



### 2019 LWVW Calendar (through June)



**Sunday, May 5, 4 - 5:30 pm: New Member**

**Welcome/Orientation** at Anne Rippy Turtle's home, 65 Old Farm Road, Wellesley MA. Please join the Board of the League of Women Voters of Wellesley for a social hour so that we can welcome new members who have joined us in the past 18 months. We look forward to meeting you and telling you a little bit about the League of Women Voters of Wellesley, formed 81 years ago! And we want to share some information about some upcoming events. If you did not receive an evite and would like to attend, please RSVP to [Anne Rippy Turtle](#)

**Tuesday, May 7, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting** at Ellen Hallett's home, 62 Upson Road. All members welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, May 8, 7 - 8 pm: Special Town Meeting Prep Session** at the Wellesley High School Library (3rd floor), 50 Rice Street. Executive Director Meghan Jop, Selectman Jack Morgan, and Planning Chair Catherine Johnson will be presenting.

**Monday, May 13, 7 pm: Special Town Meeting** (possibly Tuesday, May 14 if needed) at the Wellesley Middle School to consider rezoning the Wellesley Office Park near Rts 9 and 128 as a 40R "Smart Growth" Zoning District to allow higher density development and affordable housing. The STM Warrant can be found [here](#) and a link to the Wellesley Office Park project is [here](#).

**Wednesday, May 15, 6 pm: Annual Meeting** at Helen Stewart's home at 166 Winding River Road. H'ors d'oeuvres start at 6 pm, potluck at 6:30. All members welcome to attend. Don't forget to bring your Annual Meeting Workbook which you should have received in the mail.



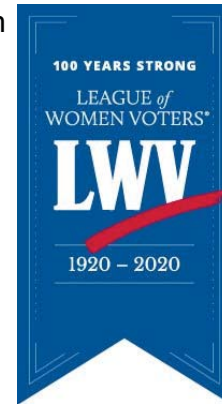
**Sunday, May 19, 1 pm: 51st Annual Veteran's Parade.** Mark your calendars and plan to march with the Wellesley League and the Wellesley Free Library! This



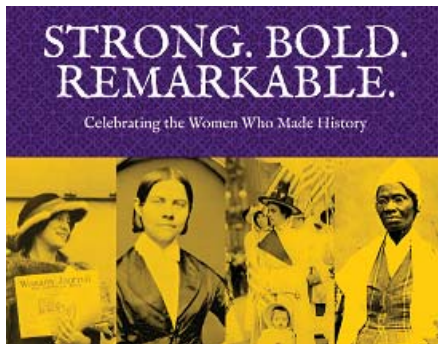
year's parade theme is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. We plan to wear white with scarves of Green, White and Violet ("Give Women Votes") in honor of the suffragettes. With a new banner to carry, we are looking to expand our participation this year and focusing on women's right to vote. Let **Anne Rippy Turtle** know if you would like to join the LWVW/WFL marching unit! League members, family members and friends are all invited to march with us.

**Wednesday, June 5, 9:30 am - 2 pm: Voter Registration** for the Lowell Naturalization Ceremony, Lowell, MA. Please contact **Erry Johnson** if you are interested in working at this event. Also note that there will be other opportunities on August 21 and September 5, also from 9:30 am - 2 pm in Lowell.

**Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8: 2019 LWVMA Convention** in Westford, MA. This year's convention theme will be "100 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward". The keynote speaker at the Friday night banquet will be Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author. There are many opportunities for attending and our budget includes financial support for delegates. Let **Anne Rippy Turtle** know if you would like to attend. The LWVW is entitled to five voting delegates and others without voting privileges may attend.



**Wednesday, June 19, 12 - 2 pm: Board Meeting** at Susan Clapham's house, 3 Atwood Street. All members welcome to attend - this will be the first meeting of the newly-elected 2019-2020 Board.



**Tuesday, June 25, 5 - 7 pm: Suffrage Centennial Kickoff** at Fanueil Hall. Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of MA celebrates the ratification of the 19th Amendment by the state of Massachusetts. Be sure to join WSSC for an inspiring, exciting, and uplifting evening of drama, music, and words, as we kick off more than a year of suffrage centennial activities. This event will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Massachusetts'

ratification of the 19th Amendment, the eighth state to do so, and celebrate the women and men who struggled for more than 70 years to attain women's suffrage. Details to follow.

### *In Memoriam*

Susan Troy, a long time LWVW member died in April. She was a Town Meeting Member for over 25 years and served on multiple town boards. Susan was a founding member of Voice of the Faithful and very active in her church and community. She will be greatly missed. League member Jane Andrews wrote, "Susan was a woman of immense courage and intelligence who was a great participant in the



League" and former League president Jean Childs remarked that "Susan was a super person!"

### **WHS Book Awards**



Each year, the LWVW awards four identical books, two for WHS seniors and two for WHS underclassmen. The awards are given "for outstanding civic engagement in the school and broader community" and the recipients are selected by the high school. The award ceremonies will be on **Thursday, May 30 at 6:45 pm** (Senior Awards, presented by Tanya Roy) and **Thursday, June 13 at 6:45 pm** (Underclass Awards, LWVW still needs a presenter). The LWVW is in the process of selecting the book - if you have a book recommendation or you would like to present the Underclass Awards, please let [Anne Rippy Turtle](#) know as soon as possible. The LWVW Board intends to finalize the book choice at our next meeting on May 7.

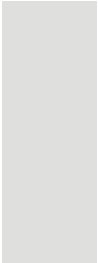
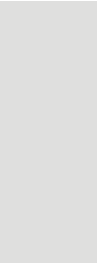
### **News from State and Local Leagues**

- **Tuesday, April 23, 4-5 pm: "Driving Down Emissions: MA and the Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative"** webinar. Registration is [here](#)
- **Sunday, April 28, 4 pm: "The Equal Rights Amendment, Why Now?"** The LWV Needham and the Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of MA present guest speaker Cynthia Enloe at the Needham Public Library on Sunday, , discussing the history and status of the ERA. Flyer [here](#)
- **Wednesday, June 5, 10 am: Election Day Registration Lobby Day** at the State House. EDR is a priority this session for LWVMA and our partners in the Election Modernization Coalition.
- **High School video contest winners** of "The Climate Change Challenge" can be found on the LWVMA's [website](#). LWVMA invited Massachusetts high school students to create videos with content that raises public awareness about one aspect of climate change and suggests a course of action. The winning entries were selected from a large group of entries from across the Commonwealth. A panel of judges scored each video on criteria including clarity of message, memorability, presentation, and creativity.



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