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Calendar (League activities in bold)

EVENT/ACTIVITY	DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Freeholder caucus meeting	July 21	Tu	6 p.m.	Freeholder Conference Room, 16th floor-Courthouse, 520 Market St., Camden, NJ
Freeholder public meeting	July 23	Th	7 p.m.	Lindenwold High School
Voter registration for new citizens	July 21	Tu	9 a.m.	Courthouse, 401 Market Street. Contact Bobbie Porter 856-429-1415 to volunteer
LWVCC board meeting	Aug 5	W	7 p.m.	Tentative. Vogelson Library
Freeholder caucus meeting	Aug 18	Tu	6 p.m.	Same as July 21
Freeholder public meeting	Aug 20	Th	7 p.m.	Haddonfield Borough Hall
LWVNJ Workshops	Sept 12	Sa	9-2 or so	Health care reform. Moderator training. And more!

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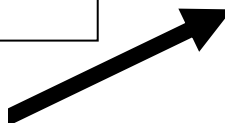
Membership renewal time

Member renewal forms will be in the mail very soon (and may already have arrived!)

Please respond promptly. It is challenging for us to maintain our records when people put renewals on their "to do sometime" list rather than taking care of them when they arrive.

We need you! We don't want to have to bug you. Please renew today!

Have you renewed yet?



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

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Presidents' Message:

We are honored to have the opportunity to serve as Co-presidents of the League of Women Voters Camden County during this time in American history. We ask for your support, as we move forward.

As a non-partisan political organization of men and women, we must focus our attention on “Good Government”; thus, we look forward to building on the League’s established accomplishments. The League’s main activities include furnishing the public with information on elections, government, and political issues, acting to increase voter registration and turnout, providing services such as moderators and timekeepers at forums, and working for legislation in the public interest.



During this gubernatorial election year, the League’s tradition of building consensus around public policy issues is more relevant than ever.

To carry out our mission and purpose effectively, we recognize the importance of focusing, at all levels, on attracting new members and forming partnerships with non-partisan organizations, schools, colleges, and universities interested in increasing public policy through education and advocacy.

Our goal is to invite civic participation and issue advocacy for our membership and the community, and to empower people to shape better communities locally, statewide, nationally, and worldwide.

In closing, we invite you to “Team” with the LWVCC by supporting our initiatives and utilizing the public service we offer for the betterment of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

Winnefred Rowell-Bullard and Harriet Snyder,
Co-Presidents, The League of Women Voters Camden County

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization of men and women, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Board Report

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At its June 3 meeting, the LWVCC board:

1. Decided (for financial reasons) against giving all elected officials who participate in Running & Winning an honorary membership. We'd love to have them as members, but they'll have to pay dues like everyone else!
2. Discussed plans to work with Camden County College.
3. Established a program committee.



Getting there - Directions!

Camden County Courthouse: Take 676 north to Mickle Blvd. Flow right at the fork (don't go on Campbell Place), then turn right onto 5th street in a few blocks. The courthouse is at 5th and Federal, a block up from Mickle.

Camden, Federal Courthouse: 4th and Cooper, but we generally car pool. Call 856-795-7878 if you're interested. *About 3-4 blocks from the City Hall PATCO station.*

Haddonfield Municipal Building King's Highway and Haddon Avenue, Haddonfield. Coming west on King's Highway (from Cherry Hill) turn left on Haddon, then left again just past post office to enter municipal parking lot from the rear. 242 Kings Highway E. A.K.A. Borough Hall. *About a 5-10 minute walk from the Haddonfield PATCO station, going north on Kings Highway.*

Lindenwold High School: 801 Egg Harbor Rd. Take Route 30 (WHP) south past the Echelon Mall area to Gibbsboro Road. Turn left at that intersection (with traffic light). In a bit less than a mile, cross Egg Harbor Road and see the school on your right.

