



Greetings, Leaguers and friends!

Looks like Saturday will be sunny ahead of another potential Sunday snowstorm! We had a couple of dozen folks in -8 windchill last week. We need to keep exercising our First Amendment rights and standing up for the rule of law and due process.

Why do we persist in standing out? "The League of Women Voters reaffirms that the rights outlined in the Constitution belong to all people, without exception. We will not accept policies or practices that suppress civic participation, weaponize enforcement, or undermine fundamental rights and human dignity." Good reminder from LWVUS this week.

There are a few MA and US Action Alerts listed below. Phone calls WORK. Hungry for a success story? Governor Healey signed Executive Order 650 yesterday limiting cooperation with ICE and banning them from making civil arrests in state facilities. For more info, [read the press release](#). As of three days prior to this action, the Protecting MA Communities Campaign coalition received word that the Governor was receiving more pro ICE calls than anti at the moment and worked hard to turn that tide. LWVMA is part of that coalition and our voices matter.

Read on for more League action and inspiration! We hope to see you at our [Winter Potluck Social](#) on the 10th – RSVP today and put it on your calendar!

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, January 31, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School - snow banks may mean moving to the Patton Park side of the street).
- **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

- **Winter Potluck Social 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!
- ***SOLD OUT* LWV Night at Suffs** Thursday, March 19, 7:30 PM, Emerson Colonial Theatre (106 Boylston St., Boston).

WHAT'S NEWS

Winter Potluck Social



Meet neighbors and enjoy dinner and engaging conversation in small groups. Be sure to bring any questions you have about the League!

We will provide soup, chili, and beverages. Vegetarian options will be available. Participants are invited to bring food to share, but not required!

[RSVP via SignUp Genius here](#). Questions? Call or text Bethany at 914-953-7061. We look forward to seeing you!

Stand Out – Week 42

Brrr...!!! Minus 8 degrees with the windchill made for a challenging stand out, but we had a good crowd! Remember to wrap up warm again if you are joining us this weekend, and join us for however long you can stand the cold!



Join us **TOMORROW, January 31st**. We have signs and solidarity to share. Wrap up warm! Remember, there's no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing!



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.

***SOLD OUT* [LWVMA Night at Suffs](#)**



LWVMA is hosting 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.

✉ Email LeagueHW@gmail.com if you have tickets 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](#).
- [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](#).
- [Action Alert: Protect our Data Privacy](#) Ask your representative to push the Data Privacy Act forward. [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

- **ACTION ALERT:** [Tell Congress That Federal Immigration Enforcement Has Gone Too Far](#) We need you to stand with the League and demand Congress act to reject additional funding, investigate the use of force, and protect civilians' constitutional right to protest and assemble. [Letter writing template](#) is available at this link.
- **Press Releases:**
 - [Statement from the LWV on Federal Immigration Enforcement and the Erosion of Constitutional Rights](#) The League reaffirms that the rights outlined in the Constitution belong to all people, without exception.
 - [LWV Condemns Unwarranted Federal Presence and Military Escalation in Minnesota](#) Read a joint statement from LWVUS and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota condemning the undermining of public safety, intimidation, suppression, and misuse of executive power.
 - [LWV joins LULAC and Common Cause in Calling on Congress to Investigate ICE and CBP Use of Force](#) LWVUS joined a letter to Congress calling for immediate investigations, emergency oversight hearings, and limits on future funding unless meaningful reforms are enacted to address ICE and CBP use of force and prevent further loss of life. [Read the letter here.](#)
 - [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.
 - [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.
- **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!

