



We could really use a few folks Sunday at the Pride Picnic! Live music, food trucks, community organizations – tons of fun to be had. All we ask is an hour of your time and then you are free to enjoy the festival. Newer folks, this is a great chance to staff our table with a seasoned Leaguer and learn the ropes! [Volunteer here!](#)


Hope to see many of you at the **Annual Meeting on Monday!** More on this below, but take a moment to [RSVP here](#). Thanks!

Plenty of good stuff below, but Pride Picnic and Annual Meeting are the pressing ones. 😊

JUNE EVENTS:

- **Pride Picnic Sunday, June 11, 12-4:00 PM**, LWVHW will have a table at this fun community-wide event AND WE NEED [VOLUNTEERS!](#)
- **Annual Meeting Monday, June 12, 6:00 PM**, Please join us for this important business AND social gathering! Evite and Annual Report links below or [RSVP NOW](#).
- **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! [Volunteer here!](#)
- **Wenham Special Election Tuesday, June 27**, Polls are open 7am to 8pm at Wenham Town Hall

WHAT'S NEWS:

 **LWVHW AT COMMUNITY EVENTS** - We are planning to have a League information table at upcoming community events if we can get enough volunteers. If you can spend an hour with a friend or partner 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), please sign up for a shift below! Tabling is a fun way to share information about the League and meet local folks who are interested in our work. We work in teams and make sure there is an experienced member at the table at all times, so don't be shy!

- [HWHRC Pride Picnic Volunteer >>Sign Up HERE!<<](#)
- [The Community House Block Party Volunteer >>Sign Up HERE!<<](#)

 **ANNUAL MEETING** - >>[RSVP HERE!!](#)<<

It's that time already! As a reminder, Annual Meeting serves multiple purposes: an opportunity to socialize, eat, get to know our new members and long-term members, and it is a business meeting too. **We must have a quorum of 10 members to conduct business! Please join us for pizza and salad and FUN FREE RAFFLE!** Any member who pays their dues at or before the meeting will be automatically entered. It's critical that we have a quorum and **we aren't above enticing you with food and prizes!** In addition to hearing highlights of the past year's activities, we will:

- Approve a budget for League 2023-24 activities
- Adopt a local program plan for the coming year
- Elect the Steering Committee/Board for the 2023-24 year
- Take direction from Membership
- **Enjoy being TOGETHER as a group with our dynamic and thoughtful members!**

Attached is a PDF of the meeting booklet for you to review beforehand. You can also access the booklet online, here: [Annual Meeting Booklet](#). The booklet contains information, approved by the Steering Committee, that the membership will consider and vote on at the meeting.

Please pay particular attention to the following items:

- Proposed Budget (p. 21)
- Local Program Plan (p. 26)
- Steering Committee Slate of Candidates (p. 28)

\$ DUES - 2023-24 dues of \$80 for the year are payable now - [renew online via PayPal](#).

Alternatively, you can bring a check on the 12th or mail it to us at PO Box 283, Hamilton, MA 01936 (Note: if you joined BEFORE January 1, 2023, your dues are now payable! If you have any questions, contact MJ at 978.290.0928)

 **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.

Candidate answers to League questions are available here on our website: [Wenham Select Board Candidate Q&A](#)

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 [RegisterToVoteMA.com](https://www.RegisterToVoteMA.com) 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



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


ONGOING INITIATIVES:

There are ways to get involved with the League that fit every schedule. If you want to be a part of any upcoming efforts, or have an interest in joining the Steering Committee or a subcommittee, please let us know. **You can reply to this email, or contact us at LeagueHW@gmail.com.**

→ **Book Group** - Have a good read you'd like to share and discuss with a group of smart, friendly, and engaged Leaguers? [Let us know](#). 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, June 17 at Sagamore Hill, 473 Sagamore St., in Hamilton. Have a favorite walk location? [Share it with us](#) and maybe we can enjoy it together.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

 **Steering Committee Meetings** (generally second Tuesdays of the month) - Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. **Our next meeting will be sometime AFTER the Annual Meeting in June.** This meeting is usually an evening planning session for priorities, scheduling, and assignments for the coming year. We return to regular monthly meetings in September. Please reply to this email or contact MJ (mj_brown@comcast.net or 978.290.0928) for more information.

Know someone who would like to join the League, let us know or simply have them [join online!](#)

You can also encourage folks to [sign up for our periodic email updates](#). Thanks for helping build our community!