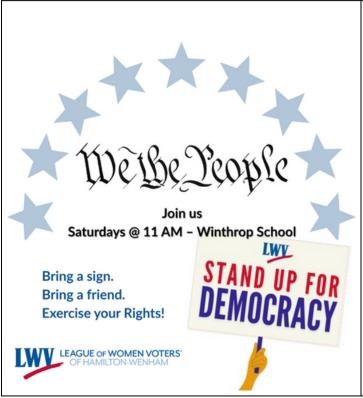


Weekly Stand Outs Going Strong!

Happy Summer, Leaguers and Friends!

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



WHO: YOU! (And your friends!)

**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! We often have extra

signs to share!

We appreciate you and your presence is valuable!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES**

## JUNE:

- Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, June 28, 11 AM 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School).
- 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

Hear ye, hear ye! Annual Meeting is Just Around the Corner

Annual Meeting is an opportunity to socialize over food, get to know our new members, and reconnect with long-time members. It is also an important business meeting. We must have a quorum of 10 members to conduct business! RSVP HERE!

In addition to hearing highlights of the past year's activities, we will:

- Approve a budget for League 2025-26 activities
- Adopt our program plan for the coming year
- Elect the Steering Committee/Board for the 2025-26 year
- Adopt revised Bylaws
- Take direction from Membership
- Enjoy being TOGETHER as a group with our dynamic and thoughtful members!

You can review the Annual Meeting booklet online here: <u>Annual Meeting Booklet</u>. It contains information, approved by the Steering Committee, that the membership will consider and vote on at the meeting. Additionally, we have made some changes to our bylaws to come into compliance with LWVUS guidance. <u>Bylaws Redline</u> version highlights of all the changes from our current (adopted June 2024) bylaws to the version proposed for adoption at this meeting.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, we look forward to seeing you on Monday, June 30. <u>Hope you</u> can make it!

## Stand Out – Week Eleven Re-cap:

We had a beautiful Saturday to Stand Out for Democracy this past weekend! We had 18 folks brave the sunshine \* We received lots of enthusiastic positive responses from passersby!

As we move into summer, we suspect we may begin to compete with nice weather activities, and while this is a movement, not a moment, we are open to your ideas for how to show our support for the Constitution and the rule of law. Let us know if you have ideas to share! Email us at <a href="LeagueHW@gmail.com">LeagueHW@gmail.com</a>.

We will be back at it this Saturday, June 28th. Don't forget sun protection and water!!

# Pro-Democracy Stand Out - Week Il















## 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 <u>The Smithsonian American Women's History Museum</u>. 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 <u>display at Hale Farm</u> (click for location and hours) from June 21 to August 30. <u>Multi-Media Event - Untold Stories of Women's Suffrage</u>

Thursday, June 26th, at 7 PM <u>LWV of Arlington</u> presents the film "How Long Must We Wait," followed by a production of "Lifting as We Climb," a work composed by Joan Szymko to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment. Eight guest readers narrate the history of the fight for equality interspersed with choral accompaniment by Cantilena Women's Voices and members of Voices Rising. A moving experience as part of Arlington's 250th celebrations. <u>Reserve your FREE tickets here</u>.

# Untold Stories of Women's Suffrage

A free event as part of the Arlington 250 celebration

## "Lifting As We Climb"

Choral Performance & Dramatic Reading by Cantilena Women's Chorus, Voices Rising & Guests

"How Long Must We Wait"

with Audience Talkback & Reception

Thursday, June 26, 7PM Arlington Friends of the Drama 22 Academy Street, Arlington, MA

Suggested donation \$10



Co-sponsored by Arlington Friends of the Drama, Cantilena, and the League of Women Voters of Arlington For more information, contact info@afdtheatre.org





## 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 <u>Special Town Meeting 7/14</u> 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 <u>Planning and Land Use Department</u>.

<u>Town of Hamilton Town Center Zoning</u> This includes the latest draft zoning language and related materials.

<u>Project Website</u> 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.

## **UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:**

- <u>Democracy in Your Hands Series</u> (various, through 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:
  - 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"

### OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

**Stay Informed** LWVUS sends an informative bi-weekly newsletter (check out the <u>June 12 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!

