hempstead", "Jason Mraz Radio", "HVTSP - Bolls", and "Reading list".

The main content of the page features a large graphic with the word "VOTE" in white on a purple background and "411" in dark blue on a white background. Below this graphic is a button that says "Back to all posts".

VOTE411.org Broke Records

December 16, 2020 - In: Voters Service

The 2020 election cycle saw record voter turnout. More than 6 million users obtained vote information from VOTE411.org, a website created and maintained by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, to provide non-partisan election information as a one-stop shop. That's about 1.5 million more users than four years ago!

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar with "Type here to search" and the system tray with the date "12:15 PM 6/3/2021".



MODERATOR TRAINING

New member **Helen Archontou** and Board members **Nike Bach** and **Marnita Robinson** took moderator training in January and February and are now "**Moderators in Training**".



Helen



Nike



Marnita

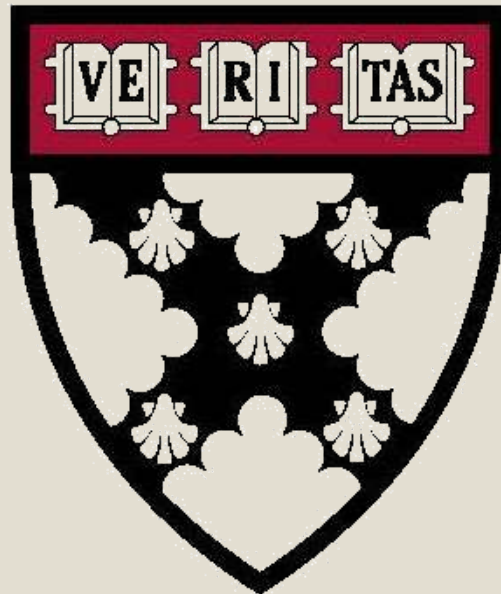
PROGRAMS

In Feb 2021, **Kelly Epstein**,
Park Ridge High School
history teacher,
explained how to use
the renowned
“Harvard Case Method”
to teach high school civics.



PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY

We nominated 10 teachers to learn how to teach history and democracy by using the Harvard Case Method.



Bergen teachers selected to participate in Harvard case method civics project

The League of Women Voters of Northern Valley (LWVNV) announces 10 teachers have been selected from Bergen County to participate in the League of Women Voters of Greenwich's Civics Project, a collaboration with the Harvard Case Method Institute for Education and Democracy, that recruits teachers nationwide to attend.

The League of Women Voters of Northern Valley nominated these teachers to participate in the prestigious civics education program:

- Bergenfield High School - George Alvarez
- Bergen County Academies, Hackensack - Katie Janseen
- Cliffside Park High School - Leigh Turro
- Fort Lee High School - Seana Moon
- Leonia High School - Lucille Finnegan and Dominick Palmeri
- Palisades Park High School - Nicole Turro
- Pascack Valley Regional High School, Montvale - Marisa Mathias, Jeff Jasper, Ryan Walter

"These teachers from Bergen County will attend the Harvard Civics Project and apply the case method technique with their students and community members to deepen their understanding of American democracy by studying topics ranging from the Constitutional Convention to Civil Rights.

They will help to buck the decline in civics education and civic engagement in our



The League of Women Voters of Greenwich holds a community discussion moderated by Harvard Professor David Moss at Greenwich High School in November 2017. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREENWICH

schools and communities," said Joyce Luhrs, Vice President of Marketing, League of Women Voters of Northern Valley.

Case method technique

Based on the highly successful experience of Harvard Business School and other graduate and professional programs using case-based teaching, the case method can be employed to strengthen high school education. This also ensures a more exciting, relevant and effective experience for students and teachers across a range of subjects.

The LWVNV's 2020 nominee, Kelly Epstein, a Park Ridge High School history and psychology teacher, participated in the program and presented recently to the League her experience attending the workshop and the impact on her students.

