



### 2019-2020 LWVW Calendar (through May)



**February 24 - 28: Early Voting for Presidential Primary.** See the [Presidential Primary Warrant](#) for EV times and locations.

**Wednesday, February 26, 7 - 8:30 pm:**  
**School Referendum Form at the Wakelin Room** of the Wellesley Free Library. The



LWVW is sponsoring a [ballot question forum](#) to discuss the citizen-initiated, non-binding referendum on the March 17 town election ballot which asks voters to choose between the six and seven elementary school models. Representatives of both the "yes" and "no" campaigns will discuss their positions and community members will have an opportunity to ask questions.



**Wednesday, February 26, 7 - 9 pm: Climate Change Forum** at the Scandanavian Cultural Center, 206 Waltham Street, West Newton, MA, sponsored by the LWV Newton and co-sponsored by the Leagues of Framingham, Needham, Wayland, Weston and Wellesley. Panelists include Craig Altemose, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Better Future Project; Jordan Stutt, Carbon Programs Director of the Acadia Center; Audrey Schulman, Co-founder and Executive Director of HEET (Home Energy Efficiency Team) and/or Zeyneb Magavi (Director, HEET). State Senator Cynthia Creem, a sponsor of the FUTURE ACT, will be attending as well. RSVP to [info@lwvnewton.org](mailto:info@lwvnewton.org).

#### **Tuesday, March 3: Presidential Primary**

**Tuesday, March 10, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting** at the home of Ann-Mara Lanza, 18 Oakland Street, Wellesley. All members welcome!

**Thursday, March 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm: Meet the Candidates Night** at the Wellesley Middle School auditorium (new location this year). Free and open to the public.



**Tuesday, March 17: Town Elections.** Polls open 7 am - 8 pm



**Thursday, March 26, 7 - 9 pm: Annual Town Meeting Prep Session** at the Room, Wellesley Town Hall

**Sunday, March 29, 1 - 3 pm: Annual Town Meeting Prep Session** at the Kingsbury Room Wellesley Police Station

**Monday, March 30, 7 pm: First night of Annual Town Meeting** at the Wellesley Middle School Auditorium

**Tuesday, April 14, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting** at the home of Ann Rappaport, 7 Bradford Road, Wellesley. All members welcome!

**Tuesday, May 5, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting**, location TBD. All members welcome!

**Friday, May 8, 10 - noon: Morning Coffee with our three State Legislators** at the home of Susan Ryan, 29 Lincoln Road, Wellesley. This popular event - where we learn about our representatives' legislative priorities for the year and gain some insight into how state government works - is back again this year. All members welcome - please feel free to bring a friend.



**Sunday, May 17, 1 - 3 pm: Wellesley Parade**

**Wednesday, May 20, 6 - 9 pm: Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner** at the home of Barbara McMahon, 7 Amherst Road, Wellesley.



**June 25-28: LWVUS National Convention** in Washington DC. Information can be found on the [LWVUS website](#).

### **League's Candidate Night Needs Volunteers**



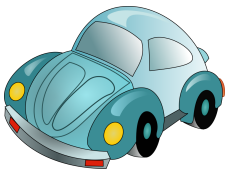
One of the LWVW's marquee events is the annual Meet the Candidates Night which will be held on Thursday, March 12 at the Wellesley Middle School Auditorium (new venue!) We would love some help behind the scenes and there are many small "day of" tasks that need to be done (bringing refreshments and/or drinks, helping participants sign in, cleaning up after the event is over). If you'd like to help, please contact Susan Clapham or Ellen

Hallett at [LWVWellesley2@gmail.com](mailto:LWVWellesley2@gmail.com)

In addition, the League is soliciting questions from its membership to be asked of the candidates. If you have a question you'd like to pose to the group running for a particular office, please send it to [VoterService.LWVW@gmail.com](mailto:VoterService.LWVW@gmail.com). Remember that questions must be: (1) of universal interest; (2) unbiased; (3) brief/clear; and (4) apply to all candidates for that office.

