



LWVHW Weekly Update - Join us TOMORROW!

Greetings, Leaguers and friends! It's been an intense couple of weeks.

There is a LOT of information below – opportunities to be together with Leaguers in community (including our upcoming potluck!) and highlights of the important work being done by the state and US Leagues. **Your membership and dues** support this important work and the League continues to use its voice and its clout to speak up in defense of democracy and the rule of law, demanding restraint and accountability from federal agencies. We hope to see you at our weekly Stand Out or at another upcoming event - in person or virtually!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### JANUARY

- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, January 17, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also, **January 24**, and **31**!
- **Advocacy 101 for Local Leagues** Tuesday, January 27, 7 PM, Zoom. [Register here](#). More details below.
- **Plastics: the Mounting Threat to Public Health** Wednesday, January 28, 4 PM, Zoom. [Register here](#). More details below.
- **NOMINATION PAPERS NOW AVAILABLE!** Due back by Thursday, February 26, 5 PM
- **VOTE BY MAIL Application now available** Application available online [HERE](#). Complete and return to your Town Clerk.

### FEBRUARY

- **\*SAVE THE DATE\* Pot Luck** Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham) All members and friends 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**!
- **LWVMA New Member Mingle** Tuesday, February 24, 7 PM, Zoom. [Register here](#). More details below.
- **Nomination Papers Deadline** Thursday, February 26, 5 PM Papers need to be returned to your Town Clerk's office by this deadline.

### 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**!
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham) All members welcome!
- **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 – Week 40](#)

We were 35 people strong on Saturday, January 10th! Energy was high with the increased federal overreach last week. We had a great response from passersby, as usual, and were treated to an amazing "Rolling Rally" of three decorated vehicles that made a couple of passes and honked in support. The lead car had a gentleman in the passenger seat with a sign on his door that read "WWII Vets for Democracy." WWII vets: the last of the original anti-fascist (antifa!) warriors.



Join us **TOMORROW, January 17th**. We have some new signs and some new motivation. Wrap up warm! Remember, there's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!



### 2026 Annual Town Meeting & Town Election Calendars

Town Meeting and Election will be here before we know it! Get all the information you need about 2026 election dates and nomination paper deadlines, along with lists of positions up for election in April from your Town Clerk.

- [Hamilton 2026 Annual Town Meeting & Town Election Calendar](#)
- [Wenham 2026 Annual Town Meeting & Town Election Calendar](#)

There are about a dozen elected positions in each town up for election. Interested in running for something? Use the links above to find out what positions are available, check out our [LWVHW Guide to Running for Office](#), and make an appointment with your Town Clerk to pull nomination papers! Democracy is not a spectator sport.

### LWVMA Night at Suff's





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.](#)

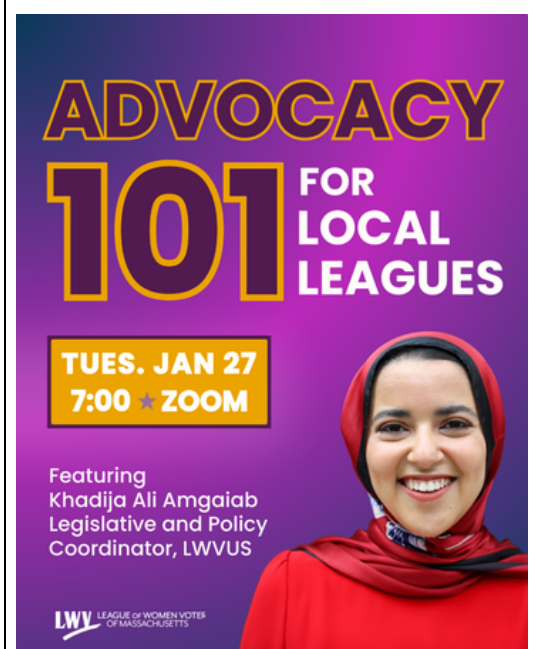
Email [LeagueHW@gmail.com](mailto:LeagueHW@gmail.com) if you plan to attend and want to travel together!

## LWVMA News

- [Burlington ICE Action Bearing Witness](#) stands in solidarity outside the ICE Operations Office in Burlington, MA, every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Justice 4 All standouts also happen every Thursday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, same location and instructions as Wednesday. The League is not an official sponsor of these events, but encourages attendance. [Information here.](#)
- [Advocacy 101 for Local Leagues](#)

How can your Local League take action at the local, state, and national levels on issues that matter? How do you advocate on national issues? What are the guidelines for working on state bills? When can your League weigh in on town warrant articles? Do you need to conduct a study?

Join LWVMA on **Tuesday, January 27, at 7 PM** via Zoom for Advocacy 101 for Local Leagues featuring Khadija Ali Amgaib, Legislative and Policy Coordinator for the LWVUS. [Register here.](#)



- [New Member Mingle](#) LWVMA invites all members to their first **New Member Mingle** on **Tuesday, February 24 at 7 PM on Zoom**. LWVMA will present a brief overview of its work,

including staff, state Board, state committees, and local Leagues, followed by small-group conversations and a quick look at upcoming events. Whether you are a new member or simply would like to connect, this session will be useful! **Non-member friends are also invited.**

[Register here.](#)

- [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.](#)
- [What Democracy Means in Everyday Life](#) LWVMA has added a new episode to this series, "[Indirect Taxation without Representation: A Conversation About Tariffs](#)" All episodes are available to watch on YouTube

## **LWVUS News**

- **Press Releases:**

- [Immigration Appropriations Sign-on Letter](#) LWVUS joined a letter to Congress opposing additional funding for ICE and Border Patrol and urging that a DHS appropriations bill have immigration enforcement restraints and accountability.
- [LWVUS Joins Comments to Oppose Public Charge Proposed Rule](#) The League joined 725 national, state, and local organizations in commenting on the 2022 public charge regulation, opposing a DHS-backed proposed change which threatens the well-being of people in immigrant families.
- [Federal Court Dismisses DOJ Lawsuit Seeking California Voter Data](#) A win in the fight to protect voters' sensitive personal information from illegal federal overreach.
- [LWV, ACLU, Broad Coalition Urge Supreme Court to Reject Novel Reading of "Election Day" Statutes that would Disenfranchise Mail Voters](#) "This RNC is asking the Court to radically rewrite federal law in a way that would dismantle more than a century of election administration and silence eligible voters through no fault of their own," said LWV CEO Celina Stewart.
- [LWV joins LULAC and Common Cause in Calling for Congressional Investigation Into Recent Federal Immigration Enforcement Actions](#) LWV CEO Celina Stewart reminds us, "No federal agency is above the law, and the League of Women voters will stand with the American people to defend constitutional rights and demand accountability."
- **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.](#)
- **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, March 10, at 6:30 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging** (10 School St., Wenham). NOTE: In lieu of February's meeting, we will have a potluck - all are invited!

- [Approved Meeting Minutes from December 2](#)

## 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!

