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ROADS TO OUR ENERGY FUTURE: THE TOMPKINS COUNTY ENERGY ROADMAP; AND HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Katie Borgella: TC Planning Dept.

Jonathan Comstock: Heat Smart Tompkins

Tompkins County Public Library

Monday, November 14, 7:00 PM

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PROGRAM NEWS

Mark your calendars for our two November meetings: Monday the 14th (*Roads to Our Energy Future*.) and Monday the 28th (*The Legislative Agenda*).

Looking ahead to 2017 programs:

January 2017

Title: *Does New York Need a Constitutional Convention?*

Date: Monday, January 23, 2017, 7PM

Place: Tompkins County Public Library, 101 East Green Street

There will be a referendum for a constitutional convention (con con) on the **November 7, 2017** ballot. Will you vote yes or no? Not certain? *Even though the vote is a year away, now* is the time to learn about the purpose and the process so that you can cast an informed vote. Below are four helpful resources:

• The state League is developing an education package to be shared among members and with the

public. We expect to receive that package in November and will share its content through appropriate venues such as our website and programs.

• Susan Arbetter of WCNY (PBS in Syracuse) has aired a six-part series on the issues of con con. These episodes are archived and available for viewing at <http://www.wcny.org/connect-ny/>

• The New York State Constitutional Convention Clearinghouse <http://www.newyorkconcon.info/> provides a good overview.

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• The Tompkins County League will sponsor an informative program on January 23, 2017. Please attend and join the discussion. A summary of our discussion will be forwarded to the state League to guide them in their decision as to whether to support, oppose or remain neutral on the ballot proposal.

Charlotte Coffman, Program

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MEETING:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

As in the last two years, The NYS League will create a Legislative Agenda booklet with a short description of many of the issues the League anticipates working on during the next legislative session; the booklet will be available to all local Leagues in January. It is essential for the State League to hear from the local Leagues and individual members what issues are most important to them. The responses ensure that the State League's legislative activities will be in line with the concerns of its membership.

The Tompkins County League has scheduled a meeting of the full membership for Monday evening, November 28, at 7:00 PM at Kendal at Ithaca in Conference Room A. This meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the important issues in our community which we feel deserving of inclusion in the legislative agenda at the state level.

Directions to the meeting room:

take the entrance drive to Kendal, marked by a lighted entrance sign, at 2230 N. Triphammer Road;

at the stop sign, go straight through the intersection;

park in the designated area, 100 feet or so after the intersection;

enter through the glass doors under the circular drive-through;

take the corridor that goes off to the left, past our new café;

turn left at the first intersection;

turn right at the next;

Conference Room A will be immediately on your left.

Bob Silsbee, Editor

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NATURAL RESOURCES

The Natural Resources Committee will present a program *Roads to Our Energy Future* on Monday, November 14, at 7p.m. in the Borg Warner Room of the Tompkins County Library. Our speakers will be Katie Borgella, Deputy Commissioner of Planning for Tompkins County, and Jonathan Comstock, a leader in developing the *Heat Smart Program* for 2016-2017. We expect it to be an interesting program, targeted at helping the general public become familiar with the *Tompkins County Energy Roadmap*, the *Heat Smart Program*, and other important energy related activities going on in the county. We are already getting responses that indicate residents are interested in a deeper discussion than we will be able to present during this program, so we will be gathering information from those in attendance for use in developing a follow-up program.

The committee plans to spend the coming year learning about local housing needs and the impacts that needed development may have on both land and energy use. The county is holding a housing summit November 30 and December 1, which a few of us plan to attend. The summit will be looking at general housing needs, the need for affordable housing, and ways to ensure that development will be done in ways that are good for the environment. The county website has posted a schedule for the summit at housingtompkins.com/, along with other information about the summit.

If you would like to join our committee and participate in some of our discussions please call or email Kay Wagner, 539-3322, cmw18@cornell.edu.

Kay Wagner, Natural Resources

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History Committee is making great strides on our project of building the League Archives to be preserved at The History Center. We are motivated and energized by our goal to complete the project by the end of 2016!! Members are Lucia Sciore, Amy Panek, Diane Kelleher, Debbie Levin, Kathy Burlitch and Kathy Yen with Flo Smith as chair. We

generally meet for *work sessions* with Donna Eschenbrenner on Wednesday afternoons once a month at the History Center. Work sessions? For me, our time at the History Center is more fun and play than work. I enjoy discovering the older documents and newspaper clippings, telling stories and sharing memories with each other.

On Wednesday, October 19th, the Committee, directed by Donna, quickly organized the three large tables for the 2nd sorting by specific categories, such as: voting services, natural resources, education, health, local government, zoning, development and housing. We also sorted the important local League internal documents: Board meeting minutes, membership data, treasurers reports and budget info, posters and publicity produced for public educational events and collections of newspaper stories of our events and activities.

I'm looking forward to our next work session at the History Center, which will be on Wednesday, November 16, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. We will refine our sorting and continue the filing and labeling process.

Florence B. Smith, Historian

VOTER SERVICES

The Voter Services Committee thanks all of the members who participated in LWV voter registration drives and candidate forums this past year. Your help registering voters was invaluable and we greatly appreciated your time during this very busy election cycle. There will be a break in activity until next spring, but we welcome your input and suggestions for future voter registration sites or events or other ways that we can improve our work. And a general thankyou to all who voted, drove someone to the polls, and encouraged others to exercise their right to vote!

Amy Panek, Voter Services

LWV-TC CALENDAR—2016-2017

Nov 14 Mon 7:00 pm	ROADS TO OUR ENERGY FUTURE	TCPL
Nov 28 Mon 7:00 pm	LEGISLATIVE AGENDA	TCPL
Dec 10 Sat 9:30 am	Board Breakfast Meeting	Coffman
Jan 3 Tue 7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Kendal
Jan 23 Mon 7:00 pm	NY CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION	TCPL

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