WHOM DO YOU ELECT?

County Government
County Executive, 4 years
County Legislators, 4 years
Sheriff, 4 years
District Attorney, 4 years
Coroners (4 part-time), 4 years
County Court Judges, 10 years
Surrogate Court Judge, 10 years
Family Court Judges, 10 years

Local Government
(terms and offices vary by municipality)

Cities: Mayor, City Council, Treasurer, Auditor, City Judges

Towns: Supervisor, Town Council, Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Justice, Assessor, Tax Collector

Villages: Mayor, Trustees, Justice, Assessor

Fire, Water, Sewer Districts
Commissioners (5 or 7): one elected every year for a 5 or 7 year term

School Districts
School Board Members

Libraries
Library Boards

County government responsibilities include the airport, elections, county highways, the nursing home, sheriff, social services, and the health department.

Cities, towns and villages responsibilities include assessments, animal control, parks, police, streets, and building inspections.

Depending on your area of residence, property taxes are divided among any or all of these units of government. School taxes are collected separately. Some monies collected by the state through income taxes are also returned to local governments and schools at the discretion of the NYS legislature.

Special Purpose Units of Government

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Election Day Problems?

Call hotlines:
1-866-our-vote (866-687-8683)
1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Espanol)

LOGISTICS

How Can You Participate in Elections?

Contact the Albany County Board of Elections www.albanycounty.com/departments/board-of-elections
224 South Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12202
(518) 487-5060
(518) 487-5077 (fax)

- How do you register?
- Where do you vote?
- Who’s running for office?
- How do you get an absentee ballot?
- What resources are available for military and overseas voters?

Who can Vote?

- U.S. Citizen, 18 years of age or older.
- To vote in local elections, residents must live in Albany County for at least 30 days before election.
- To vote in primaries, voters must be enrolled in the political party holding the primary.
- College students may register to vote where they go to school or in their place of legal residence (but not both).

What are the candidates’ positions?

Visit www.vote411.org, an online voters’ guide sponsored by the League of Women Voters, to find out:

- Information by state and topic.
- Candidates’ positions.
- A printable ballot to take to the polls.

JOIN TODAY!

Membership Application
Name: _____________________________
Address: ____________________________
___________________________________
Phone #: ____________________________
E-mail: _____________________________

(The League does not share your personal information with any other organizations.)

Member:
- Individual: $60
- Household: $90
- Student: $25
- Best I can do: $_______

Make Check payable to LWVAC

Mail to:  LWVAC
P.O. Box 611
Slingerlands, NY 12159
www.lwvalbany.org
E-mail: lwvac@lwvalbany.org

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Albany County Milestones

Mohican community on the Machicannituck River governed by a Schem

1609 Henry Hudson reaches what are now the Cohoes Falls on the river later named after him

1614 Dutch trading post established

1674 English name colony Albany

1683 Albany city incorporated under English Charter of Liberties and Privileges

1686 City receives Charter from Governor Dongan, second oldest city in original United States

1691 Offices of Town Supervisors established; County Board of Supervisors created

1754 Albany Plan of Union for the Thirteen Colonies drafted by Benjamin Franklin

1787 Albany named Capital of New York State

1832 Albany Public Schools established

1928 Albany County Airport established, first municipal airport in the United States

1265 County Legislature established representing 39 districts, pursuant to one-person, one-vote

1973 County Charter adopted with new County Executive office

1993 County Charter revised, making stronger County Executive

2016 County Charter revision approved, adding the Probation Department and the County Board of Elections

2017 Additional charter revisions under discussion.

2019 Redistricting Commission adopted.

Important Contacts

Albany County

www.albanycounty.com

County Executive: 518-447-7040

County Legislature: 518-447-7168

Cities

Albany: www.albanyyny.org  I  518-434-5075

Cohoes: www.cohoes.com I 518-233-2121

Watervliet: www.watervliet.com I 518-270-3800

Towns

Beme: www.bemeny.org I 518-872-1448

Bethlehem: www.townofbethlehem.org 518-439-4955

Colonie: www.colonie.org I 518-783-2700

Coeymans: www.coeymans.org I 518-756-6066

Green Island: www.villageofgreenisland.com 518-273-0661


Knox: www.knoxy.org I 518-872-2551

New Scotland: www.townofnewscotland.com 518-797-3798 or 518-239-4225

Westerlo: www.townofwesterlony.com 518-797-3111

Villages

Altamont: www.altamontvillage.org 518-861-8554

Colonie: www.colonievillage.org I 518-869-7562

Green Island: www.villageofgreenisland.com 518-273-2201

Menands: www.villageofmenands.com 518-434-2922

Ravena: www.villageofravena.com 518-756-8933

Voorheesville: www.villageofvoorheesville.com 518-765-2692

Membership

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www.lwvalbany.org

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