



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.

NEW VENUE! Wednesday, May 8, 7 - 8:30 pm: Special Town Meeting Prep Session at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Executive Director Meghan Jop, Selectman Jack Morgan, and Planning Chair Catherine Johnson will be presenting. Wellesley Media will broadcast this event on Comcast 8/Verizon 40 and [on demand](#).

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 (Note that Livingston Road merges with/becomes Winding River Road). Hors 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. Please RSVP as soon as possible to [Irene Flint](#) and let her know what you are bringing.

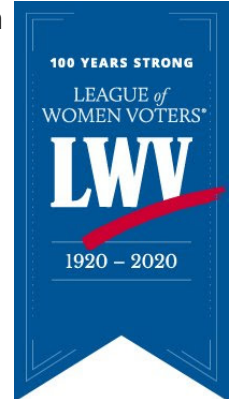




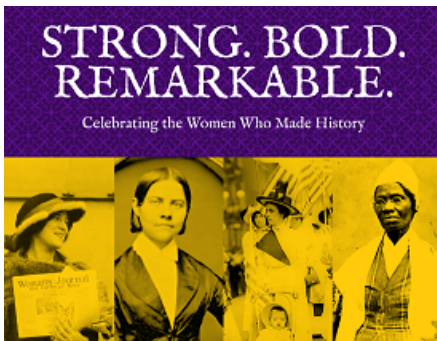
Sunday, May 19, 1 pm: 51st Annual Veteran's Parade. Mark your calendars and plan to march with the Wellesley League and the Wellesley Free Library! This year's parade theme is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. We plan to wear white with scarves of Green, White and Violet ("Give Women Votes") in honor of 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.

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 WSCC 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.

Voter Service Volunteer Opportunities



Naturalization Ceremonies in Lowell, MA

- Wednesday, June 5, 9:30 am - 2 pm
- Wednesday, August 21, 9:30 am - 2 pm, **4-6 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



National Voter Registration Day

- Tuesday, September 24 at Wellesley High School, **4-6 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



Editors wanted for a summer project to review and revise LWVW-authored educational materials and publications, including

1. 2020 Town Government Handbook (revised February 2019, due February 2020) resource for newly elected and appointed town officials
2. Town of Wellesley 2020 Election Candidate Handbook (revised November 2018, due November 2019)

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact [Erry Johnson](#).

Hunnewell Feasibility Study #3

**Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 7 - 9 pm
Wellesley Middle School Auditorium**



The School Building Committee invites members of the community for an update and opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback on the:

- Feasibility study schedule and process.
- Building design and parking options
- Sustainability approach
- Swing space options

For more information visit [our website](#), [email us](#) or view SBC meetings [on demand](#).

SAVE THE DATE! Opening Meeting with Adam Friedman

**Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 6:30 - 9 pm
Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library**



Executive Director of Voter Choice Massachusetts, Adam Friedman, will discuss Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), a voting system that allows voters to rank many candidates on a ballot in order of preference rather than choosing one candidate. With very few exceptions, all elections in Massachusetts could use RCV. Ready to learn more? Friedman

served on the executive committee of a RCV statewide ballot question campaign in Massachusetts. He serves on the boards of MassVOTE and Common Cause Massachusetts and has been involved in lobbying and organizing around various voting and democracy reforms for over ten years. Free and open to the public. Jointly sponsored by the Wellesley League of Women Voters and the [Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries](#). Reception starts at 6:30 pm and lecture at 7 pm.

In Memoriam



Naomi (Nicki) Kessler, a recent LWVW member and Waterstone resident, died on December 22, 2018. She was a past president of the South Orange League of Women Voters and served two terms as an elected member of the South Orange/Maplewood New Jersey Board of Education. She and her husband were founding members of the Fair Housing Council and active in the civil rights and peace movements. She attended the 1963 March on Washington featuring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and remained politically active throughout her life.

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