



2019-2020 LWVW Calendar (through March)



Friday, January 24, noon - 2 pm: Brown Bag Lunch with Sean Barnicle, Director of the Wellesley Housing Authority (snow date: January 31) at Barbara McMahon's home, 7 Amherst Road, Wellesley. All members welcome; look for your evite!



Thursday, January 30, 7 pm, No Place Like Home: Attainable, Affordable and Sustainable Housing - in Our Town? at the Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library (see below information below).

Tuesday, February 11, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at the home of Tanya Roy. All members welcome!

Wednesday, February 12: Deadline to register to vote in the Presidential Primary

Tuesday, March 3: Presidential Primary

Tuesday, March 10, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at the home of Ann-Mara Lanza. 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



Thursday, March 26, 7 - 9 pm: Annual Town Meeting Prep Session at the Juliani 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

SAVE THE DATES:

Our Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner will be on **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6 pm**. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.



LWVUS National Convention will be held on **June 25-28, 2020** in Washington, DC. Information can be found on the [LWVUS website](#).

No Place Like Home: Attainable, Affordable, and Sustainable Housing - in Our Town?

January 30, 7 pm
Wellesley Free Library, Wakelin Room

Join the LWVW and Wellesley Free Library with co-sponsors Building Better Wellesley; TBE Racial Justice Initiative; Sustainable Wellesley; World of Wellesley; Wellesley Council on Aging; Wellesley Village Church; Our Affordable Wellesley and UU Wellesley Hills for an expert panel which will give [an overview of the state of attainable housing in Massachusetts](#).



Young families, seniors, and people of moderate incomes are unable to move to – or stay in – our town. What does this mean for Wellesley's future? Hear different perspectives on the challenges and benefits of creating diverse housing. Then, join in the community conversation on what we can do to create a broader range of housing choices in Wellesley for the long-term health of our community.

Panelists:

- Eric Shupin, Director of Public Policy, Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) - Describing the state of housing in MA
- Amy Dain, Consultant, Dain Research - Reporting on two years of research into the regulations, plans and permits in the 100 cities and towns surrounding Boston
- Shelly Goehring, Senior Program Manager, Massachusetts Housing Partnership - Sharing the benefits and challenges for our community
- Rebecca Winterich-Knox, Net Zero Organizer, Massachusetts Climate Action Network - Focusing on sustainable considerations and impact on climate

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 LWV 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 LWV of Haverill) on **February 19, 2020; June**



10, 2020; and August 19, 2020 from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Please contact [Erry Johnson](#) if you are interested in participating.

Upcoming voter registration events:

- Monday, January 27, 10 – 11:30 am, Waterstone at Wellesley, River Room (open to the public)
- Tuesday, February 4, student registration at Wellesley High School Cafeteria, 10:45 am – 12:30 pm
- Lowell naturalization ceremonies in 2020: February 19, June 10 and August 19

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

More Volunteer Opportunities!

- Is anyone interested in helping with the Election Guide for the upcoming Town election on March 17? The League's Election Guide print insert and online pages are available to voters through [Vote411](#) in the weeks before an election. Please contact [Ann-Mara Lanza](#) to find out more details of this important job.
- The Wellesley League is also looking for a writer, to create articles and press releases covering our League's activities. This is another great opportunity to help the League on your own time schedule. Please contact Susan Clapham or Ellen Hallett at LWVWellesley2@gmail.com if you are interested.

LWVMA High School Video Contest Coming Soon!

Do you know a high school student who enjoys creating videos? The LWVMA annual video contest (with cash prizes!) invites Massachusetts high school students to create and submit 30-second public service announcements to raise public awareness about a particular topic - this year, the video contest theme is "**Why Are 16 Year Olds Old Enough to Vote?**" The competition opens February 1, 2020, and students are invited to submit videos about voting by 16-year-olds. For more details, see the [LWVMA website](#) (2020 information not yet available but should be soon).

Vote: It Counts!

The new year 2020 marks the beginning of a busy election cycle: Presidential and state primaries, Town elections, national and state elections. Our mission as a

League has always been to encourage voter participation – if you would like to host a LWV yard sign which simply reads “Vote! It Counts”, please let us know by contacting [Naomi Cameron](#) or [Susan Clapham](#). Note: You can only put a LWV sign up if you are NOT hosting a sign for a political campaign.



In Memoriam



The Wellesley League wishes to offer its condolences on the loss of Carol Stalzer, who died on January 5, 2020. Carol was a very active member of the Wellesley League and was a co-president with Ann Hile in 1999-2000. She had recently retired from her position managing an assisted living facility and had held administrative and management positions at Boston University and the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church.

Local and State League Events and Information

- LWV Needham is co-sponsoring "[I Am Every Migrant Child: Reflections of a World War II Orphan](#)" on Sunday, January 26 at 3 - 4:30 pm at Temple Beth Shalom Tzdek in Needham, MA featuring author, survivor and renowned speaker Sylvia Gutman who will share her story as a migrant child and how that experience resonates today. All welcome; please RSVP.
- LWV Needham is co-sponsoring the [Women Take Action Film Series](#) (6 films from January - June 2020) at the Needham Public Library, 1139 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA. The first film, "One Woman, One Vote" is on January 28, 2020 at 7 pm. Discussion will follow the films if time permits. Free and open to all.
- LWV Norwood is co-sponsoring a 100th birthday "[Suffagette Tea](#)" featuring author Tina Cassidy discussing "Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait? Alice Paul, Woodrow Wilson and the Fight for the Right to Vote" on Wednesday, February 12 at 7 pm, Great Hall of Fred Holland Day House, 93 Day Street, Norwood, MA. Admission is free.

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Questions? Contact Susan Clapham or Ellen Hallett, Co-Presidents, LWVWellesley2@gmail.com