

Lots on the calendar in the coming weeks and we hope to see many of you at the events listed below!

Wenham folks, pay extra attention to the Special Election item below and let us know what issues you'd like candidates to address before you cast your ballot.

As always, thank you for your interest in the League and our work.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

- *TONIGHT* Book Group Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 PM, Wenham COA, 10 School St. Light refreshments and good conversation!
- Walk & Talk Saturday, May 20, 10:30 AM, Vineyard Hill, 656 Asbury St, Hamilton. Meet the host (TBD) in the parking lot and enjoy fresh air and conversation for an hour!

JUNE

- Pride Picnic Sunday, June 11, 12-4:00 PM, LWVHW will have a table at this fun community-wide event!
- Walk & Talk Saturday, June 17, 10:30 AM, Sagamore Hill, 473 Sagamore St. Hamilton. Meet the host (TBD) in the parking lot and enjoy fresh air and conversation for an hour!
- Speaker Series Working Group Meeting Tuesday, June 20, TBD PM, Wenham COA, 10 School St.
- The Community House Block Party Saturday, June 24, 4-9:00 PM, LWVHW will have a table at this fun community-wide event!
- Wenham Special Election Tuesday, June 27, Polls are open 7am to 8pm at Wenham Town Hall

WHAT'S NEWS:

BOOK GROUP - Meets TONIGHT – Tuesday, May 16th – at 7pm at the Wenham COA to discuss Michelle Obama's *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*. Join us for light refreshments and lively conversation!

WENHAM SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, JUNE 27th - Wenham residents have an important Special Election coming up to fill two Select Board seats. This expansion of the Select Board from three to five seats was approved by Wenham voters at the April Town Meeting and Town Election. To help inform and educate voters, LWVHW will be soliciting and posting written candidate responses to a set of questions. If you have a topic you'd like to see addressed, please email us! We are collecting topics until Friday, May 19th at 3pm.

Important dates to know:

- Saturday, June 17th Last day to register to vote in this election! The Town Clerk's Office will be open 9am to 5pm to register in person. Register online at <u>RegisterToVoteMA.com</u> until 11:59pm.
- Tuesday, June 20th Last day to apply for a vote by mail ballot for absentee or early voting.
- Monday, June 26th 12 noon Last day and hour to apply for in-person absentee ballot
- Tuesday, June 27th Absentee ballots must arrive back by 8pm in order to be counted

LWVHW AT COMMUNITY EVENTS - We are planning to have a League information table at upcoming community events. Come find us at either the HWHRC Pride Picnic (Sunday, June 11th, 12-4pm at the Patton Homestead) or The Community House Block Party (Saturday, June 24th, 4-9pm at Patton Park) to learn more about our work!

SPEAKER SERIES - Our next big initiative is coming together and you have a chance to get in on the ground floor of something we really hope has a long life in the community! We have been awarded a generous grant by the Local Cultural Council and are working in partnership with the HW Library to create a speaker series on topics of local interest. We have our dates and topics lined up and members are invited to attend a planning session on Tuesday, June 20th in the evening at the Wenham COA. Have speaker or promotion ideas? Want to help organize or take the lead on an event? Let us know your thoughts.

- 9/28 Civics 101
- 10/19 Local Print Journalism as a Cornerstone of Democracy
- 11/16 Sustainability
- 1/18 Affordable Housing
- 2/15 Media Literacy
- 3/28 Water Resources & Conservation

Interested in becoming a member? Let us know or simply join online!

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