



Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

Welcome to Standard Time It takes a little longer to adjust each season it seems, but Tuesday's record-breaking voter turnout was a shot in the arm! It is invigorating to see voters so empowered and engaged, especially in an "off-cycle" year. NYC's turnout was the highest recorded since 1969! Voters in line to vote in CA when the polls closed stayed in line to cast their ballot even after the only item on their ballot had been declared. The right to vote is precious and powerful. We hope you'll join us tomorrow at 11 for our 31st weekly pro-democracy Stand Out!

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, November 8, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **November 15, 22 and 29!**
- **Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 PM**, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham). All members welcome!

DECEMBER

- ***NEW DATE* Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 6:30 PM**, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham) All members welcome!
- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, December 6, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **December 13, 20, and 27!**
- **Hamilton Special Town Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 7 PM**, HWRHS (775 Bay Rd., Hamilton)

2026...it's right around the corner!

- **LWV Night at Suffs Thursday, March 19, 7:30 PM**, Emerson Colonial Theatre (106 Boylston St., Boston). Details below.

WHAT'S NEWS

Welcome NEW and Returning League Members!

We recently welcomed new member **Sally K** from Danvers and returning members **Tess L** and **Henrietta G** from Hamilton! Thanks, all, for joining our work informing and empowering voters and defending democracy. **Happy to have you here!**

DID YOU KNOW? We welcome members from outside of HW! If you have friends in surrounding communities that do not have a local League of their own, they can join LWVHW or join LWVMA as a member at large. If you know someone who'd like to become a member, [point them to our website.](#)

Government Shutdown

At 37 days, the current government shutdown is now the longest in history, surpassing the 35-day shutdown in the first Trump administration. It is long-established League policy to “support income assistance programs to prevent or reduce poverty and to promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families.” (Learn more about LWV positions in [2024-26 Impact on Issues: A Guide to Public Policy Positions of the League of Women Voters](#).) This includes supporting income assistance, based on need, to provide “decent, adequate standards for food, clothing, and shelter.” These basic human needs are under threat since Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payments were suspended on November 1.

 WE ARE HERE FOR YOU Worried about the impending delay in SNAP benefits? Visit Acord Food Pantry (69 Willow St, Hamilton) during our open hours: Wednesdays, 9:30AM-11AM, Thursdays, 10AM-11AM & 6:30PM-7:30PM, Saturdays, 9AM-11AM. You can pick up food during your initial visit. Our pantry is 100% choice - you can pick the fresh & non-perishable food that's right for you and your family. All are welcome, no questions asked. Need to arrange an alternative time to visit? Contact us: acord.director@gmail.com 978-468-7424 Visit www.AcordFoodPantry.org	Yesterday's federal court ruling that mandates the government issue "full SNAP payments within 24 hours" is hopeful, but there is still an urgent local need to meet. There are many ways to help local families, including donating food or funds to Acord Food Pantry in Hamilton Donations are collected at Acord (69 Willow Street, Hamilton) every Wednesday from 4-6 PM. There are also collection bins at the HW Library and in the lobby of the Hamilton Public Safety building. Additionally, monetary donations can be made online, via Venmo (@AcordFoodPantry), or mailed to PO Box 2203, S. Hamilton, MA 01982.
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If you have friends outside the area who are in need of help or looking for ways to support access to food, LWVUS has shared information on mutual aid networks:

- Find a local mutual aid network with this [interactive map](#).
- Learn how to [create a mutual aid network](#).

Stand Out – Week 30

We kicked off November with another gorgeous fall Saturday and were joined by 15 staunch defenders of democracy at last weekend's Stand Out! We will be out there again this Saturday to stand up for the Constitution and the rule of laws. Come spend an hour in community with us!



November 1, 2025

Hamilton Special Town Meeting

Hamilton is holding a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, December 9, at 7 PM at the High School. The warrant has not been released, but one key article is a zoning bylaw for Gordon Conwell Seminary property to enable sale of campus apartments to a private developer. Watch the [Clerk's page](#) for details.

The last day to register to vote at this STM is Friday, November 28. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 5 PM that day. Register online or check your current registration at www.VoteInMA.com.

LWVMA Night at Suffs



LWVMA is thrilled to invite you to an unforgettable evening celebrating the past, present, and future of women's rights and civic engagement. On Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 7:30 PM the League will gather for a special performance of the Tony Award-winning musical, *Suffs*, at the Emerson Colonial Theatre in Boston. Join LWVMA for an evening at the theater that honors the trailblazers that came before us and the movement that we continue together.

[More information and ticket purchase link HERE.](#)

LWVUS News

- **Recording:** [Behind-the-Scenes of Elections](#) Watch a recording of a screening and LWV panel discussion of the 2024 film *The Officials*, a short documentary by filmmakers Margo Guernsey and Sara Archambault. (Passcode: NgT8PAd%)
- **The Power of [Uniting in Peaceful Protest](#)** As we face a critical moment in US history, there are countless ways people can defend democracy. [Read this LWV blog post](#) for a boost of energy and inspiration about the role of peaceful protest in promoting change.
- **[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 Congress to End the Shutdown](#)
 - [Tell Your Representatives to Protect Equal Voting Rights](#)
 - [Tell Your Senators to Oppose the SAVE Act](#)
- **Letters, Memos & Press Releases:**
 - [League Urges Speaker Johnson to Swear In Congresswoman-elect Grijalva](#)
 - [League of Women Voters Denounces Federal Militarization of Illinois Communities](#)
- **Subscribe:** Want weekly updates on LWVUS activities beyond the ones highlighted here? Subscribe to [League Update](#)!

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

- **[“Practicing DEI in These Times” - LWVMA DEI Peer Discussion Group](#)** (Thursday, November 13, 2025, 7 PM via Zoom) [Register here](#) for a presentation by LWVMA Board Co-President Courtney Henderson. Topics include: addressing fear around practicing DEI, understanding DEI beyond race, strategies for practicing DEI in the current environment, building coalitions with outside organizations, and approaches to addressing microaggressions.

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 Agenda for November 11](#)
- [Approved Meeting Minutes from September 9](#)

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!