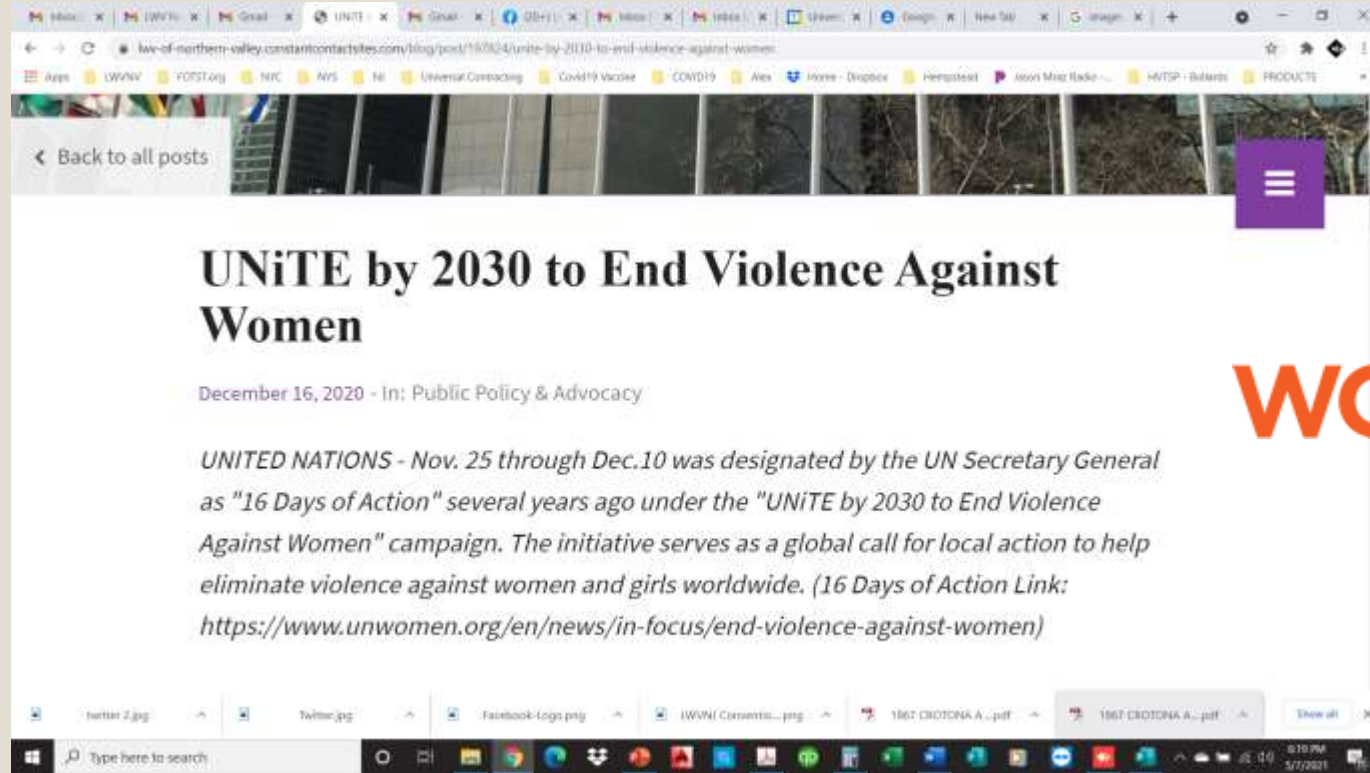
PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY



The LWV of Northern Valley conducted a ZOOM Presentation with First Friends which led **Chris Sagona, Sophie Heymann, Nike Bach, Marnita Robertson, and Vicki Sidrow** to learn more.



PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY




Our Members contribute Blog Pages
to our new BLOG Site.