Voorhees: Vogelson Regional Library: Driving south on 30, turn left onto Somerdale Road, just above the Echelon Mall. Go under the train bridge in about a half mile, then turn right onto Burnt Mill. Soon turn left onto Laurel Road. The library is on your right. Burnt Mill Road also crosses 544 (Evesham Road) north of the library and White Horse Road (an extension of Springdale) south of it. If you know where the Echelon Mall is, you're home!

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Teams



Running for office is hard work!



Making the pitch,
"Vote for me!"

The whole crew!



Many thanks to Marcia Lugger for her fine pictures.

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Running & Winning 2009

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Running & Winning is an award-winning program developed by the League of Women Voters of Camden County that is designed to encourage young women to become involved in the political process. The League, American Association of University Women, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., South Jersey Alumnae Chapter, and the Chinese Women's Association of New Jersey sponsored the workshop at Sterling High School on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. This is the tenth offering of the event in southern New Jersey. Other Leagues throughout the United States have replicated the event in their areas.

Of all of the female elected officials in Camden County, sixteen participated by sharing their experiences in the public arena. Then the students planned a mock campaign for the United States Senate. The young women were given background material on *Climate Change and Emerging Energy Policies*. Working in small groups, they developed a platform statement and planned a campaign based on this issue. Each group had the opportunity to present their campaign statement to the entire group. The day ended with a presentation on leadership assessment and leadership qualities.

Enthusiasm ran high. The young women overwhelmingly stated that there could be a political role in their futures. The elected officials and the facilitators who participated indicated that the young women will be an asset to their communities, however they become involved.

Many thanks to John Gardiner and the entire staff at Sterling High School and to all sponsors for the success of the event. Plans are already in the works for the 2010 event. **See pictures on the previous page!**

LWVCC Web Site Update

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If you haven't taken a look recently, please do so. <http://www.lwvnj.org/camdencounty/>

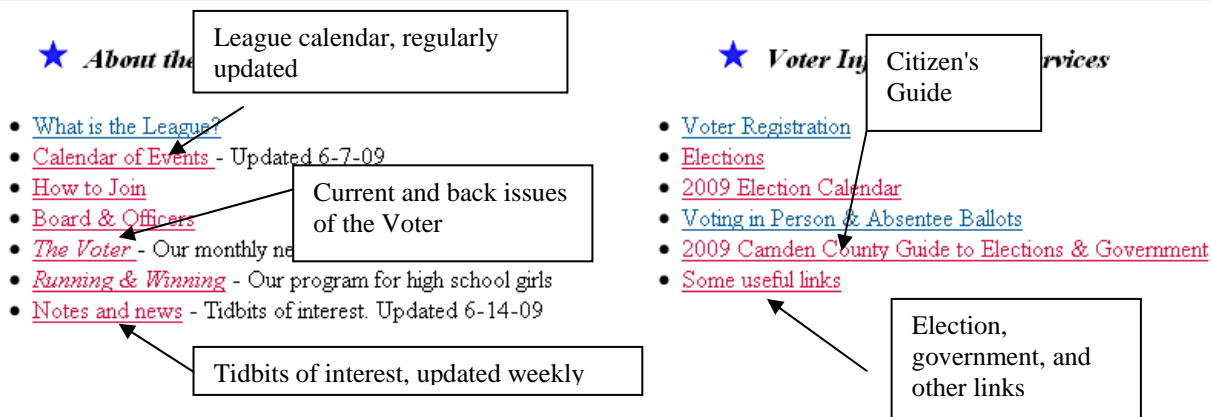
Here is a snapshot of the home page on **6-14-09**.

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League of Women Voters
of Camden County

A non-partisan organization, promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.





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New Jersey candidates for governor must define lieutenant governor role

by Anne Maiese, President, League of Women Voters of New Jersey

Wednesday June 10, 2009, 11:51 AM

For the first time, New Jersey voters will select a lieutenant governor along with a governor in November, but many are unaware or confused about the role the lieutenant governor will play. Soon candidates for governor will announce their picks-and speculation abounds-but not much has been said about the responsibilities and powers of a lieutenant governor.

