

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®] OF LEXINGTON

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEXINGTON

LEXINGTON LWV ANNUAL MEETING Thursday, June 1, 2023

The Lexington League's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at the Community Center at 39 Marrett Road. The business meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, to elect board officers and review our by-laws, programming and budget.

At 7:30 pm we will welcome Nicco Mele, co-founder and managing editor of *The Lexington Observer*, who will describe the challenges of founding a weekly on-line newspaper and maintaining a community-based publication at a time when so many local newspapers are disappearing. The evening will be recorded for later viewing.

OF INTEREST



The Lexington Select Board
James Malloy, Town Manager
Massachusetts Cultural Council
&
Lexington Cultural District Managing Partnership

Invite you to attend a
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
For the Lexington Cultural District
Thursday, May 18th, 2023
9:30 a.m.
At Emery Park
17 Depot Square
Lexington, MA

Refreshments will be served.
RSVP by May 12, 2023
781-698-4567 or economicdevelopment@lexingtonma.gov

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Mass Cultural Council

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LWVMA EVENTS



REGISTRATION FOR THE JUNE 10 LWVMA 2023 CONVENTION DUE BY JUNE 1, 2023

To register for the 2023 LWVMA Convention - taking place on Saturday, June 10, in Worcester - go to <https://lwmva.org/convention-2023-better-together-making-democracy-work-for-everyone/> . You can also find schedule details and a recommendation for overnight accommodations.

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. Lexington has three voting delegates (based on size of the local League) but all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For some pre-Convention fun, League Night at the WooSox is Friday, June 9. Please join us at Polar Park to watch the WooSox play, with fireworks to end the evening. League seats are on the first-base line and cost \$25 per ticket. Bring friends and family.

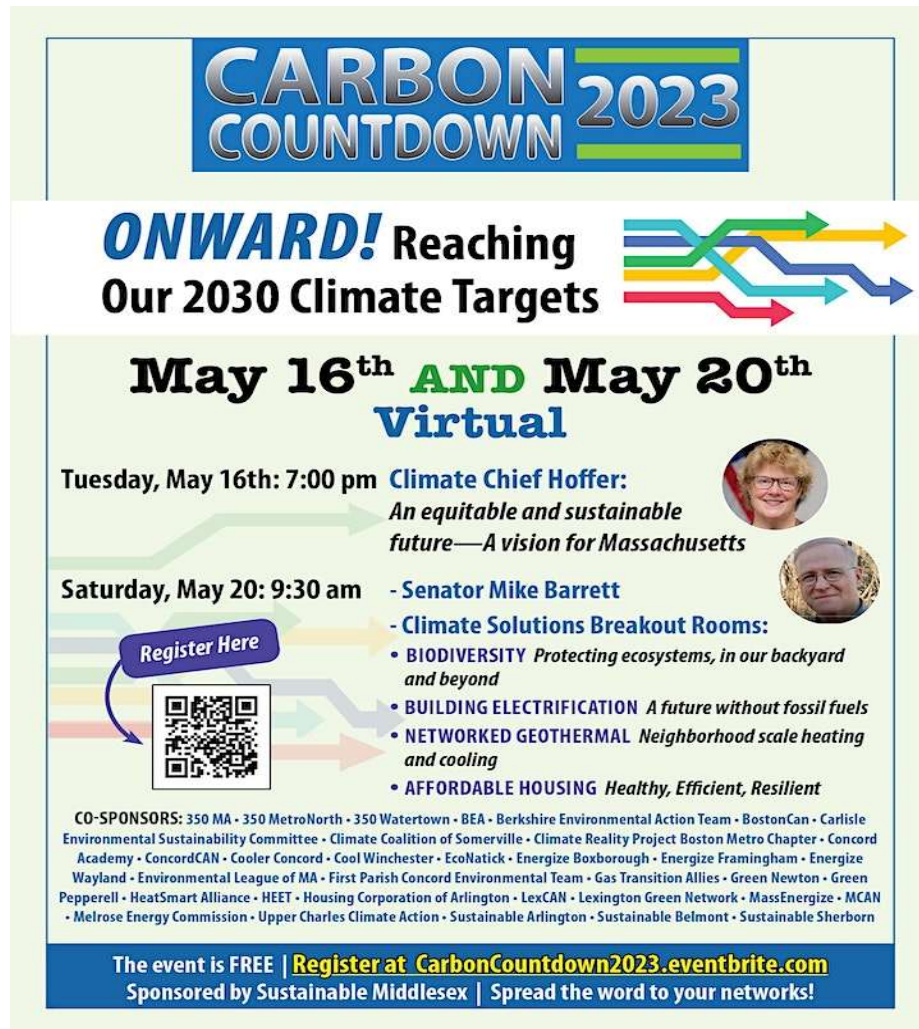
<https://fevogm.com/event/Legalwomen>

CARBON COUNTDOWN 2023 ONLINE EVENT

A free online event will be held over two sessions, on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm, and on Saturday, May 20 at 9:30 am, to present strategies for Massachusetts to reach the state's climate goals. This is an opportunity to hear Massachusetts Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer and Lexington's Senator Michael Barrett discuss how the state will equitably achieve

mandated carbon emissions reduction targets for 2030. The Saturday session will include breakout groups to focus on biodiversity, building electrification, geothermal heating and cooling and affordable housing. Paste this link into your browser to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/carbon-countdown-2023-onward-reaching-our-2030-climate-targets-tickets-618476348407?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>.



