



Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone that came to last week's Spring Community Gathering! It was fantastic seeing so many people ready to save democracy in one room! [Click here to see pictures!](#)

COUNTY LINE: New Jersey's county line ballot was briefly discussed. If you'd like ILNH to host another meeting devoted to this topic, please fill out this [very short survey](#) to let us know!

The shirt sales are now closed and the order has been placed! Thank you to all who ordered shirts!

Lastly, if you love democracy, like we love democracy, please donate today to ILNH through ActBlue! All donations received between April 1- May 31 will be DOUBLED by Indivisible National! Money raised goes to our deep canvassing efforts, community gatherings, outreach efforts and GOTV activities. [DONATE TODAY by clicking here!](#)

Peace in activism,  
ILNH

**Events**

## Book Ban Alert: Attend North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education Meeting

May 7 @ 7pm

North Hunterdon HS, Cafeteria B 1445 Route 31, Annandale, NJ 08801



Book banners are back at the North Hunterdon-Voorhees high school district. They are demanding removal of *Let's Talk About It*, a widely praised sex education book in graphic novel format. You can help defend intellectual freedom and retain students' access to this vital information: 1) [Send a one-click email](#) to the board urging them to support the right to read; 2) [Come to the May 7th board meeting](#) at 7 pm to stand up for the First Amendment. Wear red to show solidarity and send the board a visual signal of the community's opposition to book banning.

More details at [tinyurl.com/NHV-LetsTalk](https://tinyurl.com/NHV-LetsTalk)

## Deep Canvassing Training

(hosted by Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope)

New to Deep Canvassing?

Join seasoned deep canvassers for an introduction to the technique. Build connections to voters to help Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope to Get Out The Vote! This zoom-based training is split over two consecutive dates, with actual canvass opportunities each month. Make sure to sign up for both Part I and Part II.

Have you already taken Deep Canvassing Training?

For those of you who have already taken the training and want to further craft your story and/or practice your story within a script, feel free to register for Part II.

Questions? The website, [Changing the Conversation Together](#), has a terrific explanation! Other questions?? Please email [info@indivisiblelnh.com](mailto:info@indivisiblelnh.com) and an experienced deep canvasser will be happy to talk with you in greater detail.

Part 1 Trainings

Stay tuned!

Part II Trainings

May 8, 7-9 pm ([Register here](#))

## Truth Brigade BIG TRUTHS

(hosted by Indivisible National)

May 8, 2024 06:30 PM

American social media platforms engage in ongoing, unregulated attempts to manipulate kids for profit, which have led to severe mental health problems, disruption in classrooms, and even suicide. Children are also at the center of extremist attempts to limit access to libraries, books, and inclusive public education.

On this call, we'll have two special guests to break down the why, the how, and what we can do about it: Dalia Hashad is the strategist and director of the Initiative for Online Safety at [ParentsTogether](#) -- the nation's largest parents' advocacy group, and Betsy Gomez is a program officer with the American Library Association's [Unite Against Book Bans Campaign \(UABB\)](#). You don't want to miss this incredible duo of speakers.

[Register here!](#)

**Sign making night for the Lambertville/New Hope Pride Parade**

(hosted by ILNH)

**Tuesday May 14 @ 6:30**

Stay tuned for location!

Bring permanent markers and poster boards/paper. We'll also have some supplies. This is a fun way to meet people and get ready for the parade!

**Persuasion to Power: Using Words the Win w/ Anat Shenker-Osorio**

(hosted by Indivisible National)

**May 15, 2024 08:00 PM**

So you've decided to take on the challenge of persuasion, and you've started practicing the conversational approaches that will get you there. But when it comes to specific issues and hot-button topics, how should you talk about them? Join messaging expert Anat Shenker-Osorio to learn about the principles of "Mobisuasion": the art of persuasion + mobilization and ongoing work of Words That Win. Anat is principal and founder at [ASO Communications](#) and in this session, she'll be giving us expert guidance on "mobisuasion" -- the art of mobilization and persuasion. Learn how to navigate messaging around hot-button topics and specific issues from one of the best in the biz. bonus: We'll also be joined for some remarks by our very own Leah Greenberg.

