

*The public is invited to a special presentation co-sponsored by the  
Cazenovia League of Women Voters and the  
Cazenovia Preservation Foundation*

## **Hydrofracking and Natural Gas Drilling: The Issues and Environmental Impacts**

**Presented by Bill Kappel, Hydrogeologist  
United States Geological Survey,  
Water Science Center, Ithaca  
7:00 PM on Wednesday April 7, 2010  
at the Cazenovia High School Auditorium**

Mr. Kappel will discuss gas drilling in the Marcellus shale play and other gas deposits in Madison County. He is coordinating USGS water-resource information and study efforts related to shale-gas development in NY and across the Marcellus play - West Virginia to New York. Following his presentation, there will be a question and answer period moderated by Liz Moran, former Cazenovia Town Supervisor.

Natural gas drilling is a complex issue and one that affects Cazenovia and other communities throughout Central New York. There are potential economic benefits of this industrial development of mineral resources and environmental benefits such as cleaner fossil fuel in an area relatively close to a large Northeast market. These must be weighed against the potential for environmental damage to water resources, land, and air quality, against potential high costs to localities for infrastructure and public services, and against the potential for an industrial landscape in a rural or agricultural setting. Individual landowners, neighbors of potential well sites, and local officials will have to balance their responses to these risks and benefits.

There is already experience with drilling in Pennsylvania, which overlies a large area of the Marcellus shale play. For the past year, the LWV of Pennsylvania has been conducting a study of these concerns. There is a great deal of background material on their website, which you can access at [www.palwv.org/issues/MarcellusShale/index.html](http://www.palwv.org/issues/MarcellusShale/index.html). Some aspects are unique to Pennsylvania law and regulation, but much of the information applies to the shale drilling in general.

## ***The Cazenovia League of Women Voters***

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. Contact Susan Smith, Membership Chair, at 655-4167 for membership information.

*Be sure to check the updated Cazenovia League of Women Voters website for information and political updates*  
[www.cazenovialwv.org](http://www.cazenovialwv.org)

## ***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to Jenna Raleigh, a junior at Cazenovia High School, who will represent the Cazenovia League of Women Voters at the LWVNY "Students inside Albany" program from April 11 to 14. Jenna is the daughter of Don and Gina Raleigh.

## ***Shared Services***

The Cazenovia League of Women Voters and the New York State League (LWVNY) are studying shared services this year. Your involvement in this process is important. To that end we will have a membership meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss this topic and try to resolve some of the pending issues. While the local League has an ongoing project to determine if there is any merit or savings to be had in the sharing of services between the Town and the Village, the State League is examining how to analyze proposals for shared services.

The LWVNY has developed consensus questions that we should answer as a total membership. In order to do so, we will all need to think about these matters before our meeting in May. The consensus questions and supporting information (including a document entitled, "Consolidating Local Government") are available at: [http://lwwny.org/consolidation\\_sss.html](http://lwwny.org/consolidation_sss.html)

## ***SAVE THE DATES!***

**MAY 19, 2010**

Consensus Meeting, 7:00 PM  
in the Library Community Room

**June 9, 2010**

Cazenovia LWV Annual Meeting, 6:00 PM  
at the Lincklaen House

**June 20, 2010**

90th Anniversary Celebration/Fundraiser  
5:00 to 7:00 PM

*Additional information will follow*