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September 22nd, 2020 - the ninth annual National Voter Registration Day – will be very different this year.

National Voter Registration Day, founded in 2012 by voting rights and community organizations, including the League of Women's Voters, is a nationwide, non-partisan effort to register hundreds of thousands of eligible voters on a single day through neighborhood events, as well as online. A true celebration of democracy in action in America and The League of Women Voters of Tompkins County is always proud to participate and play its part.

This year in the midst of the pandemic things are very different. Neighborhood events are not now taking place. Traditional Voter Registration events are not taking place: tables in community centers and shopping malls are not possible, we must wear masks and socially distance. This year the LWV-TC has been collaborating with Cornell, Ithaca College and TC3, with the intention of increasing voter registration and actual voting by the students. Our planned activities are considerably curtailed but Kerry Curran from TC3, and our liaison to TC3 Connie Sterling Engman, have arranged for the League of Women Voters to have a socially distanced voter registration table outside. Kerry Curran said "This late summer, as we mourn the loss of John Lewis, a founding father of voter rights, and celebrate the 100th anniversary of women gaining the vote, it is more important than ever to find all the means necessary to give access to the vote to our students, who we hope become global citizens even as they join our local community."

Please look for us at the **TC3 entrance on Monday, September 21st, and Tuesday, September 22nd, from 10am to 2pm.** Lucia Sciore, our liaison to Ithaca College, is arranging for a Voter Registration Table on the **Ithaca Commons from 11 am to 1 pm on September 22.** Please wear a mask and follow all social distancing guidelines.

LWV-TC is also supporting voter registration and getting out the vote in different and virtual ways. Through Food Pantries, the Libraries and some community hubs we plan to distribute informational flyers through curbside pick-up. These flyers contain all the information you need to obtain a registration form, fill it out and send it in, details on the three ways one can vote in NY State including absentee ballots and links to all the sources of voting information in our community. In addition if people have questions about voter registration or the voting process, VOTE411.org– the League's year-round source for accurate and localized elections information is always available. Vote411 is a key resource for voters this election. It provides up to date election information about how, when and where to vote. For the most up to date happenings, please go to <http://www.lwvtompkins.org/>