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# **Election briefs**



An absentee ballot is opened up as Schenectady County election officials and representatives for mayoral candidate Roger Hull and Acting Mayor Gary McCarthy go through the process of counting absentee ballots on Monday, Nov. 21, 2011 at the Schenectady County Board of Elections in Schenectady, NY. (Paul Buckowski / Times Union)

#### State ballot question Oct. 24 panel topic

GUILDERLAND — On Oct. 24, the Women's Press Club of New York State and the League of Women Voters of Albany County will present a panel discussion on the proposed Constitutional Convention on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The discussion, open to the public, starts at 7 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Ave.

Panelists are Gerald Benjamin, of the Benjamin Center for Public Policy Initiatives at SUNY New Paltz, and Ronald Deutsch, executive director of the Fiscal Policy Institute in Latham.

Susan Arbetter, host of public radio's "The Capitol Pressroom," will moderate.

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### **Extended hours set for absentee voting**

The Schenectady County Board of Elections will provide extend hours for general election absentee voting at the agency's headquarters on 2696 Hamburg St.

Dates and times are

5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 24

5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 26

9 a.m. to noon Oct. 28

5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 30

5 to 7 p.m. Nov. 1

9 a.m. to noon Nov. 4.

For more information, see http://www.schenectadycounty.com

#### Town candidates invited to make case

The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County has scheduled several candidate forums this month for local races.

**Milton**: Candidates for town supervisor, council and justice have been invited to a forum at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Milton Community Center, 310 Northline Road, Ballston Spa.

**Charlton**: Supervisor, council and justice candidates were invited to a forum at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Charlton Community Center, 784 Charlton Road, Ballston Lake.

**Malta**: Supervisor, council and justice candidates have been invited to a forum at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Malta Community Center, One Bayberry Drive.

Candidates make opening statements, take questions from the audience and make closing statements.

All league candidate forums are open to the media and members of the public, and will include

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an opportunity for questions from the public.

For more information, contact Charlotte Druschel cmdrusch@gmail.com, 518-331-1226.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 7.

The league will also conduct a meet-up at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Adirondack Trust Community Room, 35 Church St., Saratoga Springs.

The topic for the evening will be building skills for lobbying and will feature a presentation on The Citizen Lobbyist and breakout sessions for sharpening our skills. Bring a laptop if you have one.

Members of the public who are interested in learning more about this topic are invited to attend.

Additional information may be found on the League's website, http://www.lwvsaratoga.org or by calling 518-728-5201.

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