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MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEXINGTON

LWV APRIL FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

APRIL 7, 2023:

Emergency Preparedness in Times of Climate Change

The League of Women Voters of Lexington invites you to join us at our First Friday Forum on April 7, 2023, at 9:30 am at Cary Memorial Library, for an update on emergency preparedness in Lexington.

More severe weather over the past years has resulted in damage to persons and property that has not been seen in the past. Increasing reliance on digital communication has required the town to keep ahead of the technology changes required to maintain emergency alerts to both first responders and to citizens. Fire Chief Derek Sencabaugh, IT Director Dorinda Goodman and Management Fellow James Robinson will join us to talk about Lexington's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Chief Sencebaugh has been on the Lexington Fire Department since 1995 and was appointed Fire Chief in 2019. The Fire Department's mission is to protect the lives and property of the community from emergencies involving fire, medial issues, hazardous materials and environmental causes. This is achieved through public information and education, fire code management and emergency response.

Dorinda Goodman is the Director of IT for the Town of Lexington. In this capacity, she manages municipal technology, cybersecurity and operations and oversees core Town wide applications and services such as the Town financial systems, document management systems and core network infrastructure.

Her first career of 10 years in medical research resulted in over 24 original research publications in the field of cardiovascular medicine and clinical trials. During this career her interest in technology developed in line with technology and computer advancements. Over the next 20 plus years, she worked in the technology field in academic, corporate and government organizations. In each organization she also served on chemical, biological, radiological and medical response corps.

She has a Six Sigma Master Black Belt, a dual Bachelor's degree in Biology and Chemistry, numerous technical certifications, affiliations with GMIS, MSISAC and participates on cybersecurity advisory councils and working groups.

This program is the seventh in the 2022-2023 First Friday Forum series hosted by the League of Women Voters to promote awareness and understanding of public policy issues. As always, there will be time for questions and answers after the program. For more information about the webinar, assistance using Zoom, or more information about the League, go to <http://www.lwvlexington.org/FirstFriday.html>.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS

LWVMA EVENTS



Women's History Month Celebration



The **League of Women Voters of Massachusetts** and **Suffrage 100MA** are sponsoring this event on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at the **Gloucester Stage Company** in Gloucester, MA. Doors open at 5:15 pm for exhibit viewing. The program will be from 6:00-7:30 pm, with a reception and exhibit viewing from 7:30-8:00 pm. The event will include a screening of

Suffrage100MA's film, "*The Fight for Women's Suffrage: Looking Back, Marching Forward.*"

Following the film will be a panel discussion, "*The Work Continues!*" moderated by Pattye Comfort, Executive Director of LWVMA, with panelists: Cheryl Clyburn Crawford of MassVOTE, Sasha Goodfriend of Mass NOW, Freddie Kay of Suffrage100MA, and Nicole McClain of the North Shore Juneteenth Association. Exhibits will feature "*Tower of Strength: Black Women of the Suffrage Movement*" presented by the North Shore Juneteenth Association.

Admission is \$25 by March 23rd and \$30 after March 23rd. Register at <https://lwmma.org/womens-history-month-event-registration/> Proceeds will support 8th-12th grade students at the inaugural Massachusetts Civics Project Showcase at Clark University on June 2, 2023.

LWVMA TOWN HALL SERIES: THE MA LEGISLATURE

How does LWVMA select the bills they support and those that they prioritize? How do bills actually get passed in the Massachusetts legislature? Bring your questions to the next LWVMA Town Hall Series, which will break up these topics into two sessions.

Session One, a general primer on how the state legislature works, features State Senator Liz Miranda. Prior to her election to the Senate representing the Second Suffolk District, Senator Miranda served two terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She is the Chair of the Joint Committee on Racial Equity, Civil Rights and Inclusion; Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, and sits on several more Senate committees. LWVMA specialists work with Senator Miranda on her policy priorities of Black maternal health, environmental justice, and reform of the criminal justice system.



This first session will be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtc-6orzsoGdAFYJmNtvD3m94c6UOJws4q>.

Session Two sets out LWVMA supported bills for the 2023-24 Session, including those dealing with: elections and voting, education, natural resources, health care, housing, immigration, women's issues and more. It will be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Register at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkuigrzMsEtcQnDb2qzTHzMcMQKbcXIXA>

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS



2023 MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION

Better Together : Building an Inclusive Electorate

FIRST CALL TO THE LWVMA 2023 CONVENTION SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 CLARK UNIVERSITY, WORCESTER, MA

The 2023 LWVMA Convention will be held in-person for the first time since 2019, after a very long four years! The sessions will be hybrid, retaining the option to attend virtually, but in person sessions will be held at Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester, MA.

The program will include:

- Interactive break-out sessions on important topics;
- Program planning and approval of the LWVMA budget for the next biennium;
- Election of LWVMA Officers and Directors.

Convention At-a-Glance:

9:00 to 10:00 am

- Light Breakfast & Motivational Group Activity (in-person only)

10:00 am to 12:00 noon

- Plenary Session 1

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

- Break for lunch (outside patio available for in-person attendees!)

1:00 to 2:00 pm

- Guest Speaker TBA

2:00 to 4:00 pm

- Plenary Session 2

SAVE THE DATE

March 20, 2023	Lexington Town Meeting Begins
March 21, 2023	LWVMA Town Hall Series, #1, 7:00 pm, Zoom
March 28, 2023	Women's History Month Celebration 5:15 – 8:00 pm, Gloucester Stage Co., Gloucester
March 29k, 2023	LWVMA Town Hall Series, #2, 7:00 pm, Zoom
April 7, 2023	April First Friday Forum, 9:30 am, Cary Library
June 10, 2023	LWVMA Convention, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Clark University, Worcester MA

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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization dedicated to the principles of self-government established in the Constitution of the United States. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. For more information, contact Lexington League Convenor, Margaret Coppe at mecoppe@gmail.com. All League forums are free and open to the public.

We welcome Bulletin articles from members. If you'd like to submit an article for the April 2023 LWV LEXINGTON Bulletin, please send it to Wendy Manz at wendy_manz@yahoo.com prior to April 12, 2023.