

Join us Tomorrow for Our Pro-Democracy Stand Out Saturday 9/27!

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

Hamilton will be hopping tomorrow with the Children's Business Fair happening at Winthrop. Stop in and check out the amazing young entrepreneurs and then come across Bay Road and stand with us in support of democracy, free speech, and the rule of law!

Our Fall Kick-Off Social was a lot of fun and filled with great information and conversation. Stay tuned for more information on actions you can take to ensure due process for all.

Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to renew. You should have received both a written notice of renewal with a QR code from LWVUS and an email from us if your membership has lapsed. Thanks for your patience as the League transition so this new membership platform nationally. If you have any questions about your membership status, please reach out (<a href="LeagueHW@gmail.com">LeagueHW@gmail.com</a>) or check the <a href="Membership Portal">Membership Portal</a>!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES**

#### SEPTEMBER

 Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, September 27, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, ACROSS FROM Winthrop School due to the Children's Business Fair).

#### 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, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham)

#### NOVEMBER

• Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, November 1, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, November 8, 15, 22 and 29!

# WHAT'S NEWS

### Fall Kick-Off Social Recap

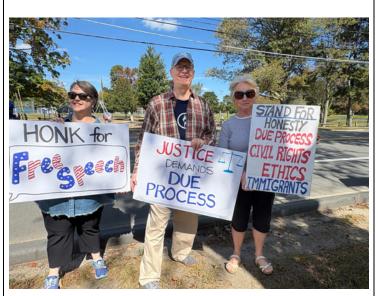
We enjoyed a lovely evening at Post on Monday with several League members, our three MA state reps, and Jennifer Muroff from LWVMA who gave us great information and resources on three due process

bills working their way through the state legislature. Watch this space for actionable information from Jen's presentation!



Stand Out - Week 24 Recap

Another beautiful Saturday with a nice show of support! We hope you will make time tomorrow to join us!









#### **LWVUS News**

- Read: <u>Trump administration blocks groups from voter registration at naturalization</u>
   <u>ceremonies</u> LWVUS CEO, Celina Stewart, was featured in an NPR story about the harm of USCIS'
   revised policy on organizations registering new citizens to vote at registration ceremonies. Read the
   article:.
- Watch: <u>Cultivating Champions for Democracy</u> The League of Women Voters and members from across the country discuss the importance of preserving and defending our democracy in our current political climate. Hear from LWV's CEO, Celina Stewart, and speakers, including Sen. Alex Padilla (CA).

- **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!
  - o <u>Tell Congress to Oppose Federal Interference in DC</u>
  - o Tell Congress to Guarantee the Right to Vote
  - Hold Congress Accountable for the One Big Beautiful Bill
  - o Tell Your Senators to Oppose the SAVE Act
- Letters, Memos & Press Releases:
  - o LWV Files Amicus Brief in Support of Fair Maps in Louisiana v. Callais
  - <u>League of Women Voters Statement on USCIS Policy Restricting Voter Registration at</u>
     Naturalization Ceremonies
  - o League to Governors: Protect Communities, Draw Equitable Mid-Cycle Maps
  - o <u>LWV Condemns Harmful Texas Gerrymandered Maps</u>
  - o <u>LWV Statement on Mail-in Ballots and Voting Machines</u>
- Subscribe: Want weekly updates on LWVUS activities beyond the ones highlighted here?
   Subscribe to <u>League Update!</u>

#### **UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS**

- Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI) ORI seeks to ensure that all
  immigrants are welcomed to the Commonwealth, achieve success, and are fully included in the
  economic, civic, and social fabric of Massachusetts. They are hosting two Zoom sessions for
  potential volunteers called "What Can I Do to Help?" Registration links:
  - o Friday, September 26, noon
  - o Monday, September 29, 5 PM
- <u>Democracy in Your Hands Series</u> (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:
  - October 22, 3:30 to 5 PM: "Building Coalitions to Amplify Action"

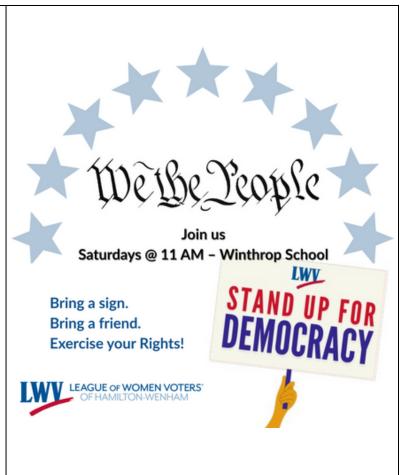
#### OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Steering Committee Meetings (generally second Tuesdays of the month) Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging (10 School St., Wenham).

- Draft Meeting Minutes from September 9
- Approved Minutes from August 12

# **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 <u>sign up for our</u> <u>periodic email updates</u>. Thanks for helping build our community!

