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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEXINGTON

LWV MAY FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

May 5, 2023: Plans for the Ellen Stone Building

On May 5, 2023, at 9:30 am at the Lexington Community Center, the Lexington League of Women Votes will present a program reviewing the present status of the Ellen Stone Building and future plans for its restoration offered by the Lexington Lyceum Advocates.

On March 31, 2023, Lexington's Town Meeting voted to approve \$400,000 in Community Preservation Act design funds as a first step in a phased process to study, design, repair and restore the historic building (built 200 years ago) for future programming use.

According to the Lexington Observer "The Ellen Stone Building has served many community functions since it was built in 1833: home; abolitionist gathering space; transcendentalist hub; and, most recently, a branch library once frequented by many Lexington families. Today, the Greek-Revival style building sits empty, as it has since a pipe burst in 2007 and shuttered the library branch." Now citizen advocacy seeks to turn the Ellen Stone building into a modern-day lyceum.

The May 5 program will include parts of the power point and video prepared for Town Meeting and presentations by three speakers from the Lexington Lyceum Advocates:

- **Kathleen Dalton, LLA Director**, is a biographer and public historian, and the author of *Theodore Roosevelt: A Strenuous Life* (2002). She has worked as a history teacher, a professor, and a public history consultant with the National Park Service and the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum.
- **Mark Manasas, LLA President**, has a background in building and leading engineering teams developing medical devices. He is on the board of LexFarm and Lexington Zero Waste and the Vision for Lexington Committee. He served on the Stone Building Feasibility & Reuse Committee and is a Precinct 2 Town Meeting Member

- **Meg Muckenhoupt, LLA Treasurer**, is a writer and editor focusing on New England history and land use. She served as a liaison to the Stone Building Feasibility & Reuse Committee and is a Precinct 1 Town Meeting Member.

This program is the eighth in the 2022-2023 First Friday Forum series hosted by the League of Women Voters to promote awareness and understanding of public policy issues. There will be time for Q&A after the program. All League programs are free of charge and open to the public. For more information about the League and this program go to <https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts.lexington>.

LEXINGTON LWV ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, June 1, 2023

The Lexington League's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at the Community Center. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, with a program and light refreshments to follow at 7:30 pm. Save the date.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS

LWVMA ADVOCACY

LWVMA SUPPORTED/OPPOSED LEGISLATION:

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Each legislative session, the Massachusetts League of Women Voters, consulting established League positions at the national and state levels, selects bills pending in the Massachusetts legislature to support, or in some cases, oppose. Currently, the state League actively supports some 60 bills in the following areas:

- Affordable Housing
- Basic Human Needs
- Children and Families
- Climate Issues
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Elder Affairs
- Elections and Voting
- Good Governance
- Gun Violence

- Health Care
- Immigration
- Natural Resources
- Transportation
- Women's Issues

and opposes 4 bills having to do with limitations on voting and calling a constitutional convention.

For a complete list, and information on the League specialists working on these bills, go to: <https://lwmma.org/advocacy/league-supported-legislation-2-2/>.

All of the bills the League supports need legislator co-sponsors at this stage of the legislative process. You can select bills from our **LWVMA Supported/Opposed legislation 2023-24 webpage** above.

1. Find your legislators' contact information at the end of this Bulletin.
2. Type the selected bill number into malegislature.gov, and click on the "Petitioners" tab to see if they are already signed on as co-sponsors.
3. If they are listed, thank them by email or phone.
4. If they aren't listed as co-sponsors, call or email them and request that they sign on as an official co-sponsor of the selected bill, letting them know why that issue is important to you. Include your complete name and address as their constituent.

LWVMA EVENTS



REGISTRATION FOR THE LWVMA 2023 CONVENTION SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 CLARK UNIVERSITY, WORCESTER, MA

Registration for the 2023 LWVMA Convention - taking place on Saturday, June 10 - is now open. To register, find delegate information, see schedule details and a recommendation for

overnight accommodations, please click <https://lwmma.org/convention-2023-better-together-making-democracy-work-for-everyone/>

Plans are in process for a “League Night” at Polar Park in Worcester to watch the WooSox play on the evening of June 9. The cost of a ticket is \$25 and fireworks are included! If you are interested in this pre-Convention outing, go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFW04RQhosGu4yhLBKX6MLfmpzHzk5ZNQDgy77R3JjPIYYA/>.

The 2023 LWVMA Convention will be held in-person for the first time since 2019, after a very long four years! The sessions will be hybrid, retaining the option to attend virtually, but in person sessions will be held at Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester, MA.

The program will include:

- Interactive break-out sessions on important topics;
- Program planning and approval of the LWVMA budget for the next biennium;
- Election of LWVMA Officers and Directors.

Convention At-a-Glance:

9:00 to 10:00 am

- Light Breakfast & Motivational Group Activity (in-person only)

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

- Plenary Session 1

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

- Break for lunch (outside patio available for in-person attendees!)

1:00 to 2:00 pm

- Guest Speaker TBA

2:00 to 4:00 pm

- Plenary Session 2

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

LWVUS MANAGEMENT

The national League of Women Voters is processing through a Structure Transformation Plan and has reached the stage of engaging members at all levels in the design and planning.

LWVUS has assembled four key working groups made up of local and state League members who will inform each of the four core areas of *Framing the Future*: (1) Business Model Working Group; (2) Data Working Group; (3) Functional Specification Working Group; and (4) League Capacity Working Group. Special care was paid to ensure diversity in age, race, and location among members of the groups. They are meeting over spring 2023 and will make their report at Council 2023.

LWVUS EVENTS

NATIONAL COUNCIL 2023

The **LWVUS National Council 2023** will take place June 23, 2023 through June 25, 2023 at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas, NV. League state leaders are invited to attend in person with options for remote participation. It will focus on ***Framing the Future***, including continuation of the structure transformation work in progress as well as ultimate goals for the League. A team of expert facilitators will guide attendees through a series of sessions focused on these topics. Work will be done in large and small group settings, and attendees can expect to leave Council with next steps, resources, and tools to bring back to their state and local Leagues.

SAVE THE DATE

May 5, 2023	LWVLex First Friday Forum, 9:30 am Community Center
June 1, 2023	LWVLex Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm Community Center
June 10, 2023	LWVMA Convention, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Clark University, Worcester MA
June 23-25, 2023	LWVUS National Council Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV

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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization dedicated to the principles of self-government established in the Constitution of the United States. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. For more information, contact Lexington League Convener, Margaret Coppe at mecoppe@gmail.com. All League forums are free and open to the public.

We welcome Bulletin articles from members. If you'd like to submit an article for the May 2023 LWV LEXINGTON Bulletin, please send it to Wendy Manz at wendy_manz@yahoo.com prior to May 12, 2023.