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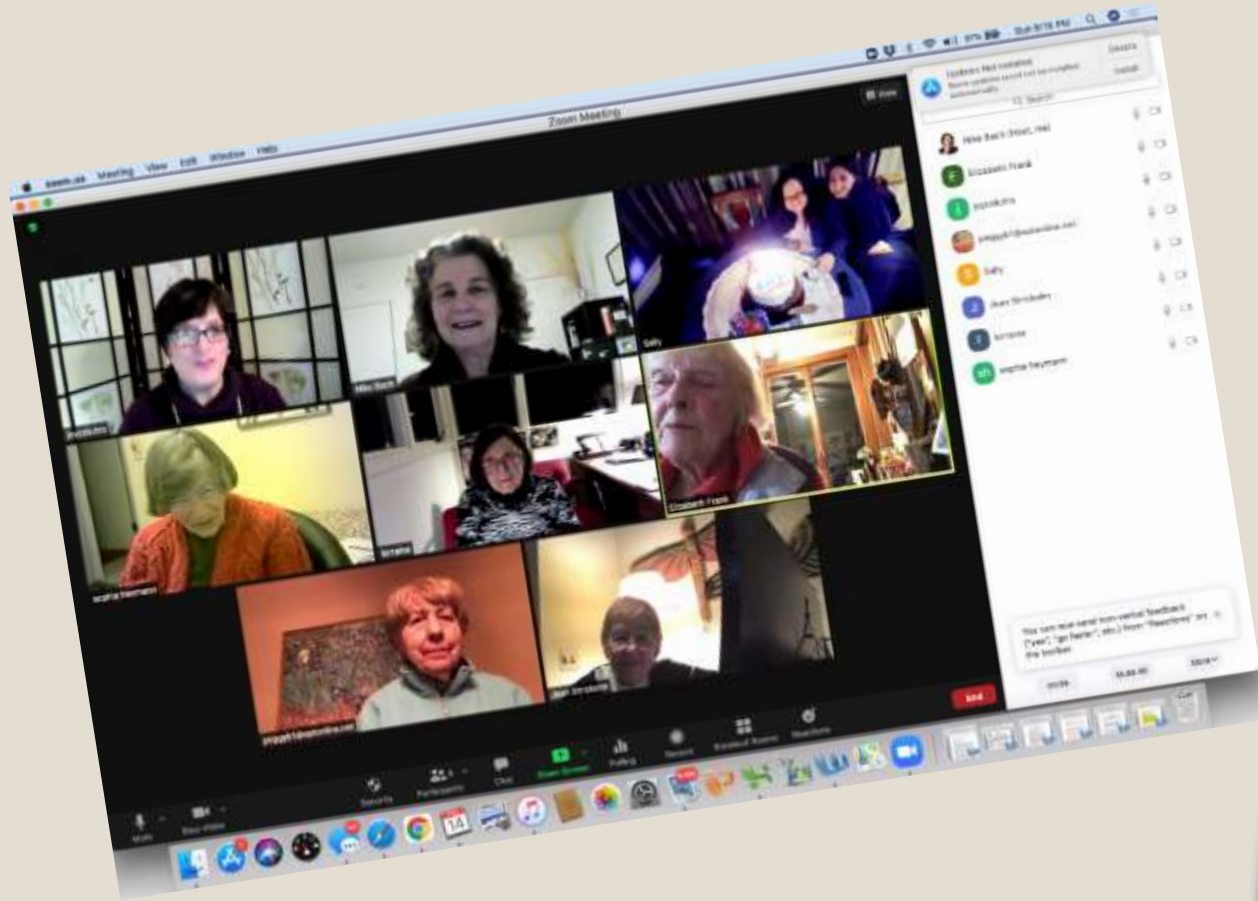
FROM THE BOARD

LWVNV invites members to attend Board Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of most months. The next meeting is on **5/11 at 7:30pm**. Look for information about our **ANNUAL MEETING**, tentatively scheduled for **6/15 at 7:30 pm**. Both will be via **ZOOM**.

