



Happy Labor Day! Weekly Update (and Pro-Democracy Stand Out Reminder!)

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

With summer winding down, we are gearing up for a busy fall! Stay tuned for details on our Fall Kick-Off Social to be held at The Post on September 22 with a special guest speaker from LWVMA updating us on important due process legislation working its way around Beacon Hill. We'll have light refreshments and there will be a cash bar available. The event is open to all and we plan to have hands-on activities and actions you can take to help preserve and defend due process, so save the date and invite a friend or three!

We'll be out in front of Winthrop School as usual on Saturday at 11 and hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, August 30, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School).

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 votes at Wenham Museum
- **Constitution Day** Wednesday, September 17 *How will you celebrate the 238th birthday of the US Constitution?*
- **LWVMA Day On The Hill: Protect Democracy** Thursday, September 18, 11 AM, Massachusetts State House, Room 428. Details and registration link below.
- **Fall Kick-Off Social** Monday, September 22, 6:30 PM, Post, 16 Bay Road, Hamilton. Join us and bring a friend!

OCTOBER


- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, October 4, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, October 11, 18, and 25!
- **Boston 10K for Women** Saturday, October 11, 9 AM, Boston Common. See details below to join team LWVMA@105!

WHAT'S NEWS

[LWVMA Day on The Hill: Protect Democracy:](#)

Join Leaguers in person for Massachusetts League lobby day, **Day on the Hill: Protect Democracy**, Thursday, September 18 at 11:00 AM in Room 428 at the State House. With your help, we can pass laws in the Commonwealth to defend against federal threats. Now more than ever, it is critical that

advocates and activists focus their sights on state-level action. And nothing makes a bigger impression on legislators than their constituents showing up in person. [Learn more here.](#)

 <p>The poster features the LWV logo and a stylized illustration of the Massachusetts State House dome. The text reads: PROTECT DEMOCRACY, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 11:00 AM, MASSACHUSETTS STATE HOUSE ROOM 428, and DAY ON THE HILL.</p>	<p>The Member Packet contains everything you need to know to ensure a successful day, including the schedule and highlighted bills. Check out the Know Before You Go page for transportation tips. Register HERE before September 10 to ensure we notify your legislators to expect a visit from you. Questions? Contact specialists@lwmma.org or LeagueHW@gmail.com. We can coordinate travel together for HW folks</p>
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Stand Out – Weeks 19 & 20 Recap:

We had two spectacular Saturdays in a row and good turnouts in support of democracy and the rule of law. We hope you'll join us for an hour this weekend—our bonus fifth Saturday in August. When things feel overwhelming, small acts of resistance and community are invigorating!





Boston 10K for Women - Exciting News from LWVMA!

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts turned 105 this year -- and we have made sure that we celebrate this momentous occasion all year long! Through coming together in action and in celebration, we have underlined that the League is more than just a political organization -- it is a community where empowered women empower women.

While we continue this celebration, we have an exciting opportunity that you may have already heard a bit about -- ***we are running in the Boston 10k for Women!***

Our team, **LWVMA@105**, is open to **runners, walkers, joggers** — **anyone who wants to move for a cause**. Our team members have graciously agreed to raise \$1,000 each to support our efforts in ensuring that **every** Bay Stater can go to the ballot box **informed, energized, and be able to vote with ease**.

Ways to Help:

- **Recruit team members** to join the fun! Invite your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors — anyone who supports voting rights, women's empowerment, or just loves a great day out in Boston. Whether you have a neighbor who runs every morning, or you have a group of friends

you walk with on the weekends, ***we need your help to identify women who can help us protect the right to vote***

- **Sign-Up Link:** [Join the team HERE!](#) Whether it's your first 10K or your 50th, everyone is welcome. And we promise good vibes, great company, and some LWVMA swag to show off that civic pride!
- **Check out our team homepage** [HERE](#) to learn more about our current runners, and support them in their efforts to raise funds for our critical work in the democracy and election protection space!

LWVUS News

- **Press Release:** [LWV Statement on Mail-in Ballots and Voting Machines](#) "Free, fair, and accessible elections are the cornerstone of a healthy democracy. President Trump's call to eliminate vote-by-mail is a direct attack on Americans' freedom to vote." Read the full statement [here](#). LWVUS will release talking points when the Executive Order is signed. Stay tuned.
- **Letter to Congress:** Read a letter from LWV and 51 affiliate Leagues [in support of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#).

- **Transcript:** Last week, LWV CEO Celina Stewart spoke at the Chautauqua Institute Lecture series. The series theme was "The Global Rise in Authoritarianism." [Read her remarks on LWV.org.](#)



- **Press Release:** [LWV Statement on Mid-Cycle Redistricting](#) Learn more about mid-cycle redistricting and defending fair maps with LWVUS's **UPDATED** [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

- **[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:
 - 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 1](#)

<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 <i>NOT</i> a Spectator Sport and because it feels really good to DO <i>SOMETHING</i> in community!</p>	
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Just SHOW UP! Bring a sign or borrow one – we often have extra signs to share!

We appreciate you and your presence is valuable!

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!

