



☀️ May Showers? It's a pattern...Join us for Stand Out Week #8

We know it's meant to be April Showers, etc., but we've had a pretty soggy May. Whatever weather this last Saturday of the month brings, we hope to see LOTS of you **THIS Saturday, May 31st, from 11 AM to noon** in front of the Winthrop School.

REMINDER: Both Hamilton and Wenham have Special Town Meetings coming up on Monday, June 9th. The deadline to register to vote at these STMs is **TOMORROW, Friday, May 30th @ 5 PM.**

Do you have friends or neighbors who recently turned 18? New to town? Moved house?

Encourage them to BE PREPARED and register or check registrations here: _

www.RegisterToVoteMA.com

Voter Registration Deadline: May 30!



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

MAY:

- **DEADLINE TO REGISTER to Vote at Special Town Meeting** Friday, May 30, 5 PM, Town Clerks' offices or www.RegisterToVoteMA.com
- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, May 31, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School)

JUNE:

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, June 7, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also June 14, 21, and 28!
- **HWHRC Pride Picnic** Sunday, June 8, noon - 4 PM, Patton Homestead (650 Asbury Street, Hamilton) ([Sign up for a shift!](#))
- **Special Town Meetings (School Consolidation Question)** Monday, June 9, 6:30 PM Hamilton meets at Miles River Middle School (775 Bay Road, Hamilton); Wenham meets at Buker School (1 School Street, Wenham)

- **LWVMA Convention 2025 – Year 105: Democracy Forward!** Saturday, June 14, 9 AM - 4 PM, EnVision Hotel Mansfield/Foxboro (31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield)
- **The Community House Block Party** Saturday, June 21, 4 PM (fireworks start around 9), Patton Park (Asbury Street & Bay Road) (rain date Sunday, June 22) ([Sign up for a shift!](#))
- **Hamilton Special Town Meeting (3A Zoning)** Thursday, June 26, 6:30 PM HWRHS Auditorium (775 Bay Road, Hamilton)
- ***NEW DATE* LWVHW Annual Meeting** Monday, June 30, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham)

JULY:

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, July 5, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). **July 12, 19 and 26!**
- **Steering Committee Planning Meeting** Wednesday, July 2, 6 PM, location TB

WHAT'S NEWS

Stand Out – Week Seven:

Hamilton was HOPPING last Saturday! We had nearly 30 enthusiastic and committed folks standing out by the Senior Center - a slight change of location due to the incredibly fun and well-attended Melody Miles event at Winthrop School. We started off and ended up dry, but had dark skies and a downpour in the middle...narrative arc foreshadowing? Let's hope this is the downpour and we have brighter skies ahead! As always, response was overwhelmingly positive with only one noticeable and frankly puzzling detractor who shouted "democracy never works!" as he drove by. As we approach the 249th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in July, and our League's 66th year of defending its founding principles and the US Constitution, we beg to differ. Democracy DOES work, but democracy also IS work. Democracy is not a spectator sport!

Pro-Democracy Stand Out - Week 7!



Stand Out for Democracy **THIS SATURDAY** (and *EVERY* Saturday)!

Join us from 11 AM to 12 PM Saturdays in Hamilton on the grassy area in front of the Winthrop School (rain or shine! Bring an umbrella if the skies, like our situation, look ominous!)

Bring a friend or neighbor! Think about local folks and organizations in the fight to preserve and protect our civic institutions and civil rights. *The more the merrier!*

Let's all use **OUR** First Amendment rights and **be Out-Standing for Democracy!**



Bring a sign -- or not -- your presence is valuable! We usually have some extras on hand to share!

Stand Out Pro-tips:

- **Show enthusiasm** – smile and wave – music helps the mood!
- **Don't engage with negativity** - no booing or gesturing back - it's just not worth it
- **Leave the scene better than you found it** - protests that leave behind litter or damage harm their own cause.
- **Keep your signs in your car** so you can spontaneously join other like-minded actions - **and bring multiple signs** if you have them - we've had many spontaneous standout joiners who don't have their own sign – **YET!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED @ Community-Wide Events - Help Represent LWWHW

We will have tables at two upcoming community events: [HWHRC's annual Pride Picnic on Sunday, June 8](#), and [The Community House's annual Block Party on Saturday, June 21](#). League tabling is a great way to expand our presence in the community and it's FUN! **We will need volunteers** to cover shifts at these events, so watch this space and sign up for an hour or so. Learn the ropes with seasoned Leaguers, enjoy conversations with folks, and help facilitate fun giveaways and activities.

- [Pride Picnic Sign Up Sheet](#) (Sunday, June 8, Patton Homestead, multiple shifts 11-4:15)
- [Block Party Sign Up Sheet](#) (Saturday, June 21, Patton Park, multiple shifts 4-8; fireworks start around 9. Rain date Sunday, June 22.)

Special Town Meeting Information

Both towns have Special Town Meetings on Monday, June 9th. Below are links to informative pages set up by our wonderful Town Clerks and links to the warrants. Please download the warrant to save paper, or print at home.

