

# Local Social Justice Events & Opportunities

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## Election Information Available Now at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)

General Elections are Tue Nov 6. Are You Ready? LWV Vote411 provides you with all the 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](http://VOTE411.org) and enter your address for information tailored to you.

Also check the Gun Sense Candidate Lookup Tool for candidates that support common-sense gun violence prevention: [gunsensevoter.org](http://gunsensevoter.org).

Make sure you are registered to vote and that your registration is up to date.

**Not sure? Check it out at:**

[voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx](http://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx)

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## **“Know Your Government: Getting Ready for the Midterm Elections”** Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Warner Public Library, Mon Oct 29, 7:00–9:00 PM

The purpose of these free introductory civics workshops is to educate the public on the ABCs of local, county, state, and federal governments. Together we discuss why voting matters; how to register and vote; why we must be informed in every election; and how to engage in our democracy. All ages/all levels of knowledge welcome. Presented by the Warner Library, the Westchester Library System, and League of Women Voters of Westchester. Funding provided by Westchester Community Foundation

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## **Undoing Racism 2-1/2-Day Workshop** Tue Oct 23, 6 – 8 PM; Wed Oct 24, 9 AM – 6 PM; Thu Oct 25, 9 AM – 3 PM Shaarei Tikvah Synagogue, 46 Fox Meadow Road, Scarsdale

We invite you to be part of our movement to advance institutional change for racial equity. These unique 2 1/2 day workshops are offered by [The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond](http://The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond), a national, multiracial, anti-racist network from New Orleans dedicated to ending racism and other forms of institutional oppression. Rev. Peggy Clarke of FUSW calls this "hands down, the best training I've ever attended." Info at [antiracistalliance.com/ARA-training.html](http://antiracistalliance.com/ARA-training.html). Register at [brownpapertickets.com/producer/7092](http://brownpapertickets.com/producer/7092).

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***Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow Exhibit***  
**Through Sat Mar 3, 2019**  
**New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, (77th St), NYC**

Opening to mark the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment, the exhibition is organized chronologically from the end of the Civil War to the end of World War I and highlights the central role played by African Americans in advocating for their rights. It also examines the depth and breadth of opposition to black advancement. Art, artifacts, photographs, and media will help visitors explore these transformative decades in American history, and understand their continuing relevance today. [nyhistory.org/exhibitions/black-citizenship-age-jim-crow](http://nyhistory.org/exhibitions/black-citizenship-age-jim-crow)

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**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 [Riverkeeper Actions Page](#) to become informed and get involved.

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**UUSC Initiative: Fund Human Rights and Asylum**

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) advances human rights through grassroots collaborations. Join their latest initiative to send letters to Congress urging legislators to withhold funding for immigration detention, deportation, and border militarization, and increase accountability and oversight of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection. Learn more at [uusc.org/initiatives/fund-asylum-not-abuse/](http://uusc.org/initiatives/fund-asylum-not-abuse/)

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**Be an LGBTQ Mentor**  
**[Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of Westchester](#)**  
**Throughout Westchester**

Make a difference in a child's life; become a mentor in one of our LGBTQ site-based programs. Being a Big Brother/Big Sister is one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable things you will ever do. We provide a thorough orientation and training in building mentor relationships and working constructively with youth. On-going support by dedicated staff is provided to the mentor, mentee, and mentee's family. Become a Big and help to start something big in a child's life. Sign up at [volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a075A00000dKqA1](http://volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a075A00000dKqA1)

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## **Feeding Westchester** **Volunteers Needed**

Feeding Westchester relies on volunteers to help plant, weed, and care for vegetables at their farm sites; to sort and pack produce and goods at their warehouse; and to help at special events, in the office, or at Mobile Food Pantry distributions. Volunteer opportunities are 2–3 hours and they welcome one-time or on-going commitment at any time convenient for you – weekdays, evenings, and weekends. [feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer](http://feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer).

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## **Family-to-Family** **Sponsor a Family Program**

Sponsor a family in need with a monthly box of groceries. Family-to-Family, Inc., 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](http://family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family).

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