

## NHVoter May 2021 (newsletter of the League of Women Voters NH)

Please excuse the informality of this newsletter, but there is **lots happening this week, and it's not too late for League of Women Voters NH members to be involved:**

### **Tuesday, May 18, 3-4 pm via zoom:**

**Virtual town hall on NH's school voucher bill** -- Reaching Higher NH will host a virtual town hall on Senate Bill 130, the statewide school voucher bill. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

If you have questions that you'd like answered during the event, email them to [christina@reachinghighernh.org](mailto:christina@reachinghighernh.org) and we'll do our best to incorporate them. **Register here:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_TCVbvelYQlaYHjGkvAv6sw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TCVbvelYQlaYHjGkvAv6sw)

### **Tuesday, May 18, 6-8:30 pm via zoom:**

What is it really like to draw the legislative districts? Open Democracy Action is hosting a **Map-a-thon** tonight, to demonstrate mapping software and to start the discussion in small groups about "communities of interest," one of the criteria the redistricting committee must consider in grouping towns or neighborhoods. The real challenge is in the 400-seat NH House, where each seat is to represent 3,400 people. **We believe that Fair Maps are possible; join us in learning how. Register here:**

<https://www.opendemocracynh.org/mapathon>

### **Wednesday, May 19, 7-8 pm via zoom:**

Webinar on **New Hampshire Voting Legislation**, hosted by the Jonathan Daniels Center for Social Responsibility, co-sponsored by League of Women Voters NH and Open Democracy. Guest speakers are former NH Senator Melanie Levesque and Brad Cook, Esq., head of the 2020 special committee on elections. 7 to 8 pm. Free. **Register here:**

[https://www.opendemocracynh.org/webinar\\_2021nhvotinglegislation](https://www.opendemocracynh.org/webinar_2021nhvotinglegislation)

**Thursday, May 20, 7 to 8 pm. LWVNH Greater Nashua virtual meeting.** All members welcome. This will be a Zoom meeting, prospective members welcome. Request the zoom link and agenda by emailing [LWVGreaterNashua@gmail.com](mailto:LWVGreaterNashua@gmail.com) Summer meetings to be announced.

**Friday, May 21, 7-8 pm.** This **virtual gala of the NH Women's Foundation** honors many NH women, including this year "the women of the NH Campaign for Voting Rights" which includes League of Women Voters NH president Liz Tentarelli, proudly representing *all* League members and to be among the nominees for the **2021 AmplifiHER Honorees**, to be celebrated at the **NH Women's Foundation** gala via FB or YouTube. Liz and seven other women heading organizations that are key parts of the NH Campaign for Voting Rights are being honored for their work in publicizing and facilitating voting during the memorable 2020 election season. Each of the women named proudly represents the dozens and even hundreds of people in their organizations who worked to make sure that every eligible voter was able to vote despite a pandemic. Read our nomination here:

<https://nhwomensfoundation.org/honoree/several-women-who-are-part-of-the-nh-campaign-for-voting-rights/>

and then sign up here <https://nhwomensfoundation.org/gala/#register> and, if you wish, support the great work of the NH Women's Foundation. Broadcast LIVE on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube!](#)\* (you should be able to double-click on the FB and Youtube links to get to the live event as it's streamed.)

**Save the date for League of Women Voters NH biennial convention, via zoom. June 28 or 29, 7-9 pm** (we'll confirm the date when we confirm the guest speakers' schedules). Open to all League members. Business meeting, input session on our work ahead, and guest speakers. Details to come, but save the dates please!

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**For those who took part in 2009-2012 study of the issues facing women incarcerated,** here is another aspect of criminal justice, this time of juveniles, you may want to read about. Concord Monitor article of April 20 focuses on juvenile diversion instead of incarceration. <https://www.concordmonitor.com/Juvenile-Court-Diversion-is-Cheap-and-Effective-But-Inconsistent-Across-NH-40043098?>

**Centennial delayed but not forgotten:** The League of Women Voters is the direct descendent organization of the the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, founded in 1920, when Carrie Chapman Catt said, "Our work is not done...I propose a League of Women Voters, nonpartisan and nonsectarian, to finish the fight..." In delayed celebration of the **women's suffrage centennial:** a beautiful and informative new publication of the New Hampshire Historical Society focuses on the women's suffrage movements and includes an article about the founding of League of Women Voters. **"Historical New Hampshire"** current issue is \$5 , available online. Order a copy from the NH Historical Society: <https://www.nhhistory.org/Store/Historical-New-Hampshire/Historical-New-Hampshire-Fall-2020>