[Register here!](#)

**Spring 2024 Activist Training Program schedule**

(hosted by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey)

No Voter Left Behind: Getting Out The Vote 5/16/24 @ 6PM

[Click here to RSVP](#)

**Lambertville/New Hope Pride Parade**



**May 18 @ 11am**

ILNH will be marching in the parade again this year! We'll have a big pickup truck, a great playlist, fun signs and banner. Join us to support the LGBTQ+ community. Whether you march or watch, we hope you come! If you want to march with ILNH, we'll be at Mary Sheridan Park by 10:30am on York St. and George St. and then will walk to the parade start location together. If special arrangements are needed to participate, limited accommodations can be made in the truck. Any questions? Contact Elizabeth at [Eodonnell900@gmail.com](mailto:Eodonnell900@gmail.com).

[Click here to register](#) with us. Registering allows us to contact you in case of plan changes!


**GOTV Post-It Notes**

(hosted by Action Together NJ and HCRise)


**May 28, 6-8pm**

Flemington DIY, 26 Stangl Road, Flemington, NJ Bring your pen, a snack to share, and the rest will be provided! Write encouraging notes on post-its and stick them on Vote by Mail applications. They'll be mailed to Hunterdon County voters who have not voted since 2020. Donations for the use of DIY's space will be gratefully accepted at the door.

TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2024 | 6-8PM  
FLEMINGTON DIY  
26 STANGL ROAD




# POST THE VOTE



Join us to write post-its encouraging voters to get out the vote!  
Please bring a snack to share! Donations for the use of the DIY's space accepted at the door.  
**RSVP to Amy B at [hcrise2024@gmail.com](mailto:hcrise2024@gmail.com).**

**WE PROVIDE**




Winn will provide folded VBM applications in batches of 100.

**YOU PROVIDE**



You write a short sticky note and stick one on each VBM application.

**You return to Winn**



You return to Winn the folded VBM application with the sticky note on each, in batches of 100.

**LIZ PROVIDES**



Winn collects all and delivers to Liz, who prints the info sheet, the name & address, the bulk rate permit, nest, folds and mails.



<b>Key Dates for Primaries</b>	<p>New Jersey.</p> <p>Last day to register to vote in primary: 5/14</p> <p>Last day to apply for mail ballot: (in-person) 6/2, (by mail) 5/28</p> <p>Mail ballot return: (in-person) 6/4, (by mail) postmarked 6/4</p> <p>Early voting: 5/29 – 6/ 2</p>
--------------------------------	---

## Action Opportunities

<b>Get Out the Vote (GOTV)/ Canvass</b>	<p><a href="#">Click here</a> to find GOTV actions near you!</p>
---	--

<b>Register Democrats</b> (hosted by The Democratic National Committee)	<p>Join in registering Democrats in our highest priority states. All you need is a phone or computer to get started.</p> <p><a href="#">RSVP here</a> for this phone banking event to let us know if you can make it! All are welcome at this event</p>
--	---

<b>Tell Lambertville leaders to protect against flooding in Lambertville!</b> (NJ League of Conservation Voters)	<p>Hurricane Ida decimated Lambertville, damaging roughly half of the properties. New Jersey floods every time it rains, but Lambertville is unique. Being bordered by the Delaware River and several creeks, Lambertville is hit by flooding from all sides. And if leaders don't put protections in place, we'll see this same devastation again and again.</p> <p>Fortunately, the Lambertville City Council is looking to establish a dedicated source of funding with minimal impact on residents so that homes and businesses, especially those in the lowest lying parts of the city, are protected. But these leaders need to hear that residents support this work. <a href="#">Please send a message, by clicking on this link, urging Lambertville city leaders to invest in updated infrastructure to defend against flooding.</a></p>
---	--

<b>Call to Action: Freedom to Read Bill!</b>	<p>1. Call your NJ State Senators to ask them to co-sponsor S2421. <a href="#">Click here</a> for for suggested phone script. If needed, phone messages can often be left during non-working hours. (Rationale: Focus on increasing support in the Senate as this version is</p>
--	--

expected to move to Committee sometime soon and thus needs support now. Studies show legislators pay more immediate attention to phone calls and in person visits than other forms of communication)  
2. [Sign petition](#) to raise awareness of the bill in both houses.

