

Local Social Justice Events & Opportunities

as of Thu Sep 6, 2018

Primary Election Information Available Now at VOTE411.org

Primaries are Thu Sep 13. Are You Ready? LWV Vote411 provides you with all the Primary Election information you need to make an educated choice: The races, the candidates and where they stand on issues, polling locations, and more. Go to VOTE411.org and enter your address for information tailored to you.

Spotlight on Food Waste & Food Insecurity in Westchester County Sat Sep 8, 10:00 AM White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains

Screening of Anthony Bourdain's acclaimed film *Wasted!* followed by discussion of proposed legislation addressing food optimization, and steps to expand food-waste-recycling-to-compost programs already underway. Free. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Westchester and the Larchmont/Mamaroneck League. RSVP to leaguevote411@gmail.com. Info: events.lohud.com/whiteplains/events/spotlight-food-waste-food-insecurity-westchest-/E0-001-116825610-9

Text Bank Volunteers Needed to Increase Millennial Voter Turn-Out Sat Sep 8 or Sun Sep 9

Join [Let NY Vote](http://letnyvote.org) and [Generation Vote NY](http://generationvote.org) to increase turn-out among millennials. To join a text bank team all you need is your cell phone. You'll text young NY voters who don't always vote in local elections to remind them that our crazy primary election date this year is Thu Sep 13. Last year, in just 2 evenings, we were able to reach almost 38,000 young voters! docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetgMKw3tqYnKpEzGmpxTk67uVZYNNtmer6mNs3CkuLLUf_Kq/viewform, <https://letnyvote.org/>, <https://www.commoncause.org/new-york/our-work/voting-elections/generation-vote-nyc/>

Rise for Climate March - Croton
Sat Sep 8, 10:00 AM
Croton Free Library, 171 Cleveland Dr, Croton on Hudson

A march for renewable energy in Croton and Westchester. Sponsored by Care for Creation, Croton Climate Initiative, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Hudson Valley (UUCHV), Asbury United Methodist Church, and local citizens concerned about our future. Contact: Ginny Stillman of UUCHV (ginnystillman44@gmail.com, 914-217-0707). Ginny has posters, a banner and can help find a car ride for anyone needing it. peoplesclimate.org, actionnetwork.org/events/croton-rise-for-climate-march

9/11: Serve + Remember Program
Tue Sep 11, 12:00 – 5:30 PM
Westchester County Center, White Plains

Participate in one of more than a dozen service projects coordinated by Volunteer New York! There will also be a blood drive from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Volunteer opportunities also available Sat Sep 8 and Sun Sep 9. Register: volunteernewyork.org/service. Contact: Nicole Lowrance (nicole@volunteernewyork.org, 914-227-9308). Read more at emailblast.westchestergov.com/CE/whoknows/SpecialEdition.

September 11th Memorial Ceremony
Tue Sep 11, 3:00 PM
[The Rising Memorial](#), Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

RSVP: Communications@WestchesterGov.com

FREEnewyork Primary Day Vigil & Rally
Thu Sep 13, 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Mount Kisco Train Station, 1 Kirby Plaza, Mt Kisco

The #FREEnewyork campaign will hold rallies and vigils at polling sites to let the future Governor know that New Yorkers need action from our 2019 elected leaders to overhaul bail, discovery, speedy trial law, and bring justice to the 16,000+ people incarcerated pretrial in jails across the state. Join us for a faith leader vigil, rally, and community outreach in Mt Kisco on Primary Day. facebook.com/events/1034283080082459.

**Hot Topics Breakfast – “Proposed Hudson River
Storm Barriers: What You Need to Know”**

Thu Sep 13, 8:30 - 10:30 AM, Jazz Forum Club, 1 Dixon Lane, Tarrytown

The US Army Corps of Engineers is narrowing its options to "manage the risk of coastal storm damage" to NY harbor and the Hudson Valley. Public comment period ends Sep 20. Learn about the options from Riverkeeper so you can have a voice. Presented by League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns. (Parking on McKeel Ave or on street where permitted)

From [Riverkeeper](#): Support the New York State Bring Your Own Bag Act

Reducing the use of single-use plastic bags is one of the most meaningful steps that New York can take to reduce pollution from single-use plastic. The NYS BYO Bag Act would ban single-use plastic bags and place a 10-cent fee on paper. The fee would help fund state parks, environmental programs, and free reusable bags for low- and fixed-income New Yorkers. Visit the [Riverkeepers Actions Page](#) to become informed and get involved.

**Volunteers Needed
Community Shower Program at the Yonkers Family YMCA
Currently Mondays (men), Thursdays (women), 6:15 – 8:15 PM**

For the past year Community Voices Heard and Yonkers Family YMCA provide showers to our homeless neighbors twice a week. Volunteer staff distribute towels and soap, sign people up, and bring participants to the shower area. Volunteers supervise participants of their own gender. They are looking for volunteers to help them expand to more nights, and are also gratefully accepting donations of toiletries and towels. Contact: Laura Case (347-375-7081, cinderquill964@gmail.com) or John Thompson (914-963-0183).

**[Family-to-Family](#)
Sponsor a Family Program**

Sponsor a family in need with a monthly box of groceries. Family-to-Family is a grassroots nonprofit hunger and poverty relief organization in Hastings dedicated to providing food, personal hygiene products, and other basic essentials to American families struggling with the challenges of poverty. By connecting donors one to one with specific families in need, Family-to-Family's mission is to bring the large and seemingly intractable problem of poverty into personal focus, one family at a time. family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family.