Contact Nike Bach to receive an invite!
Email: Nike.Bach@gmail.com

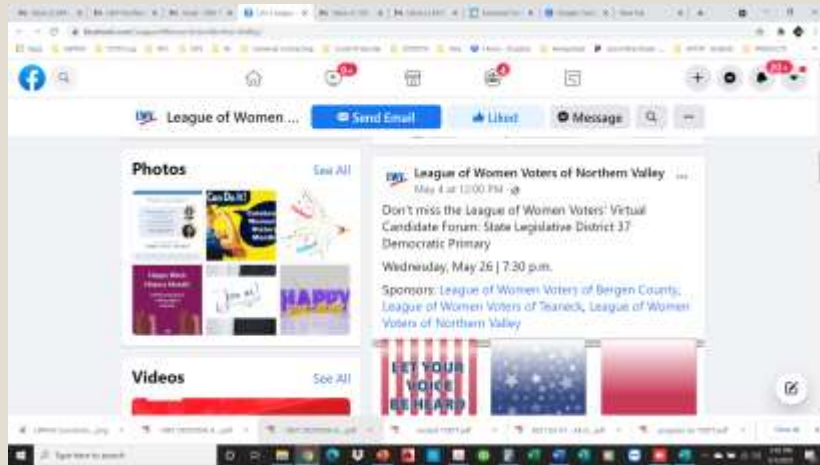


VIRTUAL DURING COVID



2/14/2021
HAPPY 101st BIRTHDAY to the LWV!

VIRTUAL PUBLIC RELATIONS



Joyce Luhrs, VP-PR
Luhrs & Associates

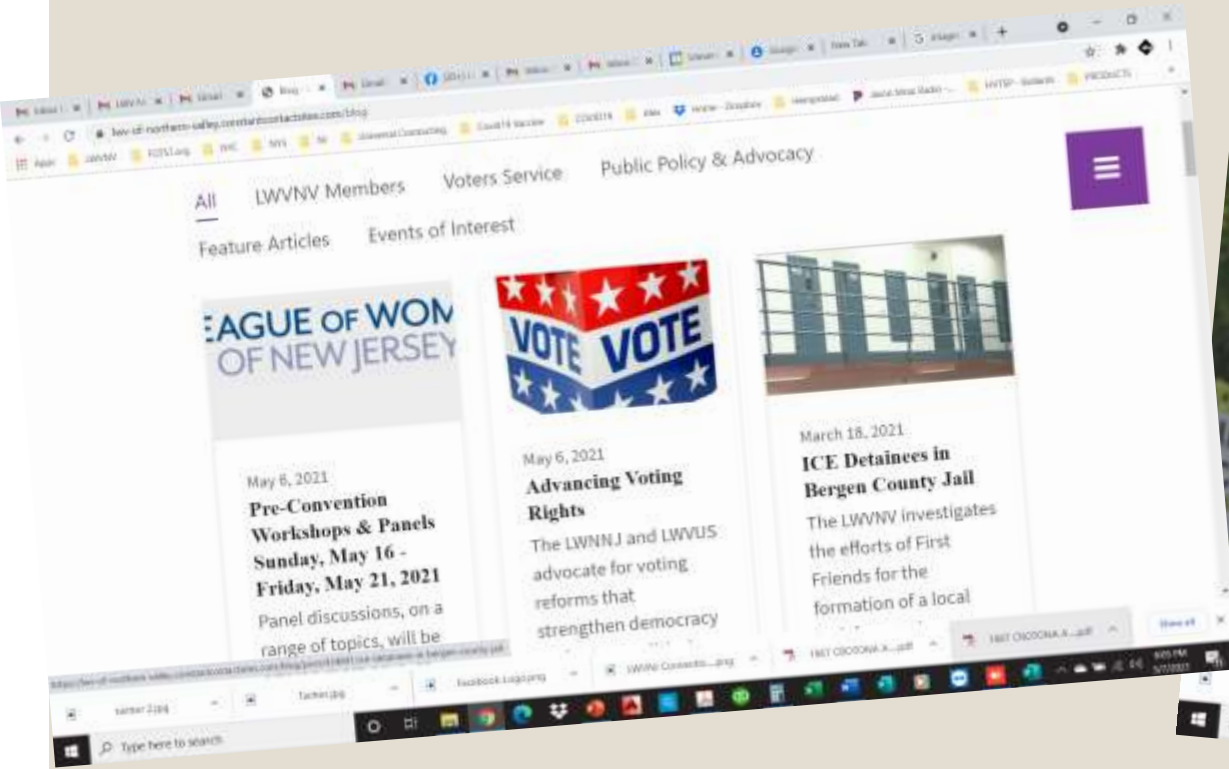
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PROGRAMS

