



Spring feels like it is finally here and we have a Steering Committee Meeting **TONIGHT (5/14)!!** Join us in the Large Meeting Room at H-W Public Library at 6:00 pm to help us plan our programming for the coming year. Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings!

MAY EVENTS:

- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 PM, HW Library, Large Meeting Room (note change from regular location!) ([Agenda](#))
- **Walk & Talk** Sunday, March 19, 3 PM, [Cedar Pond Wildlife Sanctuary](#), 123 Cherry St., Wenham

JUNE EVENTS:

- **HWHRC Pride Picnic** Sunday, June 9, 12-4 PM, Patton Homestead, 650 Asbury St., Hamilton - [food trucks, entertainment and more!](#)
- **Annual Meeting** Monday, June 10, 6:30 PM, Wenham Council on Aging, 5 School St., Wenham - HOLD THE DATE - Evite coming soon.
- **The Community House Block Party** Saturday, June 22, 4-9 PM Patton Park, Hamilton

FUTURE EVENT (hold the date!):

- **Volunteer Fair** Saturday, September 21, The Community House, 284 Bay Road, Hamilton

WHAT'S NEWS:

WALK & TALK RETURNS!

We are trying something new - Sunday afternoon! Join us and walk for about an hour, enjoying some of the natural beauty around the area as well as each others' company! We'll meet this **Sunday, May 19 at Cedar Pond Wildlife Sanctuary**, 123 Cherry St. in Wenham (we'll meet at 3 PM in the parking lot).

Have a favorite walk location? [Share it with us](#) and maybe we can enjoy it together.

LWVHW at Community Events!

We will have a membership and information table at some upcoming community events. Find us at the [HWHRC Pride Picnic](#), Sunday, June 9, noon to 4 PM and at [The Community House Block Party](#) on Saturday, June 22, 4-9 PM

Watch for sign ups to help us staff these events! It's a great way to interact with community members and share the work we do!

SPEAKER SERIES Wrap-up

Missed any of our informative speaker events? No worries. They are all posted on [LWVHW.org](#)!

Check out:


- [Civics 101](#) - HWRHS Social Studies teacher **Nicholas Ristaino** presents a great primer on the basics and how to get involved
- [Local Journalism as a Cornerstone of Democracy](#) - a lively and interactive discussion about access to local news and efforts to start a new paper in Hamilton and Wenham with moderator **Paul Mihailidis** (Emerson College) and panelists **John Muldoon** (Publisher, *Ipswich Local News*), **Jack Lawrence** (Hamilton Resident), and **Ella Tran** (Student Editor, *The General Consensus*)
- [A Sustainable Future](#) - truly informative panel offering tips for everyday sustainable actions, featuring **Greg Horner** (HW Climate Action Team), **Sharon Byrne Kishida** (MA Product Stewardship Council), and **Neal Shea** (Clear Result/Mass Save)
- [Affordable Housing](#) - What it is and why it matters! Learn about this timely topic from panelists **Jamie Knudsen** (Chair, Hamilton Affordable Housing Trust and Hamilton Human Rights Commission), **Felicia Pierce** (Deputy CEO, North Shore Community Development Coalition), **Judi Barrett** (Founder/Director, Barrett Planning Group LLC), and **Patrick Maguire** (CEO, North Shore REALTORS®)
- [Media Literacy](#) - What is it and how do we evaluate information and sources in our everyday lives? Another timely panel featuring **Paul Mihailidis** (Emerson College) and **Jean LaBelle-Pierce** (Maynard High School), with information from **Erin McNeill** (CEO, Media Literacy Now)
- [Water Resources & Conservation](#) - Where does your water come from and what does the future hold? Learn from folks actively working to protect our precious water resources - **Erin Bonney Casey** (Ipswich River Watershed), State Senator **Bruce Tarr**, and State Rep **Kristin Kassner**.

This speaker series was presented by LWVHW in partnership with the [Hamilton-Wenham Public Library](#) and with funding from the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the [Mass Cultural Council](#), a state agency.

Special thanks to **Bill Melville** and [HWCAM](#) for making these events playable on demand!

Check out our handy [LWVHW Calendar](#). Now it's even easier to add our events to your own Google calendar and keep up with the League!

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 May 14 at 6 PM at the Library.**

- [Agenda for May 14](#)
 - [Approved Minutes from March 12](#)
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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!