



Weekly Update (and Pro-Democracy Stand Out Week 19!)

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

Another week, another opportunity to rally for the rule of law! We hope to see lots of you enjoying the sunshine and the good company at tomorrow's stand out. Speaking of good company, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our fall social at Post coming up on Monday, September 22! We have some new calls to action and virtual learning opportunities below. And for Hamiltonians, a chance to impact your community by stepping up and volunteering to join the Conservation Commission. "This is an important opportunity for civic-minded residents to get involved and help protect Hamilton's natural environment," said Bethany Barstow, Hamilton Conservation Agent. "Without a quorum, the Commission's work is effectively stalled, which can delay projects and impact the town's ability to enforce environmental protections." Read on to learn more!

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, August 16, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also **August 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**!
- **Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 PM**, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham)
- **HWRSD Election Monday, September 15, Noon - 8 PM**, Hamilton votes at the Rec Center; Wenham details forthcoming.
- **SAVE THE DATE! Fall Kick-Off Social Monday, September 22, 6:30 PM**, Post, 16 Bay Road, Hamilton. Join us and bring a friend!
- **Constitution Day Wednesday, September 17** *How will you celebrate the 238th birthday of the US Constitution*

WHAT'S NEWS

Hamilton: Environmental Decisions Delayed Without Conservation Volunteers!

The Hamilton Conservation Commission has vacant volunteer positions. Without enough members to reach a quorum, the Commission is unable to vote or make key decisions required to administer the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Hamilton Wetlands Bylaw. [Learn more about this opportunity to serve your community here!](#) No prior experience is required—just a willingness to learn and a commitment to environmental stewardship.



Interested in protecting Hamilton's natural resources?



Join the Conservation Commission!

The Hamilton Conservation Commission works with residents to comply with state and local laws concerning wetland conservation.

The Commission has 7 appointed seats for 3-year terms, and there are currently 3 vacancies.

We're looking for volunteers like you who are interested in

- a) getting involved in their community and
- b) having a say in conservation topics in Hamilton!

No experience needed.

The Commission meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm on Zoom.


**Learn more by contacting Conservation Agent
Bethany Barstow at bbarstow@hamiltonma.gov.**



Stand Out – Week Eighteen Recap:


Another gorgeous day, another amazing group of folks! Tomorrow looks picture perfect, weather-wise. We hope to see you'll join us for an hour and show your support for the rule of law. When things feel overwhelming, small acts of resistance and community are invigorating!





Join us
Saturdays @ 11 AM – Winthrop School

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



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF HAMILTON-WENHAM

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!

LWVUS News

- **Letter to Congress:** Read a letter from LWV and 51 affiliate Leagues [in support of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#).
- **Press Release:** [LWV Statement on Mid-Cycle Redistricting](#) Learn more about mid-cycle redistricting and defending fair maps with LWVUS's [Mid-Cycle Redistricting Talking Points](#).
- **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

- [Protecting Our Immigrant Communities Campaign](#) (Tuesday, August 19, noon) Join LWVMA's Legislative Action Committee on Immigration for a virtual office hour focused on due process and pro-immigrant bills LWVMA is supporting.
- [Weaponizing the System: How Abusive Litigation Harms Women](#) (Tuesday, August 19, 7 PM) You may recall the crucial legislative win last fall when coercive control was added to the definition of domestic violence. This session, the fight continues for women to be treated fairly in MA Family Court. Hear from women who have experienced the devastating consequences of abusive litigation and learn how [H.1594/S.1205](#) *An Act relative to controlling and abusive legislation*, educates judges, lawyers, and parties on the marks of abusive litigation in the MA Probate and Family Court
- [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"

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Steering Committee Meetings (generally second Tuesdays of the month) Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, at 6 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging** (10 School St., Wenham).

- [Draft Annual Meeting Minutes - June](#)
- [Approved Minutes from May 13](#)

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!

