



Greetings, September! Weekly Update (and Pro-Democracy Stand Out Reminder!

It's back to school time and we are hitting the ground running this fall! Details on our Fall Kick-Off Social (September 22nd at The Post!) are below. We are excited to welcome LWVMA Advocacy Chair, Jennifer Muroff, who will speak on three important pieces of due process legislation working their way around Beacon Hill. We'll have light refreshments and there will be a cash bar available. We will also have Stand Out poster making! The event is open to all, 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

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

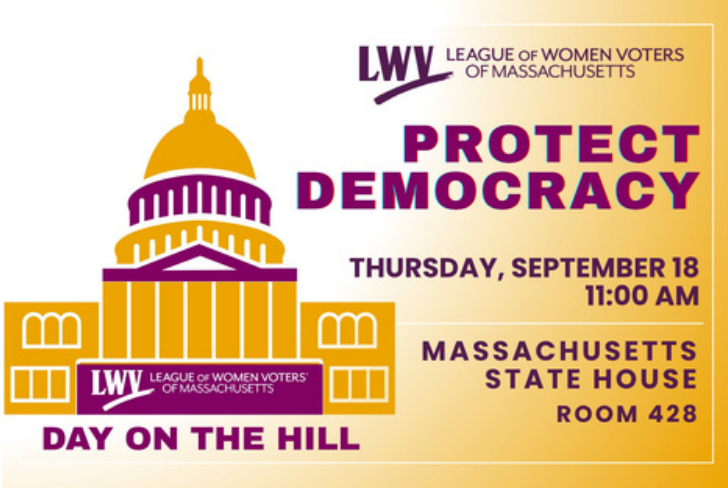
- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, October 4, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, October 11, 18, and 25!
- **Boston 10K for Women** Saturday, October 11, 9 AM, Boston Common. See details below to join team LWVMA@105!
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham)

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 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 – Week 21 Recap:

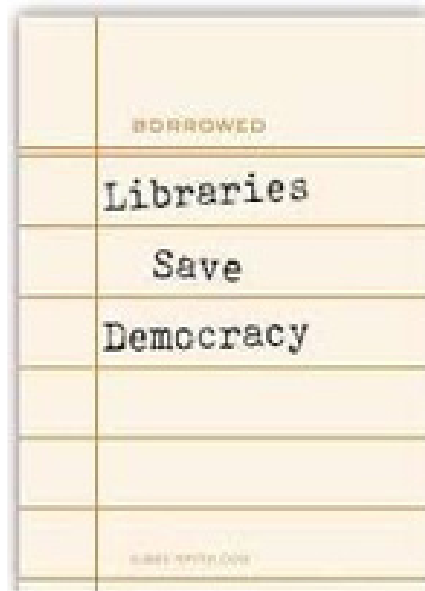
Great energy on a beautiful Labor Day weekend! You know where to find us this week—and every week!—to show your support for the due process and the rule of law. Like any skill or muscle, we need to exercise our rights to keep them strong! Hope to see you there.



American Library Association (ALA) and LWV Release Civic Collaboration Guide

The ALA and the League announce the publication of a [Guide to Civic Collaboration](#), a joint resource to inspire and support year-round civic programming in libraries.

Democracy doesn't end when the polls close! Our system of government is *of*, *by*, and *for* the people and that requires keeping communities connected, informed, and heard. What better partners to tackle this need together! Read LWV's press release [here](#).



Boston 10K for Women - Exciting News from LWVMA!

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts turned 105 this year and have been celebrating all year long! Coming together in action and in celebration, underscores that the League is more than just a political organization -- it is a community where empowered women empower women.

In this celebratory vein, ***we are running in the [Boston 10k for Women!](#)***

The team, **LWVMA@105**, is open to **runners, walkers, joggers — anyone who wants to move for a cause**. 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 YOU Can Help:

- **Recruit team members** to join the fun!
- **Sign-Up Link:** [Join the team HERE!](#)
- **Check out the team homepage** [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!

LWVUS News

- **Press Release:** [USCIS Policy Restricting Voter Registration at Naturalization Ceremonies](#) “For decades, [LWV] has been a trusted partner of both USCIS and federal courts to register new voters at naturalization ceremonies. This work has resulted in hundreds of thousands of new citizens registering to vote with League volunteers across the country. The USCIS decision to bar nonpartisan organizations from providing voter registration services at naturalization ceremonies is an attempt to keep new citizens from accessing their full rights.” Read the full statement [here](#).
- **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

- [ACLU's People Power "Know Your Rights Training"](#) (Friday, September 5, 8 PM) This is our home. This is our community. These are our streets. We will defend them together. Make sure you know your rights when protesting abuses of power.
- [How AI Could Save Our Democratic Institutions](#) (Wednesday, September 10, 5 PM)

Artificial intelligence has emerged as a potential threat to democratic institutions, but is there a case to be made that we can choose to use these powerful tools to reinforce rather than undermine our democracy? Hear from Beth Simone Noveck, professor at Northeastern University, director of the [Burnes Center for Social Change](#) and its partner project, [The Governance Lab](#), and author of the new book *Reboot Democracy: How AI Can Save Our Institutions*.



This Zoom presentation is part of LWV of Maine's series "Let's Talk About Digital Threats to Democracy," presented in partnership with LWV of Alaska and LWV of Colorado.

- [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"

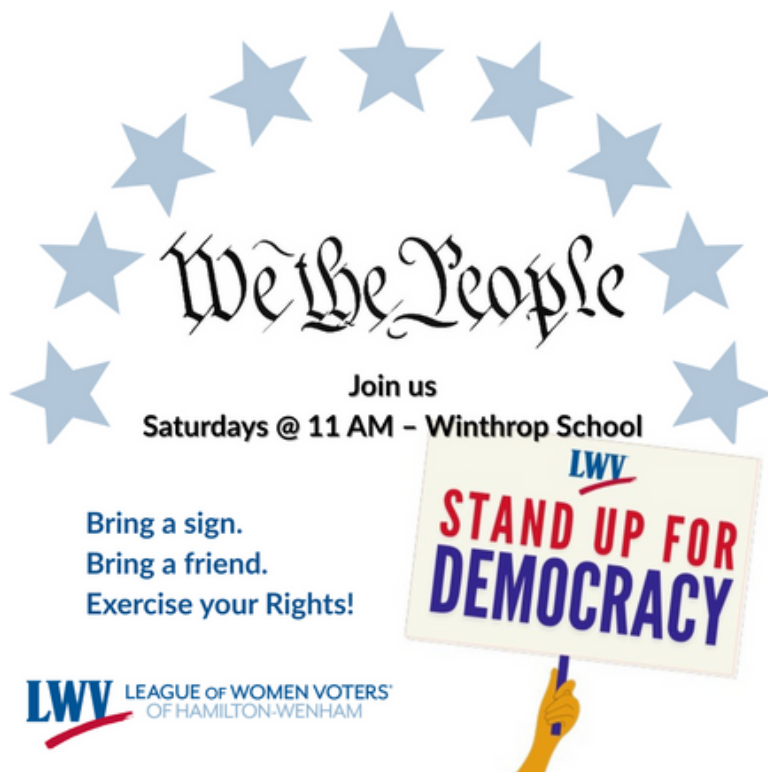
OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

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 13](#)

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!

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!



