



Flag Day TOMORROW - June 14th! Stand with us in support of democracy! 🇺🇸

Cutting right to the chase, we are at a tipping point and a crisis in our democracy. It's been a very upsetting week. Where are we at?

***"A republic, if you can keep it."***

--Benjamin Franklin's response to Elizabeth Willing Powel's question: "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?"

Franklin's cautionary statement about the then-new United States Government highlighted its fragility and the need for all citizens to actively uphold the principles and values of the new republic. LWVUS is pulling no punches when it comes to the current state of play: this is a constitutional crisis. Tomorrow there are thousands of peaceful protests planned across all 50 states and beyond our borders, targeting the overreach and unconstitutional policies and actions of the current administration. We hope to gather the largest group yet here in Hamilton-Wenham. Democracy is not a spectator sport!

**UP NEXT! We need your help!**

We have a table at [The Community House's annual Block Party](#) coming up on Saturday, June 21.

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



- [Block Party Sign Up Sheet](#) (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 14, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also **June 21**, and **28**!
- **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!](#))
- **LWVHW Annual Meeting Monday, June 30, 6:30 PM**, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham)

### JULY:

- **Steering Committee Planning Meeting Wednesday, July 2, 6 PM**, location TBD
- **Last Day to Register to Vote at Hamilton Special Town Meeting Thursday, July 3, 5 PM** ([Check your status or register HERE](#))
- **Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence Friday, July 3, 2-2:30 PM**, Hale Farm (39 Hale Street, Beverly). More info below.
- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, July 5, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). **July 12, 19 and 26**!
- **Hamilton Special Town Meeting Monday, July 14, 6:30 PM** HWRHS Auditorium (775 Bay Road, Hamilton) Check in opens at 5 PM. **PLEASE arrive early** to allow time for check in!

## WHAT'S NEWS

### Stand Out – Week Nine:

It has rained now every Saturday since March 22nd!! Fortunately, it held off until the afternoon this past weekend and we had a good turn out! We numbered 21 for week 9 and are still aiming to line both sides of 1A! Will week 10 - TOMORROW! - be the big day?

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!](#)

## Pro-Democracy Stand Out - Week 9!



**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF HAMILTON-WENHAM



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 - Help Represent LWVHW**

We will have a table at [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 need volunteers** to cover shifts at this great event, so grab a friend 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.

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

### **LWVHW at the Hamilton-Wenham Pride Picnic**



What a great day! The Hamilton-Wenham Human Rights Coalition did an amazing job with their 5th annual Pride Picnic and we had a great turnout for our League table last Saturday.

We had 55 community members and picnic goers stop by to learn about our work and ask about our stand outs. We hope to see many new faces tomorrow!

### Exhibit - Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence

Historic Beverly in partnership with LWV North Shore is hosting a women's suffrage poster exhibition on loan from [The Smithsonian American Women's History Museum](#). Join Abby Battis, Historic Beverly Director, for a program at the Hale Farm discussing the exhibit on Thursday, July 3, at 2 PM. The exhibit will be on [display at Hale Farm](#) (click for location and hours) from June 21 to August 30.

### Special Town Meeting Information - Hamilton ONLY

Hamilton will vote on 3A at a Special Town Meeting on Monday, July 14th at 6:30 PM at HWHRS. (Note the change in date from June 26th.) Check in opens at 5 PM. **PLEASE arrive early** to allow time for check in!

You can find all the information you need on the [Special Town Meeting 7/14](#) page of the Town website, including information on free transportation for seniors. When it is finalized, please download the warrant to save paper, or print at home. To help residents learn more and prepare for the upcoming Special Town Meeting, the following resources have been provided by the [Planning and Land Use Department](#).

[Town of Hamilton Town Center Zoning](#) This includes the latest draft zoning language and related materials.

[Project Website](#) This page provides detailed background on the planning process, including maps, data, and community input.

### [Town Meeting Roles and How to Participate](#)

Learn more about how Town Meeting works and everything you need to know in order to participate effectively.

### Press Release: League of Women Voters Condemns Use of Federal Force on Peaceful Protesters

LWVUS and LWV of California issued a joint statement in response to the deploying of National Guard troops against largely peaceful protestors in Los Angeles County. [Read the full statement.](#)

### **Updated: Protest Safety Guidance**

The League believes the freedom to protest and assemble is a critical function of our democracy. We will not be silenced, and now is the time to put our words into action! We also know that even a peaceful event can become disruptive or violent or be targeted by law enforcement or outsiders, and all attendees should understand the risks involved.

While the League is **not an official national partner of the [No Kings](#) nationwide action on June 14**, we know that many members want to exercise their First Amendment rights and participate in a No Kings rally or in other demonstrations. We want all League members to stay safe while doing so. **Accordingly, LWV staff have updated our [latest protest guidelines here](#).**

### **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!).





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#### **UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:**

- [\*\*The Future of Democracy\*\*](#) (Monday, June 16, 6 PM) Harvard political theorist Danielle Allen is the keynote speaker at LWV Concord-Carlisle's Annual Meeting. Allen directs the Allen Lab for Democracy Renovation and has long been a leading voice on the future of democracy, justice, and civic engagement. Her work bridges the gap between academic scholarship and public life. She brings a powerful vision for democratic resilience and reform. Learn more and join via Zoom at [LWV of Concord-Carlisle's website](#).
- [\*\*Democracy in Your Hands Series\*\*](#) (various, June 18 - October 22) Our democracy is at a crossroads as the levers of power are out of balance and we are at the onset of a constitutional crisis. It's important now more than ever that League members understand the role that they play as anchors of democracy and be aware of the role that we all play, collectively in fighting for and sustaining our democracy. This webinar series will highlight five topics that are key to building an essential knowledge base on how to navigate in a changing political environment:
- June 18, 11 AM to 12:30 PM: "Understanding Media Literacy: How to Stay Informed, Engaged and in the Know"

- July 23, 11 AM to 12:15 PM: “Championing Issues that Matter Most to You”
- August 20, 12:30-1:30 PM: “Understanding the Three Branches of Government”
- September 17, 11 AM to 12:15 PM: “Working with Local Election Officials to Anchor Change”
- October 22, 3:30 to 5 PM: “Building Coalitions to Amplify Action”

## ICYMI – PAST VIRTUAL EVENTS:

- [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 [June 12 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](#)

## 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!





