



Happy September, Leaguers and friends!

We are back and geared up after an unplanned hiatus! We are switching back to a monthly format with bulletins in-between as things come up, and there is lots of League action and inspiration below. We hope to see many of you on Saturdays at our weekly Stand Out in front of Winthrop School from 11-12!

Now that the primaries are behind us, we are putting all our efforts into planning for the Midterms.

To this end, we have a new initiative we are calling **Weekly Action: Midterms or WAM!**

As you know, the midterm election is **seven short weeks out on Tuesday, November 3rd!** We depend on all our members and friends to carry out our mission of empowering voters and defending democracy. We need you to help get out the vote!

This is where WAM comes in. For the next seven Tuesdays we will be sending out simple yet impactful action emails with specific things you can do to **help turn out an informed electorate on November 3rd!** The email will include a link to report when you have completed an action and provide feedback, action suggestions, and ideas for how to strengthen this collective effort.

As always, thank you for your support of LWVHW and our democracy!

WAM Midterm Weekly Actions - Week 1:

- **Action 1:** [Check your voter registration](#). Make sure you are registered to vote. The deadline to register for the November 3rd election is October 24th! Click to report completion: [DONE!](#)
- **Action 2:** Forward the link above by text or email to three friends. Ask them to make sure they are registered and remind them of the deadline. Click to report completion: [DONE!](#)
- Do you have feedback on these actions or ideas for the coming weeks? [Let us know!](#)

The League in Action - winning in the fight for voter rights

Did you see today's news that the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and the LWVUS, together with other nonpartisan voter service and civic organizations, has scored a major win for voting rights, election integrity, and democracy? The U.S. Supreme Court's decision today means that all 50 states can continue to use their existing processes for mail voting, which have proven for decades to be safe, secure, and reliable. [Read the full press release.](#)

Every member of our League is a part of this victory. Your dues directly support actions like this to protect voting rights and fight for your rights. If you are not yet a member but would like to support actions like this, [Join us today!](#)

Important election-related dates for Massachusetts voters:

- Mid-September - Vote by Mail Postcards mailed
- Mid-September - Ballot Question "Red Books" Sent
- October 17-30, 2026 - Early Voting Period
- October 24, 2026 - Last Day to Register to Vote
- October 27, 2026 - Vote by Mail Application Deadline
- October 27, 2026 - Absentee Ballot Deadline
- November 3, 2026 - Massachusetts State Election (Midterms)

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, September 19, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, in front of Winthrop School). Also **Sept 26!**
- Also on Sept 19th, you can find us at the **Hamilton Public Safety Day!** We will be sharing voting information and helping people check their registrations. **Saturday, September 19 in front of the Hamilton Fire Department, 10 am - 2 pm.** If you would like to help staff the table, please email Dacia at dacia.rubel@outlook.com and let her know when you can help.
- **Speaker Series (virtual): Let's Talk About Digital Threats to Democracy** in cooperation with the LWV of Alaska. **Tuesday, Sept 22nd 5-6 pm Eastern time.** Bruce Schneier and Nathan E. Sanders, authors of the recent book, *Rewiring Democracy*, present an informative and wide-ranging exploration of how AI will alter every facet of democracy, and how to harness the technology to distribute rather than concentrate power. See more detail and register [here](#).
- **Voting is No Joke, A Voting Variety Show** (see flyer below) **Wednesday, Sept**

23rd FREE evening of entertainment reminding us all why voting matters. **7 - 8:30 pm at the Cabot Theatre** in Beverly. Doors open at 6 pm.

OCTOBER

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31**, 11 am - noon in front of Winthrop Elementary, Bay Road
- **MA 2nd District Candidates Forum** - save the date: **Monday, October 5th**, details to follow.

VOTING IS NO JOKE!



WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 23
7-8:30 PM

FREE EVENT
THE CABOT, BEVERLY

Community resource tables will
offer info about voting issues
beginning at 6:00 PM

• A Voting Variety Show •

Join comedian John McClellan, storyteller Judith Black,
folk singer Tom Smith, Voters' Voices Chorus, and others
for a one-of-a-kind evening!

LIVE MUSIC • COMEDY • STORYTELLING
TRIVIA & PRIZES

~Community Resource Tables~

Yes for a Safe Massachusetts • Ranked Choice Voting Beverly • The States Project
Endicott Center for Civic Participation • Hamilton/Wenham League of Women Voters

Whether you're a lifelong voter or about to cast your first ballot, come
enjoy an entertaining evening that reminds us all why voting matters.

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WHAT'S NEWS

Election Call to Action!

Our LWV Hamilton-Wenham Steering Committee has agreed that our main focus for the Fall of 2026 will be on election-related topics: seeking ways to engage HW voters, registering voters/confirming registrations, sharing info on voting rights to counteract any confusion, informing voters of ballot questions, and increasing voter turnout in both towns for the Midterms.

We would love to have your help! If you are interested in working with us, please email leaguehw@gmail.com and we'll be in touch!

Did you know you can Track the Status of Your Mail-In Ballot?

Are you voting by mail for the Midterms? Track your mail-in ballot [HERE](#). This tool on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website shows you when your mail-in ballot was mailed out by your local election office and it also tracks when your completed ballot was received by the office if you already mailed it back.

Stand Out for Democracy

Last Saturday was the 75th week (Diamond Jubilee!) that we have been standing out in defense of democracy and the rule of law!! We are there every week with signs you can borrow, or bring one with your own message!

Pictures from our 65th July 4th Stand Out



LWVMA News

- **[Vote Yes for a Safe Massachusetts Campaign](#)** LWVMA is participating in the [Vote Yes on 9 for a Safe Massachusetts](#) campaign to defeat the Massachusetts Firearm Regulations Referendum (2026). [Learn more here](#).
- **[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](#).
- **[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

- **Articles shared by the US League:**

- Regarding the coalition of organizations (including LWV) pushing for strong participation in the Midterm elections: [Diverse Coalition Launches National Voting Enthusiasm Effort “We Are America, And We Vote”](#)

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!

