

“Power Struggle: Balancing the Needs of People, Power and Trees” on Tuesday, February 28 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Darien Town Hall.

Fairfield County chapters of the League of Women Voters and tree-focused groups are sponsoring an educational forum to address power outage issues from 7:00-9:00 at the Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Rd., Darien.

The forum panelists, who will speak on powers outages, past and future, and what can be done to reduce their frequency and duration, will include

- Joe McGee, chair of the Governor’s Two Storm Panel
- Chris Swan, Director of Municipal Relations & Siting at Northeast Utilities
- Eric Hammerling, Executive Director of the CT Forest and Park Association
- Jonathan Schrag, Deputy Commissioner for Energy, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Chris Roy, Engineering & Operations Manager, Concord (MA) Municipal Light

A Q&A will follow their presentations.

The Connecticut General Assembly legislative session opens on February 8 and will be taking up legislation designed to address the reliability of our power supply. Residents will gain information and insight so that they can form educated opinions on the proposed solutions.

Handouts will be available at the forum including contact information of state officials so the attendees, armed with accurate information, can voice their opinions and make suggestions based on what they learned at the forum. The Two-Storm Panel Report is available online and a copy has been placed at the reference desk at the New Canaan Library.

This forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Darien, Fairfield, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, and Stamford, and Greenwich Tree Conservancy, Fairfield Forestry Committee, Norwalk Tree Alliance, Stamford Tree Foundation and the Tree Conservancy of Darien.

The snow date is Wednesday, March 7th. Notice will be made on Channel 12 or at <http://www.lwvnewcanaan.org/>