



Weekly Update (and Pro-Democracy Stand Out Week 18!)

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

Here's your weekly reminder that we will be rallying in support of democracy and the rule of law Saturday at 11 AM in front of the Winthrop School.

Bringing visibility to attacks on the Constitution remains important in our community. Courage is contagious! There are many other ways to show support, including the several new calls to action and virtual presentations listed below.

To highlight one topic, media literacy is fundamental to a healthy democracy and we have a chance to push for education around this topic in Massachusetts. Learn more at [MediaLiteracyNow.org](https://MediaLiteracyNow.org) and then [test your media literacy on LWV.org](https://LWV.org)! Consider supporting an amendment to Massachusetts bill S.2561, *An act to promote student learning and mental health*, that would require schools to adopt curricula covering topics such as identifying misinformation, understanding media bias and online safety, and recognizing the social and emotional impacts of digital media use. [Add your voice in support](#) if this resonates with you!

## 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.
- **Constitution Day Wednesday, September 17** *How will you celebrate the 238th birthday of the US Constitution?*

## WHAT'S NEWS

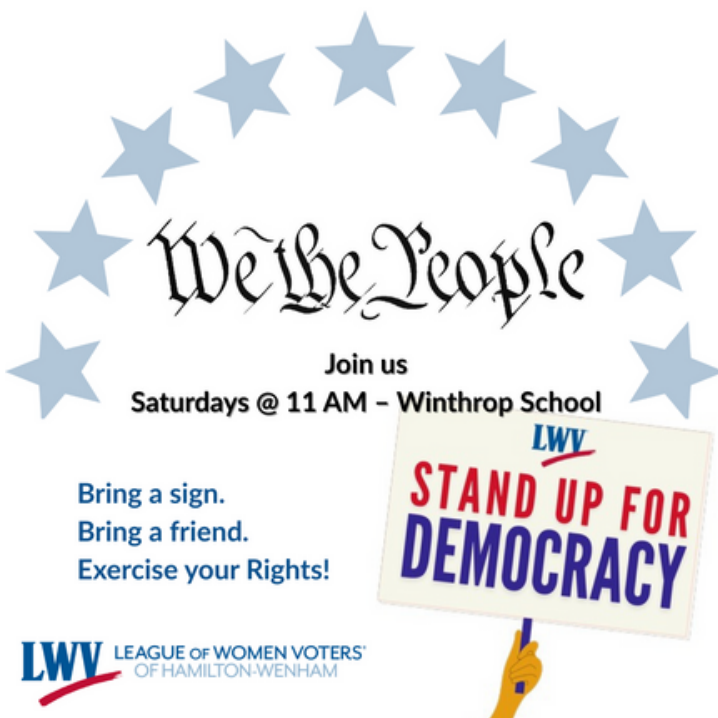
### Stand Out – Week Seventeen Recap:

Our first August Saturday drew a good-sized group with a handful of newcomers joining familiar faces. We have FIVE Saturdays in August! How many of them will find you standing with us in support of due process and the rule of law. Democracy needs engaged citizens to thrive. We know summer is flying by and weekends are hard. We had one couple join us last week who were then heading to Ipswich's protest and from there to the Clambox! Make standing out for democracy part of your invigorating summer weekend ritual. We hope to see you Saturday!



August 2, 2025



 <p><b>We the People</b></p> <p>Join us Saturdays @ 11 AM - Winthrop School</p> <p>Bring a sign. Bring a friend. Exercise your Rights!</p> <p><b>LWV</b> LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAMILTON-WENHAM</p> <p><b>LWV</b> <b>STAND UP FOR</b> <b>DEMOCRACY</b></p>	<p><b>JOIN US THIS SATURDAY</b>(and <i>EVERY</i> Saturday)!</p> <p>We'll be in front of Winthrop School on Bay Road from 11AM to noon because <b>Democracy is NOT a Spectator Sport</b> and because it feels really good to DO <i>SOMETHING</i> in community!</p> <p><b>Just SHOW UP! Bring a sign</b> or borrow one – we often have extra signs to share!</p> <p><b>We appreciate you and your presence is valuable!</b></p>
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## LWVUS News

- **Press Release:** [LWV Statement on Mid-Cycle Redistricting](#)
- **Blog Post:** [Every Year is an Election Year!](#) Read more about why local elections are critical to democracy and how to make your voice heard in local government.
- **Take Action!** Use these handy links to League resources for letter writing and phone call scripts. It's an easy way to take action on issues that matter to you!
  - [Tell Your Representatives to Protect Equal Voting Rights](#)
  - [Hold Congress Accountable for the One Big Beautiful Bill](#)
  - [Tell Your Senators to Oppose the SAVE Act](#)

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

- [Women's Rights are Human Rights: Reflections on UN CSW 69](#) Hear from LWV UN delegates about their experience at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, their global advocacy experience, and what they envision for the future.
- [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!