See also HWRSD's [Elementary School Project Information](#) page, which has the information session recorded last week, presentation slides, tax impact calculations, and answers to frequently asked

questions.

- [Hamilton Special Town Meeting](#) (Monday, June 9, Miles River Middle School, 6:30 PM start, check in opens at 5 PM. **PLEASE arrive early** to allow time for check in!)
 - [Hamilton Warrant](#)
 - [Ride Scheduling for Seniors \(FREE\)](#)
 - [Children's Programs Offered by Rec Center \(\\$10 fee\)](#)
 - [Town Meeting Roles and How to Participate](#)
- [Wenham Special Town Meeting](#) (Monday, June 9, Buker School, 6:30 PM. **PLEASE arrive early** to allow time for check in!)
 - [Wenham Warrant](#)
 - [Family Friendly Room Registration \(limited capacity\)](#)
 - [Children's Programs Offered by Rec Center \(\\$10 fee\)](#)

 **[LWVHW Merchandise ON SALE! \\$10 for a limited time!](#)**

Show off your civic engagement! Encourage your neighbors to vote with our lawn signs or provoke conversation about the League and our work with a snazzy t-shirt (perfect to wear to our Stand Outs!).



Durable sign with heavy-duty stake

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Sizes small to 2XL

[Order T-Shirts HERE](#)

 **[LWVMA Convention - Registration Open](#)**

	<p>Year 105: Democracy Forward!</p> <p>For 105 years, Leaguers have gathered around the Commonwealth to organize and mobilize voters at the polls and the State House. From the <i>19th Amendment</i> to the <i>VOTES Act</i> of 2022, the League of Women Voters has been at the forefront of empowering voters and defending democracy.</p>
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Convention is being held on Saturday, June 14, from 9 AM to 4 PM in person at [EnVision Hotel Mansfield/Foxboro](#) (31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield). The schedule includes:

- Light breakfast
- Lunch
- Motivational Group Activity
- Interactive break-out sessions on important topics
- Program Planning and Budget for the next biennium
- Vote on Reparations Study Consensus
- Election of LWMMA Officers and Directors
- Keynote Address by MA Attorney General Andrea Campbell (virtual)

Convention is a great way to connect with other local Leagues from around the Commonwealth. [Registration is open now](#) (\$145).

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:

- [Rise for Freedom Nationwide Mass Training Series](#) (ongoing Thursdays, 8-10 PM through Thursday, June 5) – training for “people who love our country and understand the threat of autocracy before us and want to do something about it.” This would make a great option for a watch party with friends!
 - May 29: “Digital Hygiene for Activists”
 - June 5: “Media Storytelling with a Focus on Broadcast and Social Media”

ICYMI – PAST VIRTUAL EVENTS:

- [Meet the Legislative Specialist: Reproductive Rights/Women’s Issues \(recording\)](#) (May 15) ([accompanying slides](#)) During a moment in history when human rights are under attack at the federal level, the League can effectively advocate for the advancement of women’s rights at the state level. Learn about legislation that supports protections for women, including:
 - An Act promoting and enhancing the sustainability of birth centers and the midwife working force [H.1117/S.774](#)
 - An Act ensuring access to full spectrum pregnancy care [H.1311/S.761](#)
 - An Act prioritizing patient access to care [H.2370/S.1563](#)
 - An Act strengthening health care protections in the Commonwealth [SD.2808](#)
 - The Location Shield Act
 - An Act to protect location privacy [H.86](#)

- An Act to protect safety and privacy by stopping the sale of location data [S.197](#)
- An Act relative to healthy youth [H.656/S.340](#)
- An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products [H.2483/S.1549](#)
- [LWVMA - Meet the Specialists](#) (catalog) Series of four programs offering members the chance to take a deep dive into the state level bills the League supports in a specific topic area. Learn more about these important issues and what we can do to advance them on Beacon Hill. Featuring presentations on Medicare for All, Gun Violence Prevention, Fairness for Farmworkers/Immigration, and Reproductive Rights/Women's Issues.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

✦ **Stay Informed** LWVUS sends an informative bi-weekly newsletter (check out the [April 17 issue](#)). You can [join the mailing list here](#).

✦ **Steering Committee Meetings** (generally second Tuesdays of the month) Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. **We are done with regular meetings for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Our next meeting will be the Annual Meeting**, held on **Monday, June 30, at 6:30 PM** at the **Wenham Council on Aging** building (10 School St., Wenham).

- [Draft Minutes from May 13](#)
- [Approved Minutes from April 8](#)

✦ **LWVMA Convention 2025** “Year 105: Democracy Forward!” **Saturday, June 14, 9 AM - 4 PM**, EnVision Hotel Mansfield/Foxboro (31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield) [Registration now open!](#)

Not a member yet?

[Join us today!](#)

If you or someone you know would like to join the League, let us know or simply have them [join online!](#)
We are always happy to answer questions too!

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

