



LWVHW Weekly Update (and Pro-Democracy Stand Out 🌞 Week 17!)

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

Tomorrow marks the start of August, but summer is just getting into full swing! We hope to see you Saturday in front of Winthrop School as we continue to highlight and push back on governmental overreach and undermining of the US Constitution.

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- **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!**
- **Steering Committee Planning Meeting Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 PM**, Potluck at Dacia's home

SEPTEMBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, September 6, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also **September 13, 20 and 27!**
- **HWRSD Election Monday, September 15, Noon - 8 PM** - Hamilton votes at the Rec Center; Wenham details forthcoming.

WHAT'S NEWS

Stand Out – Week Sixteen Recap:

A small but mighty group of folks stood out on Saturday the 26th. The weather cooperated and we enjoyed the sunshine and spread the message of protecting democracy and due process. We know summer goes fast and weekends are hard—we also know this one-hour commitment can be truly reinvigorating! We hope to see you Saturday!

July 26,
2025



JOIN US THIS SATURDAY(and *EVERY* Saturday)!

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 DO SOMETHING in community!

Just SHOW UP! Bring a sign or borrow one – we often have extra signs to share!

We appreciate you and your presence is valuable!



Join us
Saturdays @ 11 AM – Winthrop School

Bring a sign.
Bring a friend.
Exercise your Rights!



LWV LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS'
OF HAMILTON-WENHAM

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:
 - 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!