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey is concerned about the lieutenant governor's responsibilities, which were undefined in the amendment, as well as the fiscal impact of having another executive officer.

The main job of the lieutenant governor is to fill in when the governor is absent or cannot complete his or term. The governor can make the lieutenant governor part of the cabinet by naming him or her the head of a state agency (with the exception of Attorney General), but is not required to do so. While candidates have hinted at what their possible lieutenant governor might do, the emphasis has been on **who they will choose** and not **what they will do once elected**.

New Jersey needs to know: What will the lieutenant governor do when not subbing for the governor? Will he or she head an agency and assume a cabinet position? If so, which? What will voters get for the cost of an additional executive office? This is a new position, it is undefined, and New Jerseyans should demand to know what they are paying for.

*New Jersey needs to know:
What will the lieutenant governor do when not subbing for the governor?*

The discussion from our candidates needs to concentrate on the responsibilities and powers the lieutenant governor will possess before the candidates can find the best person for the now undefined position.

The League does not want the office of lieutenant governor to become another costly layer of bureaucracy. It can be a meaningful job-not mere window dressing-if the governor makes it so. We all need to demand that the candidates step up to the plate and shed some light on their plans!

Read more blog entries from the LWVNJ at the official LWVNJ blog site: <http://www.nj.com/helpinghands/womenvoters/>

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HOUSE PASSES FIRST-EVER LIMITS ON CLIMATE CHANGE *League Congratulates Pelosi Effort*

Washington, DC - Today the House of Representatives passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, known as ACES, setting new limits on the greenhouse gas pollutants that are causing global climate change. Mary G. Wilson, president of the non-partisan League of Women Voters, said the legislation, "is truly historic because it represents the first time the U.S. Congress has acted against global warming." Wilson hailed the "closely fought, bi-partisan vote" that enacted the legislation by 219 to 212.

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The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 sets up the framework to curb global warming and transition America to a clean energy economy. For the first time, the legislation sets a cap on greenhouse gas pollution, aiming to reduce global warming emissions from capped sources by 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and by 83 percent by 2050. The bill would establish minimum targets for building codes that will save consumers \$25 billion a year by 2030. Funds will be provided to state and local governments to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

"Make no mistake, this is both a jobs bill and an environmental bill," Wilson said. "The House has recognized that we must move America and the world toward clean energy, green jobs, and a safer environment," she said.

In the days leading up to the final vote, a number of changes were made in the legislation to placate members of Congress who voiced the concerns of special interests. Coal and agricultural interests made major inroads in the legislation, which Wilson condemned. "Too many members fell under the spell of special interest pleading, especially on agriculture and coal," she said, vowing to seek improvements as the legislation goes to the Senate.

"Overall, this is a critically important step," Wilson said. "Global climate change is one of the most serious threats to the environment, health and economy of our nation and our world. Today the House took the critical first step toward addressing these threats," she concluded.

Meanwhile...

NEWS: League Disappointed in Senate Climate Change Legislation

The Senate recently took its first steps towards climate change legislation, and they were in the wrong direction. The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee released the "American Clean Energy Leadership Act." The League sent a letter to members of the Committee expressing disappointment in the bill. The League's critique is online. Read it here:

http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Global_Climate_Change&CONTENTID=13627&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm

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- X *Learning about government and the political process.*
- X *Getting involved in the political process in nonpartisan ways.*
- X *Meeting and working with other citizens who care about good government.*



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Call 856-795-7878 or send this form to: PO Box 245, Voorhees, NJ 08043

Annual membership is \$60 (plus \$30 for each additional household membership). To join, or for more information, send this form or call the number above.

I want to become a member of the LWV of Camden County: _____ (Check enclosed for \$_____)

Please send me information on membership in the LWV of Camden County _____

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