CARBON COUNTDOWN 2023

ONWARD! Reaching Our 2030 Climate Targets

May 16th AND May 20th Virtual

Tuesday, May 16th: 7:00 pm **Climate Chief Hoffer:**
An equitable and sustainable future—A vision for Massachusetts

Saturday, May 20: 9:30 am - **Senator Mike Barrett**

- **Climate Solutions Breakout Rooms:**

- **BIODIVERSITY** *Protecting ecosystems, in our backyard and beyond*
- **BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION** *A future without fossil fuels*
- **NETWORKED GEOTHERMAL** *Neighborhood scale heating and cooling*
- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** *Healthy, Efficient, Resilient*

Register Here

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The event is **FREE** | Register at [CarbonCountdown2023.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/carbon-countdown-2023-onward-reaching-our-2030-climate-targets-tickets-618476348407?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch)
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GENERATION CITIZEN'S MASSACHUSETTS CIVIC PROJECT SHOWCASE: CIVICS DAY

Generation Citizen is hosting its **Massachusetts Spring 2023 Civics Day on Monday, June 5, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute at U. Mass Boston.** Civics Day is like a science fair, but for civics—where middle and high school students present their Action Civics projects, and volunteer Community Advisors engage with students and provide them feedback on their projects.

Generation Citizen is looking for volunteer Community Advisors for this year's Civics Day. It is an opportunity to learn directly from young people why they're committed to bring about change in their communities and beyond, and to network with students and other

volunteers involved in this effort. You can register by contacting Kristina Pires at kpires@generationcitizen.org. After you sign up, Generation Citizen will follow up to confirm participation and provide additional details as the date approaches. There is ample parking and public transportation access at U. Mass Boston. You will receive a brief training at the start of the event on your role as a Community Advisor.

[ON A LIGHTER NOTE: HUMOR FOR HUMANITY WITH JIMMY TINGLE](#)

The League of Women Voters of Winchester is sponsoring an evening of entertainment with humorist Jimmy Tingle on **Wednesday, May 10, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** at the All Seasons Barn at the Wright-Locke Farm in Winchester. Tickets are \$100 and can be obtained at the Winchester League web site: <http://lwwwinchester.org>

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[LWVUS MANAGEMENT](#)

As part of its ongoing Structure Transformation Plan, the board of the national League of Women Voters, on April 29-30, voted on the Rights & Responsibilities Policies, which are being established for local, state, and national levels. These finalized policies will be available on the LWVUS League Management Site in the coming weeks, and will be shared with members and League leaders via email.

[LWVUS EVENTS](#)

[NATIONAL COUNCIL 2023 LAS VEGAS, NEVADA](#)

The **LWVUS National Council 2023** will take place June 23, 2023 through June 25, 2023 at the Palms Casino Resort in Las Vegas, NV. League state leaders are invited to attend in person with options for remote participation. The Council will focus on ***Framing the Future***, including continuation of the structure transformation work in progress as well as ultimate goals for the League. A team of expert facilitators will guide attendees through a series of sessions focused on these topics. Work will be done in large and small group settings, and attendees can expect to leave Council with next steps, resources, and tools to bring back to their state and local Leagues.

LWVUS ADVOCACY

LWVUS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ERA



More than 100 years after some women gained the right to vote, approximately one-half the people of the United States are still not guaranteed equal treatment under the U.S. Constitution. The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) will update the U.S. Constitution to protect the equality of rights under the law regardless of sex. The ERA has met all ratification requirements, and the LWVUS continues to urge Congress to act to ensure that the ERA is published.

Joint resolutions have been introduced in both chambers of Congress that will both affirm that the ERA is a valid part of the Constitution and address the question of a ratification time limit. In April 2023, the Senate brought this resolution to the floor. A bipartisan majority of senators supported it but failed to reach the 60-vote threshold to overcome a filibuster. The League will keep pushing to gain support for this resolution in both chambers of Congress, and encourages all League members to contact their senators and congressional representatives to assert that the ERA is part of the Constitution. Inequality hurts everyone. It is past time for this inequity to be corrected.

SAVE THE DATE

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| May 5, 2023 | LWVLex First Friday Forum, 9:30-11:00 am
Community Center |
| May 10, 2023 | Humor for Humanity: Jimmy Tingle, 6:30-7:30 pm
Wright-Locke Farm, Winchester |
| May 16, 2023 | Carbon Countdown Event I, 7:00 pm Zoom |
| May 18, 2023 | Cultural District Ribbon Cutting, Depot Square
9:30 am |
| May 20, 2023 | Carbon Countdown Event II, 9:30 am, Zoom |
| June 1, 2023 | LWVLex Annual Meeting, 7:00 -9:00 pm
Community Center |
| June 5, 2023 | Civics Day, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, U. Mass Boston |
| June 10, 2023 | LWVMA Convention, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Clark University, Worcester MA |
| June 23-25, 2023 | LWVUS National Council
Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV |

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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 Convener, 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 May 2023 LWV LEXINGTON Bulletin, please send it to Wendy Manz at wendy_manz@yahoo.com prior to May 5, 2023.

