



LWVHW Weekly Update

Greetings, Leaguers and Friends!

As we paused to honor the service of our military veterans this week, LWVUS published senior staff member Na'ilah Amaru's excellent blog post, [Protecting the Rights of Women in the Military](#). How does this connect to the League? Amaru points out that "the League's mission is to defend democracy—and that includes defending the people who serve to protect it. Women's full participation in the military...[is] a matter of democratic equity. When women's voices are excluded from the nation's security institution, our democracy is weaker, not stronger." Read the post to learn how to take action to support veterans and understand the impact of rolling back hard-won progress. Veterans Day may roll around once a year, but supporting the rights of our service members and veterans should be a year-round effort.

We hope to see you at the Stand Out this week!

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

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

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. A few members are already signed up!

WHAT'S NEWS

Welcome NEW and Returning League Members!

We recently welcomed new member **Karyn H** from Hamilton! Thanks for joining our work informing and empowering voters and defending democracy. **Happy to have you here!**

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Membership is open to ANYONE 16 years of age or older, regardless of gender.**

- We also 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

An agreement has been reached and the spending bill signed into law, funding the government through January. We are relieved the government has reopened and critical services are resuming, but this record-length shut down did a lot of damage.

“Millions of Americans were deprived of their paychecks, and basic human needs hung in the balance—all while our elected leaders continued to get paid, but failed to secure long-term solutions that support working families and strengthen our democracy,” [says LWV CEO Celina Stewart in a press release](#).

 Visit www.AcordFoodPantry.org	As SNAP payments start to flow again, 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 31

Saturday the 8th started out gloomy, but cleared to sunny blue skies mid-stand out. We had 10 smiling and peaceful participants, including one new face! We will be out there again this Saturday to stand up for the Constitution and the rule of law. Come spend an hour in community with us!

November 8, 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

● **Letters, Memos & Press Releases:**

- [League Statement on the Reopening of the Federal Government](#)
- [LWVUS Submits Comments to EPA Opposing Eliminating the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program](#)
- [Court Strikes Down Key Part of Trump's Unlawful EO, Permanently Blocking Show-Your-Papers Requirement](#)

- **Subscribe:** Want weekly updates on LWVUS activities beyond the ones highlighted here? Subscribe to [League Update](#)!

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, December 2, at 6:30 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging** (10 School St., Wenham).

- [Approved Meeting Minutes from October 14](#)

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!

