


Pro-Democracy Stand Out (Week 15!)

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

Not much new to share this week - which is not to say there isn't anything going on! The flood of news and cruelty and inflection points in this constitutional crisis continue unabated; we just don't have a lot of local info to share.

Today was a nationwide day of action to honor the legacy of John Lewis on the 5th anniversary of his passing. Many demonstrations and actions were held locally and we'd love to hear about your experience if you joined in! LWVUS was an official partner, so look for some photos and recap at [GoodTroubleLivesOn.org](https://www.GoodTroubleLivesOn.org)

	<p>JOIN US THIS SATURDAY(and <i>EVERY</i> Saturday)!</p> <p>We'll be in front of Winthrop School on Bay Road from 11AM to noon because Democracy is NOT a Spectator Sport and because it feels really good to <i>DO SOMETHING</i> in community!</p> <p>Just SHOW UP! Bring a sign or borrow one – we often have extra signs to share!</p> <p>We appreciate you and your presence is valuable!</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

JULY:

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, July 19, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also July 26!

AUGUST

- **Steering Committee Planning Meeting** Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 PM, Potluck at Dacia's home
- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, August 2, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also August 9, 16, 23 and 30!

WHAT'S NEWS

Stand Out – Week Fourteen Recap:



Saturday the 12th was GORGEOUS! We had a baker's dozen folks enjoy the sunshine and spread the message of protecting democracy and due process. Summer goes fast and weekends are hard, but this one-hour commitment can be truly reinvigorating!

Know Your Rights

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell has published guidance for immigrants, families, and communities regarding ICE enforcement. [Read and share "Know Your Rights: ICE Enforcement" here.](#) [ICYMI: News & Events from LWVMA and Local Leagues](#)

- **LWVMA's virtual event "Open Town Meeting: Remote and Secure"** was held Tuesday, July 8. [Event recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) are now available. Every Town Meeting season, folks across the Commonwealth governed by the Open Town Meeting format raise criticism about access to the vote when voters can't be in person due to schedule conflicts, disabilities, caregiving responsibilities, and more. State law currently requires that Open Town Meetings be conducted on an in-person only basis and this disenfranchises many voters. LWVMA is supporting a bill, H.2274 An Act authorizing remote participation at Town Meeting.
- **LWVMA 2025 Convention Keynote Address** Attorney General Campbell's powerful keynote emphasized the importance of civic engagement, equity, and justice in our democracy. It's now available for you to watch and share.

[Watch the Keynote Address here.](#)

- **LWV of Concord-Carlisle** Harvard political theorist [Danielle Allen](#) was 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. [Watch her address The Future of Democracy here.](#)
- **LWV of Marblehead** had created a document called "[Summer of Democracy, Just DO Something!](#)" Check it out for ideas and suggestions of things you can do to create community and solidarity around democratic ideals.

LWVUS News

- **New Position Adopted** In June 2025, LWV national Board announced the adoption of the [new League position on the Federal Judiciary](#). The position was adopted using the long-standing League practice of grassroots study to arrive at member understanding and agreement. 321 Leagues representing 45 states and the District of Columbia participated in the study.
- **Press Release:** [Unnecessary and Disastrous: LWV Responds to Signing of Budget Reconciliation Package](#)
- **Blog post by Celina Stewart**, CEO of LWVUS: [This Independence Day, Democracy Needs Defenders, Not Cheerleaders](#)

Massachusetts 250

As you make your summer and fall plans, take a look at [Massachusetts250.org](#) for a calendar of commemorations, celebrations, and other events marking 250 years of history and revolution. Learn about the many ways to explore our history of independence and innovation!

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

- **[Democracy in Your Hands Series](#)** (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"

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!

