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## ***NH Voter, the newsletter of LWVNH September 2020***

We are one week from the NH primary election on **Tuesday, September 8.**

**\*\*If you plan to vote in person,** check in advance that your polling place has not changed (visit your town's website or call your town clerk). And please, wear a mask and bring your own black pen.

**\*\*If you plan to vote absentee** because of concerns about Covid 19 or because you are unable to get to the polls for work or disability reasons or because you're out of town, the clock is ticking.

**\*\*Do you have your absentee ballot but haven't returned it yet?** We suggest you return it in person to your town clerk, if you can. If not, take it to your town's post office, present it at the counter, and ask that it be hand-cancelled for fast in-town delivery. And if that doesn't work, you can have a relative deliver it to the polls on election day before 5 pm (your relative will need a photo ID and will have to complete some paperwork). You could deliver it yourself, but that defeats the purpose of absentee voting to avoid Covid exposure. In that case, you might as well vote in person instead.

**\*\*But if you don't yet have an absentee ballot and want to avoid crowds at the polls,** find out your town clerk's office hours and go in person to fill out an application, get a ballot right away, fill it out and hand it back. All in one visit. Let's just hope too many people don't try this; most town clerks' offices are too small to hand a crowd.

**\*\*If you choose not to vote in the primary,** you have plenty of time after Sept. 8 to do the absentee ballot process entirely by mail. Visit our [LWVNH.org](http://LWVNH.org) website to find out more.

**\*\*If there is an issue on election day,** if you or someone else is unfairly denied the right to vote, immediately phone the NH Attorney General's office. They have staff around the state ready to go to any polling place and resolve issues. The toll-free hotline is 1-866-868-3703.

**Election officials are hoping everyone will be patient** with new procedures and many absentee ballots. It may take longer than usual to count ballots; certainly counting will take longer in November. If we don't get instant results, that's okay. No one takes office until weeks later anyway.

**NH Public Radio has created a website** designed to answer just about every questions about voting in 2020. Check it out if you have questions. [Nhpr.org](http://Nhpr.org) Left hand column.

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I am hoping the inclusion of a couple of photos does not send this to your spam filter, for those who receive this newsletter via email. These pictures were taken at **Kendal at Hanover**, where over 100 people celebrated the centennial of women getting the right to vote, on Aug. 26. They wore suffrage-inspired outfits, donned sashes and carried the National Woman's Party flag as they processed around the Kendal grounds. Some marched with walkers, some in wheel chairs, all proclaiming their pride in voting. A number of League members were among the group. The event was organized by Kendal residents as People Acting for Change Together (PACT).

Here are the lyrics to one of the songs they sang:

### Yankee Doodle Revised

When Uncle Sam set up his house,  
he welcomed every brother,  
But in the haste of his new life  
he quite forgot his mother.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up,  
Our brothers must not flout us.  
Mind the music, keep the step,  
They will not vote without us!

**Questions about elections?** If you don't find the answers on our website, or you can't access our website, please call the League's office and leave a message with your name and the nature of your question. Be sure to say your phone number very clearly so we can call you back within a day or two. (We're not a staffed office, but board members check the answering machine almost daily.) **603-225-5344**





August 26, Kendal at Hanover. Residents celebrating the centennial of women suffrage.