

## **February Forum to Address Power Outage Issues Prior to Forthcoming State Legislation**

The Fairfield League of Women Voters and Fairfield Forestry Committee, together with nine other southern Fairfield county leagues and tree-focused alliances will sponsor a free educational forum **“Power Struggle: Balancing the Needs of People, Power and Trees” on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 7-9PM at the Darien Town Hall, 2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT.**

The forum will be moderated by **Kay Maxwell, current Executive Director of the Forum for World Affairs and former president of both the National and Connecticut League of Women Voters**, with a panel of speakers from several stakeholders including **Joe McGee, chair, Governor’s Two Storm Panel; Chris Swan, Director of Municipal Relations & Sitting at Northeast Utilities; Jonathan Schrag, Deputy Commissioner Public Utility Regulatory Authority; and Eric Hammerling, Executive Director, CT Forest and Parks Association** who will speak on the important issue of power outages, past and future, and what can be done to reduce their frequency and duration. A Question & Answer period will follow their presentations.

The goal of this timely forum is to inform Connecticut residents on all aspects of this continuing problem that so profoundly affects us. 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 suggestions based on what they learn from the forum.

We encourage all to attend so they can learn and influence the proposed solutions to these power outages.

**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.**