

LWVW Calendar (March - June)



Wednesday, March 21, 9 - 11 am, Supporting Children and Families with Safety Education at the Wellesley Free Library. Wellesley Action Alliance welcomes Michele Gay, a Newtown parent and the founder of Safe and Sound Schools, who will be discussing school safety issues.

Thursday, March 22, 7 - 9 pm and Sunday, March 25, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Annual Town Meeting Prep Session at the Community Room of the Police Station. Learn about the issues being brought forth at the Wellesley Annual Town Meeting. Various committee chairs and community leaders will be on hand to speak about the articles to be voted on. All Town Meeting Members and Wellesley residents are welcome to attend.

Saturday, March 24, March for Our Lives Rally, noon on the Boston Common. The LWVW is marching to show our support for **stricter gun control laws**. Alice Peisch has graciously offered to provide a bus from Wellesley to the Boston March; if you'd like to reserve a seat on the bus please contact Alice's office directly at ahpeisch@gmail.com (identify yourself as a member of the League) and let **Ann-Mara Lanza** know you are marching.

Monday, March 26, Start of Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 27, 10 am, Coffee with Creem at the State House. Massachusetts Senator Cynthia Creem is hosting a coffee for LWV Wellesley members. Come meet Senator Creem, learn about what is on the docket this legislative session, and make your concerns known. Please RSVP to **Ellen Hallett** by March 23 if you are interested in attending. We plan to carpool to and from this event and will contact those interested with details.



Tuesday, April 10, 1 - 3 pm, LWVW Board Meeting at Jenny Zannetos' home. All members welcome.

Friday, April 27, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch: Wellesley's Best Kept Secret ... Our



respectively, will be our featured speakers. The Board of Health plays many important roles in Wellesley and is a critical part of town services. Come learn about what they do, and bring your questions!

Monday, April 30, 7 - 9 pm, Speaking For Our Trees

at the Wakelin Room of the WFL. The LWVW and the Wellesley Natural Resources Commission will co-sponsor a forum featuring **Dr. David Foster**, Director of the Harvard Forest, a 4000-acre ecological laboratory and classroom in central Massachusetts, since 1990. His interests focus on understanding the changes in forest ecosystems that result from human and natural disturbance and applying these results to the conservation and management of natural and cultural landscapes.



Tuesday, May 8, 10 am - noon, LWVW Board Meeting at Ellen Hallett's home. All members welcome to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING



Wednesday, May 16, 6 - 9 pm, Annual Meeting at Helen Stewart's home. This meeting is open to the Wellesley League membership and their guests. Reception/potluck starts at 6 and the meeting begins promptly at 7:30. Note that this year is the 80th anniversary of the Wellesley League! Please RSVP to **Irene Flint**.

Sunday, May 20 (raindate June 3), Wellesley's Wonderful Weekend Parade. If you are interested in marching with the LWVW, please RSVP to **Anne Rippy Turtle**. The **Wellesley Celebrations Committee** organizes the parade, and this year its theme is the 100th year anniversary of the end of World War I.

Monday, June 11, (evening), LWVW Board Meeting, time and location TBD. All members welcome to attend.

Standing Room Only at Meet the Candidates Night!



Library and was a chance for voters to meet the candidates for town-wide office, hear their positions on issues of importance to the town, and pose questions directly to them. Nineteen of the 21 candidates running for eleven Town-wide offices participated, including all of the candidates for the five contested seats (Town Clerk, two on the Natural Resources Commission and two on School Committee). The evening was moderated by Jo-Ann Berry of the Acton LWV and members of the Key Club served as timers and runners. Ellen Gibbs, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, read a resolution honoring the Wellesley League's 80th birthday and Roche Bros. provided a delicious birthday cake for the event. You can watch a video of Meet the Candidates Night and see more photos on our [website](#).

Brown Bag Lunch with Alice Peisch



LWV Wellesley members meet with State Representative Alice Peisch on March 9, 2018 at the home of Lise Olney for as part of the LWVW's "Brown Bag Lunch" series to hear about the current legislative session and ask Rep. Peisch questions about issues which are important to Wellesley residents. Many thanks to Rep. Peisch for an informative discussion! Photo by LWVW member Tanya Roy.

News from State and Other Local Leagues



LWVMA Spring Conference "Beyond the March: Women Leading the Way in Massachusetts", April 28 at Clark University, Worcester, MA from 9 am - 3 pm. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas will be the keynote speaker. This

conference replaces the usual LWVMA Council held in non-convention years. In addition to Rep. Tsongas, conference speakers will include:

- Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor, Newton
- Sarai Rivera, City Councilor, Worcester
- Yvonne Spicer, Mayor, Framingham

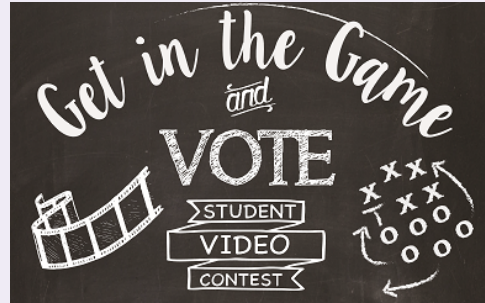
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- Barbara Berenson, author of *Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers*
- Erin O'Brien, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Boston
- Daniel Ziblatt, Professor of Government, Harvard University, co-author, *How Democracies Die*

The conference is open to the public. [Click here](#) for more information or to register. Several LWVW Board members plan to attend; let us know if you will be coming and feel free to bring a friend!

High School Video Contest Deadline March

31. For its fifth annual student video content, LWVMA invites high school students to create 30-second public service announcements to motivate voters for Massachusetts' Fall 2018 elections. The contest, *Get In the Game...and Vote*, is open to all high school students in Massachusetts. Top winners will be awarded \$500, \$250, and \$100 prizes, and their videos will be publicized statewide. Entries must be submitted online by March 31 at www.lwvma.org. Judging will take place in April, and winners will be announced in May. If you are interested in helping to judge the videos, contact LWVMA Executive Director [Meryl Kessler](#).



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