



## LWVHW Weekly Update

Season's greetings, Leaguers and friends! No email update next week, so this is the last one for 2025! What a year it has been. Some very high highs and some very low lows. We are grateful for all our members and supporters and could not do our work without you. As you reflect on what mattered in 2025 and what you'd like to prioritize in 2026, we hope LWVHW is part of your plans! A member recently shared the concept of surviving macro grief by cherishing micro joys. The holidays can be hard to get through in the wake of lost loved ones. Micro joys can take many forms: savoring a holiday memory, sharing a laugh or a good meal, taking a walk in the silence of the snow. Noticing the small things that bring joy is healing. Similarly, the fear, anger, and sadness so many of us feel at the anti-democratic, unjust, and inhumane actions we witness on a near daily basis causes and exacerbates a different grief. The concept of letting the little lights shine bright – embracing the micro joys – can help fortify us in this darkness as well. Our weekly hour standing out in pro-democracy solidarity is definitely a micro joy. Come share it with us – or drive by and cheer us on!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, December 20, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **December 27!**

### JANUARY

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, January 3, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **January 10, 17, 24, and 31!**
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, January 13, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham) All members welcome!

### FEBRUARY

- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham) All members welcome!
- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, February 7, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **February 14, 21, and 28!**

### MARCH

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, March 7, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **February 14, 21, and 28!**
- **LWV Night at Suff's** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 PM, Emerson Colonial Theatre (106 Boylston St., Boston). Details below. A few members are already signed up! Will you join us

## WHAT'S NEWS

### Stand Out – Week 36

'Tis (always!) the season to defend democracy! As the year winds down, we'd love to have your company in between errands. On these cold days, even if you can just stand out for 10 or 15 minutes, we will welcome you with a hearty hello and a warm smile. You bring the hats and gloves, and we have the signs!



Stand Out December 13, 2025

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](#)

Email [LeagueHW@gmail.com](mailto:LeagueHW@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and want to travel together!

## LWVMA News

- [2026 Ballot Question Reminder](#) LWVMA will issue positions on the November 2026 Ballot Questions in early 2026, after the initial signature threshold deadline of December 3. Members are welcome to take action as individuals until then. Local Leagues may not take action as a League, including but not limited to, endorsements, outreach, or other forms of volunteerism, until the LWVMA board has determined positions on the ballot questions. The exception to this timeline is the ballot question to repeal the recently-passed gun law, which is already on the ballot. LWVMA will participate in the [Vote Yes for a Safe Massachusetts](#) campaign to defeat the Massachusetts Firearm Regulations Referendum (2026). [Learn more here.](#)
- [Major Article V Convention Victory in the Legislature](#) A joint resolution to rescind all previous legislative calls for a convention to amend the US Constitution passed both chambers November 19. [Learn more here.](#)

## LWVUS News

- **Letters, Memos & Press Releases:**
  - [LWV of Maine Successfully Intervenes in Justice Department Lawsuit in Defense of Voter Privacy](#) *United States v. Bellows* is one of 18 lawsuits the Justice Department has filed since September against states demanding their complete voter files. The court has granted a motion allowing LWV of Maine to represent members and Maine voters in this “case of overreach by the federal government.”
  - [LWV and Free Speech for People Applaud Judgment for Plaintiffs in NH Voter Intimidation Lawsuit](#), a case considered to be the first of its kind in the country.
  - “The President’s suggestion that lawmakers should face death for upholding the rule of law is not political rhetoric—it’s an authoritarian threat that shatters every democratic norm.” Read more in LWV’s [Statement on President Trump’s Claim that Lawmakers’ Dissent Equals ‘Seditious Behavior’](#)
- **Blog:** In the vein of year-end look backs, LWV has released [5 Major Moments Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy in 2025](#). “There are some years we’re certain will go down in the history books – 2025 was one of them.” That’s perhaps an understatement! Read what the

League's takeaways are from this year of "challenges to both our democracy and our spirit...a year when everyday voters showed up by the millions to fight from a country by and for the people."

- **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, January 13, at 6:30 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging** (10 School St., Wenham).

- [Approved Meeting Minutes from November 11](#)

## 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

