

We are close but not *quite* a month into the new year, and are well into our 2023 projects. There's a lot that will be of interest to members and non-members alike!

The **Volunteer Fair** is coming up fast and is our primary focus at the moment, but the **Civics Bee** and **Candidates Night** are hot on its heels and we could use more help from folks to spread the word!

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:

JANUARY

 Book Group Monday, January 30, 7 PM, Wenham Council on Aging, School Street, Wenham; book details below NOTE CHANGED DATE!

FEBRUARY

- Civic Engagement Subcommittee: Volunteer Fair & Civics Bee Planning Wednesday, February 1, 12:00 noon, Panera Bread, North Beverly
- Volunteer Fair Wednesday, February 8, 5-8 PM, The Community House, Hamilton
- Walk & Talk Saturday, February 18, 10:30 AM, Location and contact TBD, but mark your calendars!

MARCH

- Civics Bee Thursday, March 16, 6:30-8:30 PM, Miles River Middle School, Hamilton.
 (Note: date is subject to change as we work through a recently discovered scheduling conflict with the venue.)
- Walk & Talk Saturday, March 18, 10:30 AM, Location and contact TBD, but mark your calendars!
- Candidates Night Tuesday, March 28 Location/format TBD, but save the date!

WHAT'S NEWS:

VOLUNTEER FAIR - Word is out and folks are excited! We have over 40 organizations committed to taking part in the Fair!



Come visit us at the *Hamilton-Wenham Volunteer Fair* on **Wednesday**, **February 8th** from **5-8 p.m**. This FREE event will be held at The Community House of Hamilton-Wenham, who is hosting it in partnership with LWVHW. Why a volunteer fair? Think jobs fair for volunteer opportunities! Most organizations need volunteers to function, including local associations, charities, elected offices, and others. Our community is stronger when dynamic, talented, and caring folks of all ages give even a little of their time to civic engagement. Come find your opportunity! For more information, contact LeagueHW@gmail.com.

BOOK GROUP - Have you read Fiona Hill's memoir *There Is Nothing For You Here:*Finding Opportunity in The 21st Century yet? It's a compelling read! There's still some time.

Grab a copy and join us on Monday, January 30, at 7 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging.

Even if you haven't read it, come along for lively discussion and light refreshments!

Non-members are welcome!



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NEW AND ONGOING INITIATIVES:

There are ways to get involved with the League that fit every schedule – for members and non-members alike! If you want to be a part of any upcoming efforts, please let us know. You can reply to this email, or contact us at LeagueHW@gmail.com.

→ Civics Bee - The Bee is back! We are looking for folks to help register and coordinate teams, solicit and organize prizes, and set up and staff the event on the day! This event is a blast. Let us know if you want to help execute it!

- → **Speaker/Forum Series** 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. Have ideas? Potential speaker contacts? Want to help organize? Let us know your thoughts.
- → **Voter Registration** Interested in helping at future drives? Have a location or event idea where we can register voters? <u>Drop us a line</u>!
- → **Book Group** Have a good read you'd like to share and discuss with a group of smart, friendly, and engaged Leaguers? <u>Let us know</u>. We'd love to crowd-source our next reads!
- → 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, February 18, 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!**

Find these updates useful? Tell folks in your circles to <u>sign up for our periodic email updates</u>. Thanks for helping build a stronger community!