

September 8, 2019

2019-2020 LWVW Calendar (through December)



Tuesday, September 10, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Jenny Zannetos' home. All members welcome to attend.

Friday, September 13, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch at Anne Rippy Turtle's home, [65 Old Farm Road, Wellesley](#). Guest speaker will be Wellesley's Executive Director of General



Government Services, Meghan Jop. This is your chance to chat with Meghan informally and learn about the hot button issues in town! All members welcome.

Tuesday, September 24, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: LWV National Voter Registration Day. The Wellesley League will be holding a voter registration drive at Wellesley High School. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help!



Tuesday, October 8, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Erry Johnson's home. All members welcome to attend.



Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-9 pm, Opening LWVW Meeting: More Voice, More Choice - The Path to Ranked Choice Voting in MA at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Our speakers will be Christina Knowles and Mac D'Alessandro of Voter Choice Massachusetts. They will be discussing 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. Mac is a political operative who has worked on the campaigns of of late-Mayor Thomas Menino, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Sen. Edward Markey and is a principal at Democracy Partners, a national political consultancy in which he is a principal. Christina serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Voter Choice Massachusetts. Previously, Christina was the Finance Director for the "Yes on 3" statewide ballot campaign, where she led a team in raising \$6 million to secure an almost 20-point victory at the ballot on November 6, 2018 to protect transgender equal rights. 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.

Thursday, October 17, 10 am - noon, "Day on the Hill", a LWVMA event held annually at the Massachusetts State House. Each year, LWV members from around the state join together to discuss upcoming legislation and advocacy. Karen Spilka, the president of the Senate, will be the keynote speaker. The LWVMA specialists prepare a packet of materials for members to use to encourage their legislators to take action on legislative priorities: Election Day registration, climate change, education funding and reproductive rights. League members discuss the League legislative priorities with their individual Senators and Representatives after the morning program.



**MAKING
DEMOCRACY WORK**

Thursday, October 17, 7 - 9 pm, Wellesley Meet Up: Making Democracy Work at the Wellesley High School Cafeteria. The popular "Meet Up" returns! Come meet your local elected officials and ask questions about issues that concern you.

Sunday, October 20, 4 - 5:30 pm, League Social Event at Anne Rippy Turtle's home, [65 Old Farm Road, Wellesley](#), for new and old members. Please come, socialize with other League members, learn about the LWVW's plans for this year. Guests are very welcome!

Tuesday, November 12, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Ellen Hallett's home. All members welcome to attend.



Thursday, November 14, 7 - 9 pm, "Paris to Pittsburgh" program on climate change at the Wellesley Unitarian Universalist Church, co-sponsored by the LWVW.

Friday, November 15, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch at Barbara McMahon's home, [7 Amherst Road, Wellesley](#). Come meet with the Sharon Gray, Chair of School Building Committee and Melissa Martin, Chair of the School Committee



and get an update on plans for the Hunnewell project which is the subject of the

December Special Town Meeting. All members welcome.

Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 - 9 pm, How to Run for Public Office at the Warren Building, Room 008. Are you considering becoming a candidate for Town office? Now's the time to get organized for the March 2020 Town Election! The LWV Wellesley is sponsoring an evening to discuss how Wellesley's town government works, what offices will be on the ballot in March, and the nuts and bolts of running a campaign. Light refreshments will be served.



Monday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 10, Special Town Meeting at the Wellesley Middle School

Tuesday, December 10, 9:30 - noon: Board Meeting at Susan Clapham's home. All members welcome to attend and Holiday Party immediately afterwards.



Tuesday, December 10, 12:30-2 pm, Annual Holiday Luncheon and Get-Together (following Board Meeting). Members of the LWVW are invited to celebrate the season with a festive luncheon and update on League activities.

LWV Members Attend Voter Choice MA Field Training



Several LWV members (including Pam Kubbins, holding T-shirt, Erry Johnson, right, and Charlene Smith, not pictured) attended Voter Choice Massachusetts field training on Tuesday, August 13 in anticipation of helping to collect signatures to get this initiative on the state ballot. Ranked Choice Voting will be the topic of the LWVW's Opening Meeting on October 10th (see Calendar, above).

LWV Wellesley Celebrates July Jubilation



Despite the 90 plus degree temperatures, the Wellesley League made a strong showing at this year's July Jubilation in Wellesley Square. Current co-president Ellen Hallett and former president Anne Rippe Turtle can be seen in this [Wellesley Media video](#), starting at about the 3.56 minute mark. Many thanks to Karen Price for the LWV banner and the suffragette silhouette - several visitors wanted to have their pictures taken standing with her!

Calling All Members!



2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, as well as the establishment of the MA and US Leagues. If you are creative and/or love planning parties and would like to help plan a celebratory event (possibly a children's/school activity),

please contact either [Ellen Hallett](#) or [Susan Clapham](#).

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 **November 19, 2019; 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.



Local and State League Events

- **"We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History", November 3 at pm at Needham Town Hall**, sponsored by the LWV Needham. The Needham League, as part of its celebration of women past, present and future is bringing this theatrical production to Needham for a special Sunday matinee performance, followed by Q&A with the playwright and cast members. Tickets may be purchased [here](#).
- **100th Anniversary celebrations** of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and the founding of the LWVUS and LWVMA can be found in this [toolkit](#) on the LWVMA website, which suggests projects, activities and events for local Leagues

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