

June is turning out to have a lot of reasons to check in with you all!

Coming off of a fantastic Pride Picnic and Annual Meeting, we have **an important meeting coming up THIS TUESDAY at 6:30PM (Wenham COA)** where we will kick off planning for our exciting Speaker Series!

JUNE EVENTS:

- Walk & Talk Saturday, June 17, 10:30 AM, Sagamore Hill, 473 Sagamore St. Hamilton.
 Fingers crossed the rain holds off! Meet Lindsay Schnabel in the parking lot and enjoy fresh air and conversation for an hour or so.
- Speaker Series Working Group Meeting Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA, 10 School St.
- The Community House Block Party Saturday, June 24, 4-9:00 PM, **IF WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS** 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:

SPEAKER SERIES - We have our dates and topics lined up and members are invited to attend a planning session on Tuesday, June 20th at 7PM at the Wenham COA. This is our major initiative for the coming year and you have a chance to get in on the ground floor of something we really hope has a long life in the community! Our plan is to divide the series across a robust subcommittee of members with Steering Committee members involved in each topic. Have speaker or promotion ideas? Want to help organize or take the lead on an event? Let us know your thoughts or better yet, come to the meeting!

- 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



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 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!

The Community House Block Party Volunteer >>Sign Up HERE!<

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 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

WHAT'S NEWS:

ANNUAL MEETING A BIG SUCCESS! We had 16 members and a great discussion at our Annual Meeting this past Monday. Budget and local program approved; Steering Committee elected. PDF of the meeting booklet is available online, here: Annual Meeting Booklet. The booklet contains useful information on our past activities, future plans, and adopted positions.



\$ <u>DUES</u> - 2023-24 dues of \$80 for the year are payable now - <u>renew online via PayPal</u>. Alternatively, you can mail a check 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)

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 July 18th at 7PM at Dacia's home. This meeting is a 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!