

A quick newsletter from League of Women Voters New Hampshire as the election season gears up. September 2024

Coming up: candidate debates and forums

Candidates for Governor and NH Congressional seats will debate on WMUR TV, from Sept. 3 to 6, to help voters decide before the September 10 primary.

Here is the schedule from WMUR:

- Tuesday, Sept. 3, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Republican candidates for governor
- Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Democratic candidates for governor
- Thursday, Sept. 5, from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Republican candidates in 2nd Congressional District
- Thursday, Sept. 5, from 8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Democratic candidates in 2nd Congressional District
- Friday, Sept. 6, from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Republican candidates in 1st Congressional District (note: there is no competitive Democratic primary for 1st Congressional District so no debate for that race.)

Of course the big **Presidential Debate** is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, **September 10**, and will be broadcast on ABC tv. Some details are still being worked out. Same day as our state primary!

For **more debates and forums**, please check our **LWVNH website frequently**. Several forums are in the planning stages for October in New Hampshire, for state House and Senate and other offices too. The site is updated when we find and finalize specific information. <https://lwvnh.org/candidate-forums-and-debates/>

If you're not sure who is on the ballot in your town, for all offices from Congressional representative to county sheriff, you can **download a sample ballot** from the Secretary of State's website: <https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/sample-ballots> Those down-ballot offices are important, so find out about the candidates! A possible source of information is CitizensCount.org

Please **help new neighbors understand how elections work in NH**. If they are not yet registered, there may still be time in your town for them to register at the town clerk's office or at a meeting of the supervisors of the checklist. But if they don't make the deadline (anywhere from 6 to 13 days before the election, depending on the town), they may register at their polling place on election day. They should bring a photo ID, and if possible documents to prove age, citizenship, and where they live.

Everyone should bring a photo ID on election day to reduce wait times for us all!

Not all potential voters know that in addition to our traditional ballots filled out with black pens, polling places also offer the **one4all voting system**, which is a boon to those with vision or other problems such as arthritis or reading disabilities that make marking a regular ballot hard. If you're an election worker you may have seen this 6-minutes video of the one4all voting system. If you know someone who might benefit from its use, take the time to watch the video and encourage voters to use it. The link is on this page from the Secretary of State: <https://www.sos.nh.gov/educational-videos>

Opportunities for more involvement:

We hear from members and friends that they want **to help get young potential voters become more involved**. If you are a teacher, school board member, or parent of a high school student, consider this event hosted by Open Democracy and The Civics Center to learn how to hold voter registration drives on high school campuses. Bring your teen-agers!

It's Saturday, Sept. 14, on the St. Anselm College campus. For more info and to register, go to this link: <https://www.opendemocracynh.org/calendar>

Dis-information and mis-information may emerge as serious threats in the coming months of the campaign season. If anyone is interested in spending time searching it out and reporting, and you know how to use Signal as a communication tool, please contact LWVNH and we'll put you in touch with people from NH who are part of a national group fighting to suppress the spread of bad and bogus information.

Does your town still need **ballot workers and maybe ballot counters** for the upcoming primary and the general election? To volunteer call your town clerk's office.

Are you willing to **observe elections in some other NH towns**? We have a targeted list of towns where complications may arise. If you are interested, let us know and we'll pass on your contact info to the NH Campaign for Voting Rights, of which League is a member.

Are you part of a group holding some kind of **festival** this fall, **at which you could distribute voter information fliers**? If so, we can send them if you can staff a table. This is non-partisan information about registration, voting, absentee voting.

Send us email and tell us what you would like to do to make sure we have a good election:

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The NH House and Senate will meet in session on October 10 at 10 am **to consider veto overrides**. This is for bills that Gov. Sununu vetoed in 2024. We won't speculate on which vetoes stand a chance of being overturned; it's a high bar. It takes a vote of 2/3 of those present and voting in each body to override the Governor's veto.

When the Governor vetoes a bill, he writes a short explanation of why he vetoed it. You can see the most recent beginning at the bottom of page 2 of the House Calendar: https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/calendars_journals/viewer.aspx?fileName=Calendars\2024\No30%20August%2030%202024.PDF

On a different topic entirely: the women at the NH Correctional Facility for Women are knitting **pink hats** (all shades of pink) for the Breast Care Center in Concord, as part of their experience with breast cancer awareness month in October. The women welcome the opportunity to help others, even while they themselves are incarcerated. **If you have pink yarn to donate** (it can be partial skeins) email us and we'll figure out how to get it from you to the women's prison. The LWVNH president is a member of the Citizens Advisory Board to the NHCFW and is making this request on behalf of the warden and the incarcerated women.