

NH Voter, the newsletter of the League of Women Voters New Hampshire October 2023

Thinking ahead to the presidential primary---

October 6, 2023 : Friday, the last day you may switch political parties before January's presidential primary.

If you are an “independent” or “undeclared” voter, no action needed. But if you wish to change from Dem to GOP or vice-versa, **October 6** is the last day you may do that for the January presidential primary. Not sure how you're registered? Check it out online at this Secretary of State webpage: <https://app.sos.nh.gov/voterinformation>

This is important if you voted in a primary in 2022, when you had to declare a party to get a ballot. Did you switch back to “undeclared” afterward? If you think you are “undeclared” but want to be sure, check your status at the same webpage. **Visit your town clerk or local meeting of the supervisors of the checklist to change your party. Bring ID.**

Public education's minimum standards up for debate

October 4 webinar on the 306 rules, minimum standards for NH public schools. They are in revision, with the state Board of Education set to vote on them on October 12. Sign up for the webinar here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuf-6uqD0jH9D7tA_AppphsxyWGVnEGB9C#/registration

Wed. Oct 4 12:30 pm. Sponsored by Reaching Higher NH

Join Reaching Higher NH for a **WEBINAR: Unpacking the School Approval Rules**, as we review the key elements of the NH Department of Education's proposal to overhaul the public school approval rules. Learn what the rules are, how the changes will impact public school students and communities, and how educators and the public across the state are responding.

Election Champions Free Symposium – public welcome

Thursday evening, **October 19**, at Red River Theatres on Main St. in Concord: **Supporting Our Election Champions: A Community Panel and Documentary Screening.** The event will entail a free night of education and advocacy around election administration and volunteering at the polls, including a panel discussion where we will hear from community advocates regarding opportunities to support election administrators ahead of 2024. The panel will be followed by a screening of the documentary *No Time to Fail*, about the heroism of election workers during the 2020 presidential election. **Free. Begins at 6 pm.** Organized by NH Campaign for Voting Rights, of which LWVNH is a partner.

City elections coming up

If you live in Manchester, Nashua, Concord, Portsmouth, Rochester, Claremont, Keene, Laconia, Somersworth, Dover, or another **city** holding city elections on November 7, be sure you are registered and start learning about the candidates. (Note: Franklin's election is Oct. 3.)

League of Women Voters Greater Nashua unit is holding four candidate forums in Nashua (details below). If you hear of other city forums or debates scheduled, email us so we can add them to our [Candidates Forums webpage](#). We do not post single candidate events or partisan meet'n'greet events.

NASHUA candidate forums for city officials:

Thurs., October 12, Aldermen-At-Large, 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Nashua Public Library.

Thurs., October 19, Aldermen for Wards 1,2,6, 6:30 to 7:30 pm *and* Wards 7.8.9 7:45 to 8:45 pm, at Nashua Public Library (Wards 3,4,5 have no contests so will not participate.)

Thurs., October 26, Board of Education, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Nashua Public Library.

Thurs., November 2, Mayor, 6:30 to 8 pm, at Nashua South High School. Panelists will be several AP Government students from the high school.

Written questions may be submitted by attendees.