

: Welcome to June! Join us for Stand Out Week #9

We had a lovely window of sunshine last Saturday and a group of about 12 folks standing out for democracy. Lots of familiar faces and a new one or two! We've given up on looking at the forecast; it's raining or it's not, but we are out standing up for the Constitution and the rule of law! Join us again **THIS Saturday, June 6th, from 11 AM to noon** in front of the Winthrop School.

# UP NEXT! We need your help!

We have tables at two upcoming community events: <u>HWHRC's annual Pride Picnic</u> and <u>The Community House's annual Block Party</u>.

League tabling is a great way to expand our presence in the community and it's FUN! We need volunteers to cover shifts at these events. Please grab a friend and grab a spot TODAY:



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

# **UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES**

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 TBD

### WHAT'S NEWS

# **Stand Out – Week Eight:**

We caught a bit of a break with the weather and enjoyed the company of familiar and new faces! We numbered about 12 and hope we can double that and stand on both sides of 1A!

Grab a friend or neighbor and join us. People ask us why we are doing this. We all have our reasons, including:

- Increasing visibility for the League and our work
- Defending democracy and the rule of law
- Helping others understand they are not alone in their anxiety over our current political crisis
- Standing up for those who can't

Folks who participate report feeling more engaged and positive and who couldn't use a little boost in this climate? If you have joined us in the past, tell us what your WHY is!



JOIN US to Stand Out for Democracy THIS SATURDAY (and EVERY Saturday)!

WHO: YOU! And your posse...

WHAT: Stand Out for Democracy!WHEN:

Saturdays, 11AM to noon

WHERE: Winthrop School (Bay Road, Hamilton)

WHY: Because Democracy is *NOT* a Spectator Sport. And it feels really good to do *SOMETHING* in

community!

**HOW: Just SHOW UP!** 

Your presence is valuable (and we usually have some extra signs on hand to share)!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED @ Community-Wide Events - Help Represent LWVHW

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# **✓** 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 <u>Elementary School Project Information</u> page, which has the information session recorded last week, presentation slides, tax impact calculations, and answers to frequently asked questions.

- <u>Hamilton Special Town Meeting</u> (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!)
  - o Hamilton Warrant
  - o Ride Scheduling for Seniors (FREE)
  - Children's Programs Offered by Rec Center (\$10 fee)
  - Town Meeting Roles and How to Participate

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- Wenham Special Town Meeting (Monday, June 9, Buker School, 6:30 PM. PLEASE arrive early to allow time for check in!)
  - Wenham Warrant
  - o Family Friendly Room Registration (limited capacity).
  - o 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

**Order Lawn Signs HERE** 



100% Cotton, women's cut Sizes small to 2XL

**Order T-Shirts HERE** 

**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!
  - June 5: "Media Storytelling with a Focus on Broadcast and Social Media"

#### ICYMI - PAST VIRTUAL EVENTS:

 <u>LWVMA - Meet the Specialists</u> (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 <u>April 17 issue</u>). 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

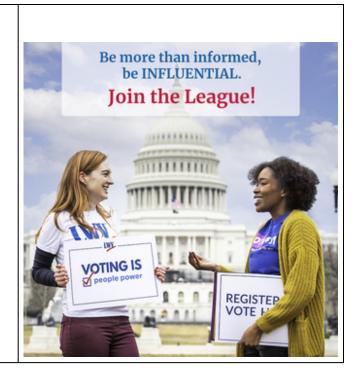
# Not a member yet?

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 <u>sign up for our</u> <u>periodic email updates</u>. Thanks for helping build our community!





# **Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.**

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