

This eVoter contains 3 items for your attention:

- A. Celebrate Earth Day!
- B. SBR
- C. Immigration Meeting, 4/26, 10 a.m.

A. Today is Earth Day!

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey is celebrating Earth Day today! We believe in the protection and wise management of our natural resources. Do your part by learning more about "going green." Here are some resources to help educate you about the problem and offer some solutions!

*LWVNJ - Smart Growth Action Guide - Learn about well-managed urban growth in New Jersey that not only provides new homes and jobs, but also preserves open space and environmental resources. <http://www.lwvnj.org/news/>

*NJ Department of Environment Protection - Things you can do!
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/eday.htm>

*The Heat Is On: Climate Change and Emerging Policies (LWVUS)
http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Global_Climate_Change&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=9640

*Read how Mountain Lakes is becoming a green community in the Spring Voter! (p. 6)
<http://www.lwvnj.org/news/njvoter/2008-02-spring.pdf>

B. The State Board report for April 2008 is now online at
http://www.lwvnj.org/members/SBR/SBR_2008_04.pdf

If you are a local League President or the "official" recipient of the SBR for your League, it is important that you obtain a copy, deal with any required actions, and make sure that appropriate board members are given the pieces that apply to them.

**** President Maiese's letter ** NEW**

Anne talks about the upcoming LWVUS convention, puts in a plug for visiting our LWVNJ website, thanks and congratulates some individuals and groups. And more!

**** Upcoming events list ** UPDATED**

**** Moderator Training ** NEW**

June 7, Morristown. Does your League need trained moderators? Here's a chance to get training.

**** Legislative roundup ** NEW**

Lobbyist Sandy Matsen lists recent bills enacted into law in areas such as education, natural resources, fiscal policy, government, and others that are relevant to League concerns. Take a look and see what your legislature is up to.

**** EVENT: Conversations on Race and Voting ** NEW**

Saturday, April 26. Jersey City. Put on by the ACLU of New Jersey and the Unlock-the-Vote Coalition

**** EVENT: Using Development and transport to address climate change ** NEW**

Wednesday April 30. North Brunswick. Put on by NJ Future.

**** Immigration Position ** NEW**

See the new position here. If it interests you, consider joining Deborah Macmillan's committee.

**** NJ Citizens Guides order form ****

The Guides have arrived and orders are being filled. Get your orders in! They make great sales items for local League fund raisers.

**** Update on studies approved at last convention ****

Louise Murray talks us through studies on the voting rights of probationers and parolees, and on dual office holding.

**** Callathon/Annual Appeal local League participation ** We need your help! We are still short of our fundraising goal. Encourage your members, friends, and family to contribute!**

C. Organizational Meeting for NEW LWVNJ Committee on Immigration

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 10 am

Location: East Brunswick Public Library
2 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
(732) 390-6950

RSVP: Deborah Macmillan, dmacm@aol.com

Map and full directions available at www.ebpl.org/hours_directions.cfm

The national LWV board has approved a strong position on immigration following study and consensus-

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=LWVUSImmigrationStudy&CONTENTID=11056&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm-->

The board of the LWVNJ approved a motion that LWVNJ form a standing committee to address immigration issues. This new LWVNJ committee will build on the interest and

enthusiasm engendered by the national study. Two major categories of things the committee might do include:

1. Recommend actions to the state board and, where approved, work together with other concerned organizations to help change what happens in our state and in our communities concerning:
 - a. The unifying of our diverse communities, including the integration of immigrants, when appropriate;
 - b. Directly easing the lives of recent immigrants, where needed/appropriate;
 - c. Advocacy of legislation and regulations concerning both immigrants and their integration as consistent with our national and state positions.

2. Continue our study of the complex issues of immigration as both immigration and responses to that immigration change. This study should certainly be as committee members. I expect we will also want to extend it to:
 - a. Members of our own local Leagues,
 - b. Other LWVNJ members, and
 - c. Members of our communities and our state.

If you can't make this organizational meeting, but might make later meetings, depending on dates/timing, please email committee chair, Deborah Macmillan, dmacm@aol.com with preferred dates/times.