### **Volunteer Drivers Wanted!**

Volunteer drivers are needed for **Rides to the Polls** on Tuesday, March 3rd (Presidential Primary) and Tuesday, March 17 (Town Election). With Early Voting



scheduled for the Presidential Primary, there may be less demand for rides; nevertheless, this service is very appreciated by those who use it. Please contact Erry Johnson at [VoterService.LVWW@gmail.com](mailto:VoterService.LVWW@gmail.com) with the times you could drive, what precinct area you'd like to cover, and your cell number.

### ***Voter Service Volunteers Wanted!***

One of the League's fundamental mandates is voter registration. In addition to registering voters locally in Wellesley, the Voter Service team supports LVWV branches in other communities by providing volunteers for specific Voter Registration events. New volunteers are paired with experienced ones. Volunteers are needed for Naturalization Ceremonies in Lowell (in conjunction with LVWV of Haverill) on **June 10, 2020 and August 19, 2020** from **9:30 am - 2:00 pm**. Please contact Erry Johnson at [VoterService.LVWW@gmail.com](mailto:VoterService.LVWW@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.



### ***"No Place Like Home" Panel Discussion on Affordable Housing is a Big Success!***



(L to R: Rebecca Winterich-Knox, Ann-Mara Lanza, Shelly Goehring, Eric Shupin, Amy Dain; photo credit: Joan Savitt).

On January 30, 2020, the LVWV hosted a panel discussion "No Place Like Home. Affordable, Attainable, and Sustainable Housing: In Our Town?" The Wakelin Room at the Wellesley Free Library was SRO, with over 130 residents in attendance. Our four panelists shared their expertise. We learned that Massachusetts is facing a housing crisis. In the 1980s, there was a sharp decrease in housing production which has led to a severe shortage of housing in the State, along with a dramatic increase in housing costs. It will not be possible to address this shortage without changes in zoning across the region. Closer to home, Wellesley has seen a decrease in the number of residents in their 20s and 30s which correlates to the

drop in student enrollment in the Wellesley schools. There is also a lack of housing options for downsizing boomers and Wellesley's workforce. Producing a diversity of housing options is the key for a strong future because it allows for residents at all stages of their lives. Our last panelist explained the connection between sustainable building and affordable housing - net zero buildings keep ongoing housing costs lower for residents, while preserving our environmental resources. After the panelists, we engaged in a lively Q & A. We plan to follow up with additional programming on housing, based on feedback from attendees. A video of the event, and the slide decks from each of the panelists maybe be found on our [website](#). Many thanks to Ann-Mara Lanza for organizing this program!

## Wellesley's Recycling Program Still Succeeding



A recent [article](#) in the Wellesley Townsman describes how Wellesley's recycling program is still bringing in dollars to the Town, unlike the single stream recycling practiced in many other towns. Source-separated recycling is much less contaminated than single stream recycling (1% versus more than 30%) and has generally retained its value to domestic and international buyers.

The LWV Wellesley was behind the RDF in its earliest days of recycling, and we encourage all of our members to continue our town-wide recycling efforts.


## Local and State League Events and Information

- T4MA (Transportation for Massachusetts) coalition is holding a Call to Action at the State House on Tuesday, February 25 and LWVMA is a co-sponsor. Please come to the State House (Room 437) at 10 am to show support for proposed legislation which would help resolve the transportation woes we face statewide and propel us forward in the fight against climate change. Contact our Legislative Envoy and LWVMA Transportation Specialist [Tanya Roy](#) for more information.

**FIX OUR TRANSPORTATION CRISIS: CALL TO ACTION**

**2/25/20**  
**STATE HOUSE**  
ROOM 437  
DOORS OPEN AT 9:45AM  
EVENT BEGINS AT 10:00AM

RSVP AT  
[www.tinyurl.com/transpo-2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/transpo-2020)

-  LWV Needham is co-sponsoring the [Women Take Action Film Series](#) (six films from January - June 2020) at the Needham Public Library, 1139 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA. The second film, "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders - Women of the Civil Rights Movement" is on February 25 at 7 pm. Discussion will follow the films if time permits. Free and open to all.

-  Do you know a high school student who enjoys creating videos? The [7th Annual LWVMA Video Contest](#) (with cash prizes!) invites Massachusetts high school students to create and submit 30-second public service