



2019 LWVW Calendar (through June)



Thursday, March 21, 7 - 9 pm: Town Meeting Prep Session at Wellesley High School Library

Sunday, March 24, 1 - 3 pm: Town Meeting Prep Sessions at the Community Room of the Wellesley Police Station

Monday, March 25, 7 pm: First Session of Annual Town Meeting at Wellesley Middle School. Long-time LWVW member Joellen Toussaint will be honored with a resolution at the start of Town Meeting.



Friday, March 29, noon - 2 pm: Brown Bag Lunch with our three elected state officials at Susan Ryan's home. All members welcome to attend.

Denton Road. All members welcome to attend.

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

Monday, May 13, 7 pm: Special Town Meeting (possibly Tuesday, May 14 if needed) 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.

Wednesday, May 15, 6 pm: Annual Meeting at Helen Stewart's home. All members welcome to attend.





Sunday, May 19, 1 pm: 51st Annual Veteran's Parade. Mark your calendars and plan to march with the Wellesley League! This year's theme is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. We plan to wear white 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 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.

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.

Monday, June 10, 7 - 9 pm: Board Meeting, location TBD. All members welcome to attend.

Huge Turnout for Meet the Candidates Night

The LWVW held its annual **Meet the Candidates Night** on Thursday, February 28 in the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Over 25 LWVW members volunteered their talents to bring together an event attended by over 150 people. The evening started by recognizing retiring town officials, pictured below (left to right: Ellen Gibbs, Paul Criswell, Michael D'Ortenzio, Don McCauley and Lloyd Tarlin; Matthew McKay not shown).



Erica Johnson

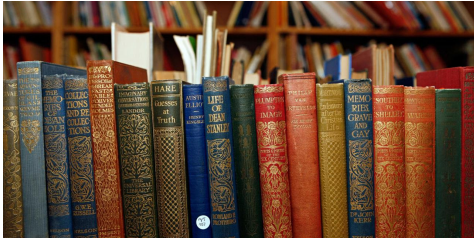
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The candidates for elected office were invited to take part in seven rounds consisting of opening statements followed by questions from the League and audience members. Eighteen candidates participated, including those in the five contested races. The League would particularly like to thank Moderator Jo-Ann Berry, Wellesley Public Media for recording and live broadcasting the forum on cable TV, the WHS Key Club for providing question "runners" and Roche Bros. for sponsoring the evening.



WHS Book Awards Presenter Needed

Each year, the LWV awards four books, two for WHS seniors and two for WHS underclassmen. The awards are given "for outstanding civic engagement in the school and broader community." The award ceremonies will be on **Thursday, May 30 at 6:45 pm** (Senior Awards) and **Thursday, June 13 at 6:45 pm** (Underclass Awards). Tanya Roy will make the presentation at the Senior Awards night but we



still need a volunteer presenter for the June 13 ceremony. Please let [Anne Rippy Turtle](#) know if you are interested in presenting the LWVW books.

Like Us on Facebook

By Ann-Mara Lanza



The more people who "like" our page, the more who will see information that we post there about our events and issues that are important to the LWV.

It is really easy to invite your friends on Facebook:

- 1) Go to the League of Women Voters of Wellesley Facebook page.
- 2) Click on the "... " to the right of the "Share" button
- 3) Select "Invite Friends" from the pulldown menu
- 4) Click the circle to the right of the name of people who appear in the list who DO NOT have a green checkmark with the word "liked" next to it (those people have already liked the page). Please select anyone who is currently a member, and also any Wellesley friend who you think might be interested in joining or in just seeing what we post.
- 5) Write a message to your friends like "Hi! I'm inviting you to like this page because you are a League member or I think you might like to be! (Or you might just want to see all the interesting events we run and information we post)."
- 6) Click "Send Invites"
- 7) You are done!

Let's try to increase our exposure! Don't feel bad about inviting everyone. It is easy for people to decline if they aren't interested.

Note that you can find our Facebook and Instagram pages by going to our [website](#) and clicking on the icons which appear on all pages (either at the left of your computer screen or bottom of your phone screen)

News from State and Local Leagues

- **Join League Members from New England states** for a regional conference on April 6 & 7: "Advancing Civility in a Diverse New England" in Wells, ME at York Community College. For more information and to register, visit the conference page on the [LWV Maine website](#). The keynote speaker will be Nancy Thomas, Director of Institute for Democracy and Higher Education at Tufts University.



- **Tuesday, April 23, 4-5 pm:** "Driving Down Emissions: MA and the Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative" webinar. Registration is [here](#)
- The LWVMA has a new Executive Director, Michelle Kweder, as of March 11. Read about Michelle [here](#). She will take over the role of Meryl Kessler, who

led the MA League for the past five years.

- **Ballot Question Study Follow-Up:** Thirty-six local Leagues (including LWVW) participated in the study. The consensus responses were compiled and considered, and a committee drafted a new LWVMA position. The board has approved the draft position, and it will be put forward for a vote at Convention 2019. The committee still has work to do—it will be determining actions that the League can take, short- and long-term, as a result of the new position.
- **Program Planning Follow-Up:** Twenty-two local Leagues (including LWVW) and two members-at-large participated in state program planning. The results will be compiled and presented to the board at its April meeting. The board will recommend Action Priorities, Study/Re-study and Concurrence to local Leagues, and the LWVMA program will be voted on at Convention 2019.
- **Webinars available on the LWVMA website** can be found [here](#). Some of the topics include "Ranked Choice Voting", "The MA Legislature: Who, What, Where, When, Why & How", and "The Clean Energy Roadmap: Pathways to a Clean Energy Future"

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