

Greetings, November, and all of you interested in LWVHW and the work we do!

Election Day is only A WEEK AWAY! Be sure to check out Voting Information round up if you have yet to cast your ballot!

As usual, we appreciate your ongoing interest and we'd love to see you at an upcoming event! Let us know if you have questions or feedback. You can join online or at an event. **Grab a friend - the more the merrier!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

- Early In-Person Voting continues through Friday, November 4, hours vary, details available on <u>Hamilton</u> and <u>Wenham</u> Town Clerk web pages
- Election Day Tuesday, November 8, polls open 7 AM to 8 PM "Red Books" (Information for Voters) have arrived and ballot question and candidate forums are ongoing. See below for specifics!
- Walk & Talk Saturday, November 19, 10:30 AM, Location and contact TBD, but mark your calendars!
- Civic Engagement Subcommittee: Civics Bee & Volunteer Fair Planning Monday, November 28, 9 AM, Panera Bread, North Beverly

DECEMBER

• Walk & Talk Saturday, December 17, 10:30 AM, Location and contact TBD, but mark your calendars!

JANUARY (We know, we know...but it's right around the corner!)

- Walk & Talk Saturday, January 21, 10:30 AM, Location and contact TBD, but mark your calendars!
- Volunteer Fair Monday evening, January 23, Community House, Hamilton
- Book Group Tuesday, January 31 Save the Date! Book details below.

WHAT'S NEWS:

VOLUNTEER FAIR - We are in the planning stages of a community-wide Volunteer Fair in partnership with The Community House. Our vision is to provide a fun and friendly way for folks to find out all the opportunities to share their time and talents for the betterment of our community. One preliminary task is to compile all the great organizations, boards, and committees in the area who use volunteers to do their work! **Think:**

- Non-profits
- Civic organizations
- Town boards
- Service organizations

If they serve the residents of Hamilton and Wenham and are staffed in whole or in part by volunteers, they are the target! Please let us know if you have thoughts or are interested in helping with this exciting project by reply email!

ELECTION INFORMATION Are you #VoteReady?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open 7AM to 8PM. Hamilton votes at the Rec Center and Wenham at Town Hall. **Make a plan!**

Can't make it to your polling place on the 8th? Early in-person voting runs through Friday, November 4. Specific information is available on <u>Hamilton</u> and <u>Wenham</u> Town Websites.

Get informed! Find a sample ballot on your <u>Hamilton</u> and <u>Wenham</u> Town Website. You can also find out what's on your ballot at <u>VOTE411</u>, LWV's one-stop shop for ballot and voting information across the US!

LWV Candidate Forum

• The race for 2nd Essex State Representative is contested (Hamilton is in this district; Wenham's State Rep races are not contested). LWVHW has joined with LWV North Shore (which draws from other communities in the district) to host a forum featuring candidates Kristin Kassner (D) and Lenny Mirra (R), a recording of which can be viewed on the LWVMA YouTube channel.

Ballot Questions

- The Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts University has posted the findings of their non-partisan policy research to help Massachusetts voters understand the ballot questions. View their <u>Voters' Guide to 2022 Massachusetts Ballot</u> <u>Questions</u> at this link.
- Recordings of LWV forums and panel discussions are available to watch on the <u>LWVMA website</u> and on YouTube via links below:
 - Forum Ballot Question #1 (Additional Tax on Income Over One Million Dollars) <u>View here</u>.
 - Forum Ballot Questions #2 & #3 (Regulation of Dental Insurance & Expanded Availability of Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages) Link will be available on LWVMA as soon as recording is posted.

Panel Discussion - "Stronger Roads for a Stronger Commonwealth" (advocacy forum for Ballot Question #4) <u>View here</u>.

MERCH! We still have our yard signs with their evergreen voting message. Get them while they last! All proceeds support our work empowering voters in our community, and priced at just \$20 each, they are an easy way to show your support and invite others to engage! Click through the image below to order yours today or stop by and see us at an upcoming event. Feel free to share links too!



Durable sign, heavy duty stake Order yours HERE!

NEW AND ONGOING INITIATIVES:

There are ways to get involved that fit every schedule - for members and non-members alike! If you want to get involved in or have ideas for any upcoming efforts, please let us know. You can reply to this email, or contact us at leaguehw@gmail.com.

→ **Speaker/Forum Series** - We are working in partnership with the HW Library to create a speaker series on topics of local interest. Have ideas? Want to help organize? Let us know by emailing <u>LeagueHW@gmail.com</u>.

 \rightarrow Voter Registration - Interested in helping at future drives? Have a location or event idea where we can register voters? Let us know by emailing <u>LeagueHW@gmail.com</u>.

 \rightarrow **Book Group** - Are you reading Fiona Hill's memoir *There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in The 21st Century* yet? It's a compelling read! Grab a copy and join us on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Stay tuned for location.



"A celebrated foreign policy expert and key impeachment witness reveals how declining opportunity has set America on the grim path of modern Russia—and draws on her personal journey out of poverty, as well as her unique perspectives as an historian and policy maker, to show how we can return hope to our forgotten places."

Learn more at Goodreads.com

 \rightarrow Walk & Talk - We usually meet at 10:30 on the third Saturday of the month and walk for about an hour, enjoying some of the natural beauty around the area as well as each others' company! Our next walk is Saturday, November 19, location TBD. Have a favorite walk location? Share it with us and maybe we can enjoy it together.

We'd love to have you consider becoming a member! This is truly a member-run organization and we could not do it without support from the community. **We think it's more fun with friends!** Grab one or two and join online together!