Board member **Shannon Currie** offered an introductory tutorial on Facebook



MEMBERS & OUTREACH



WEB & BLOG PAGES – LAUNCHED NOVEMBER 2020

Written contributions are welcome on our core mission topics:
LWVNV Members * Voters Service * Public Policy & Advocacy

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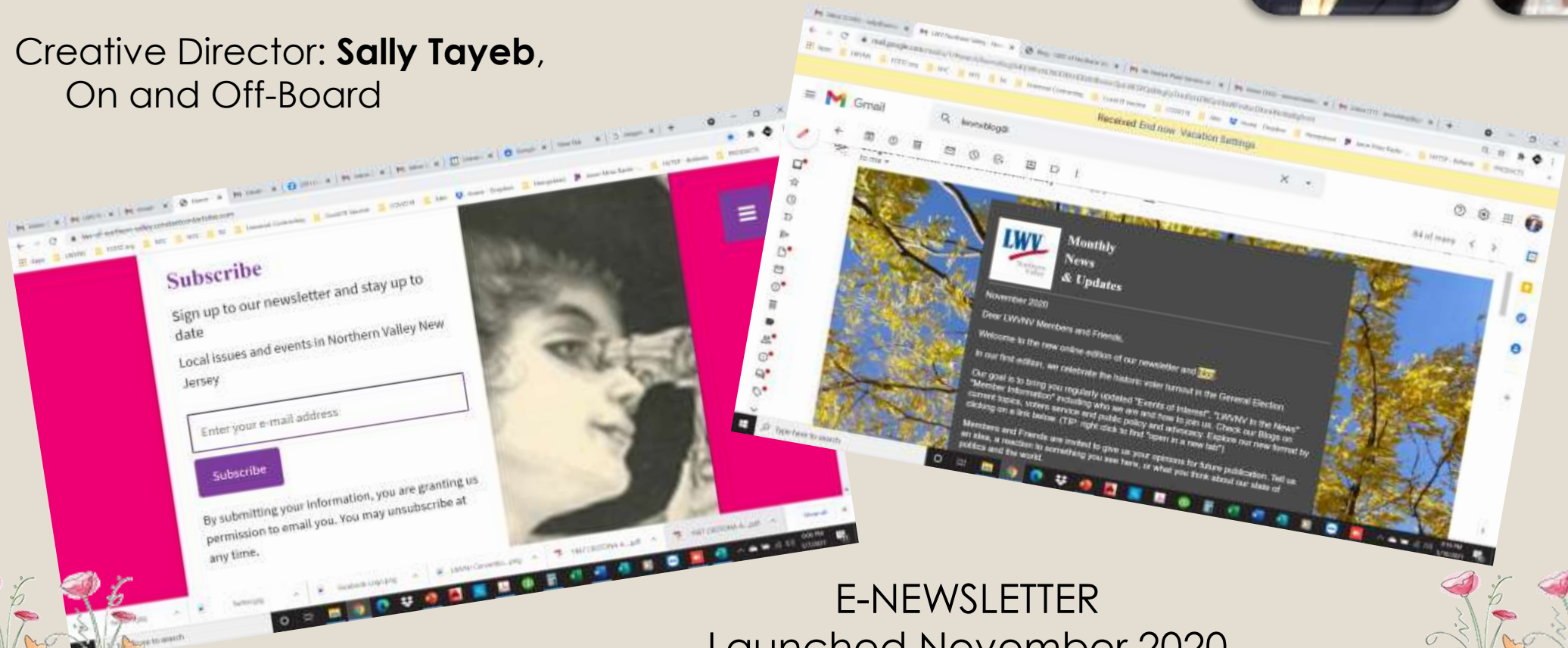


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