



LWVHW Update - Welcome to 2026!

Welcome to 2026, Leaguers and friends! We are rested and ready to meet the new year! It's so important to know where we have come from and what we are fighting for. The nation observed the 5-year anniversary of the January 6 insurrection earlier this week and LWV CEO Celina Stewart shared some meaningful reflections in her online piece, "[Five Years After the Insurrection: A Constitutional Crisis, Then v. Now](#)". Take a moment to read it and reflect on where we are and what lies ahead.

As she says, "Our mission and our history demand that the League of Women Voters do absolutely everything within our power to make 2026 the year we save our democracy, not the year we condemn it." This will require concerted efforts at the national, state, and local levels. We can do it – together. Will you join us?

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, January 10, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **January 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, **March 14, 21, and 28!**
- **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! Will you join us?

WHAT'S NEWS

Stand Out – Holidays Edition

Weeks 38 and 39 were cold and busy holiday schedules maybe kept folks away, but a hearty, committed few held space and made our voices heard. The start of 2026 has seen a very difficult several days for due process, the rule of law, and exercise of constitutional power. Join us this Saturday, January 10, at 11 am in front of Winthrop School to recommit to our First Amendment right to freedom of speech and assembly.



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 if you plan to attend and want to travel together!

LWVMA News

- [Vote Yes for a Safe Massachusetts Campaign](#) LWVMA is participating in the [Vote Yes for a Safe Massachusetts](#) campaign to defeat the Massachusetts Firearm Regulations Referendum (2026). [Learn more here.](#)

LWVUS News

- **Blog:** "In some ways, 2021 feels worlds away from where we are now. In others, it feels like it could have been yesterday. Or it could be tomorrow." LWV CEO Celina Stewart shares her reflections in [Five Years After the Insurrection: A Constitutional Crisis, Then v. Now.](#)
- **Blog:** Year-end look back! 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!