**Petitions in support of ranked-choice voting**

According to Action Network.org, "Voters are forced to choose between the lesser of two evils. Over and over and over again. Voters have little choice, and third-party candidates never seem to have a real shot at winning elections. Why? The spoiler effect. When a third-party candidate enters the race, they always run the risk of splitting the vote with the establishment candidate whose politics they most closely align with. If a progressive candidate enters the race, she draws votes away from the Democrat. If a conservative enters, she draws votes away from the Republican. If we're only allowed to choose one candidate on the ballot, the spoiler effect will always be a problem in our elections, and keep us trapped in a two-party system with only two choices." Click [here](#) for a video explaining RCV.

[Click here to sign the NJ PETITION!](#)  
[Click here to sign the PA PETITION!](#)

**Looking to get more involved with ILNH?**

Check out Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope's volunteer opportunities! [Click here](#).

**Abolish NJ's County Line**

What is the county line?  
This peculiar New Jersey practice is not used in other states. In New Jersey, county party committees can endorse candidates for the party primary and have their names listed in the first column on the primary ballot, giving those candidates, on average, a 38% greater chance of being elected. Those seeking the nomination who are not endorsed by the County Democratic committee have their names scattered elsewhere on the primary ballot, where they are much less likely to be found. This is called the "county line". HOWEVER, thanks to a win for [Andy Kim's lawsuit](#), the 2024 primary ballots will be arranged in an "office block" style, where candidates will be arranged by the office they're seeking!

The fight is not over though. The win is just for this year's primary so more work needs to be done! To learn more about it: Go to the [Fair Ballot Alliance, Abolish the Line & Good Government Coalition of NJ](#) websites for more information.

Action:

A petition is being circulated by the Fair Ballot Alliance opposing the county line. [You can sign it by clicking here!](#)

COUNTY LINE: If you'd like ILNH to host a meeting devoted to this topic, please fill out this [very short survey](#) to let us know!

**Anti-Tom Business Cards**

Take action by educating people that Tom Kean (NJ7) is a big wolf in sheep's clothing! Distribute these business cards at local events, post them on bulletin boards, or just leave them laying





around in places they'll be seen. Cards can be picked up at Sharon's house @ [121 N. Main St. Lambertville](#). The house is on the corner of N. Main and Jefferson Streets. The cards will be on the side porch that is on Jefferson. Any questions? Contact Elycia @ [elycialerman@yahoo.com](mailto:elycialerman@yahoo.com). [Click here](#) for guidance on where and how to distribute them! Have fun!

### Write an Op-Ed to a news outlet

[Click here](#) to see an example of a letter to the editor written by Maggie Savoca (OneNJ7) and [here](#) by Allson Levine (ILNH). Also [click here](#) for a resource on how to write letters that really get attention!

### Join the "Let's Read Banned Books" Club

To find out more information, contact Julie Meyers on her [Let's Read Banned Books Fb page!](#)

## News and Views: What ILNH is reading and listening

[Controversial bill to revamp NJ public records law yanked](#) (NJ Spotlight News)

[New Jersey groups worry Open Public Records Act reform bill will limit access to information](#) (CBS News)

[Campaign finance watchdog urges lawmakers to close serious loophole](#) (NJ Spotlight News)

[With Democracy Hanging in the Balance, Democrats Ashley Ehasz and Anna Payne Begin Their Quest for Victory in November](#) (Bucks County Beacon)

## Friends of ILNH you might want to check out!

[One NJ7](#)  
[Districts for Democracy](#)  
[Action Together NJ](#)  
[We the People NJ-07 fb page](#)  
[New Jersey Citizen Action](#)  
[New Jersey Working Families Party](#)