



# League of Women Voters<sup>®</sup> of Falmouth Bulletin

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## Steering Committee Report

I have just read *The Movement: How Women’s Liberation Transformed America, 1963–1973* by Clara Bingham, which reminded me of the importance of our League efforts.

*The Movement* is an oral history of the decade that built the modern feminist movement. In 1963, an American woman could not become a doctor, scientist, news reporter, lawyer, get a prescription for birth control, or have an abortion, etc., etc. Women were paid less than men and often fired when they became pregnant. They couldn’t get a credit card nor a mortgage without a male cosigner. It is easy to forget how much activism it took, by so many, to reverse these inequities. The League of Women Voters was a part of this movement.

As we near the November election, find out what’s on your ballot, where your candidates stand on the issues and more at VOTE411.org, our Falmouth website, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts website.

Links are: <https://www.vote411.org/>

<https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/falmouth/voting>

<http://voteinma.com/>

**Get involved!** Contact the Voter Service Committee and volunteer. Reach out to Felicia Bordick, Voter Service Chair, at [fbordick@yahoo.com](mailto:fbordick@yahoo.com) or 508-444-6338.

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Making Democracy Work<sup>®</sup> (MDW) was voted in at the June National Convention, and is now an official program for the League of Women Voters for 2024–2026. It includes redistricting reform, voting rights protection, improving elections, money in politics, and direct election of the President by popular vote.

—Joan Boyer

Treasurer

[Editor’s Note: Clara Bingham will be at the Cotuit Center for the Arts, Saturday, Nov. 2, to discuss her book *The Movement*. Tickets can be purchased at the Center’s website <http://artsonthecape.org>. This event is part of the Cape Cod Book Festival.]

## Member News



Sheila Gordon, Janet Lauer, and Felicia Bordick (left to right, above, ) represented the Falmouth League, August 19, during the final Lobsters on the Lawn event at St. Barnabas. They handed out information on the voting process, including information on [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), a nonpartisan League voter guide that includes information about candidates and where they stand on the issues.

### **Phone Bank for Membership**

The 2024-2025 membership drive: We still have about 50 members who have not yet renewed. If you are able to help make phone calls to the remaining members, please email me and let me know. I hope to be able to send out the membership lists soon. The more volunteers I have, the fewer calls everyone has to make! I'll send information with a general script and instructions, as I have done before.

—**Misty Niemeyer**  
**Membership Chair**

### **Save the Date and a Call for Volunteers**

Invitations have been extended to candidates for State House third Barnstable District, Kathy Fox Alfano and David T. Vieira, the incumbent, and State Senate Plymouth and Barnstable District, Matthew Muratore and Dylan Fernandes, to attend a Candidates Forum on Wednesday evening, October 16, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Falmouth High School. FCTV will provide live coverage and Mindy Todd will be moderating the event.

Help is needed on the evening of the event, with set up, greeting guests, time keeping, and passing out programs. Please contact Voter Service Co-Chair Felicia Bordick at [WeGOTV.ma@gmail.com](mailto:WeGOTV.ma@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out.

—**Felicia Bordick and Chinna Mapp**  
**Voter Service Committee**

### **T-shirts are done!**

Anyone who ordered one (or more) can now pick them up at Kaleidoscope Imprints. The address is 103 Mid-Tech Dr, West Yarmouth. If you chose the mail option, they should have already arrived at your home. They turned out great!

We will need to wait till there is enough interest, but we now have the first ones and we can get more printed.

## ***Falmouth Road Race Update***

The Falmouth Road Race was very successful. We had a pre-race party to meet and celebrate our runners on Saturday, August 17, at my house, (thank you to Meghan and Sheri for cooking pasta). All runners attended as well as Susan Garvey and Patteye Comfort from the state league and First Vice President Janet Lauer. Our runners have so far raised a total of \$7,745.90! All five runners have met their fundraising goals! There is still about a month to continue fundraising.

We are splitting the money raised with the LWVMA. I call this event a great success! I

would like to do this again and consider increasing our runners by 1, for a total of 6, to build it up slowly. We did have a little bit of a challenge finding runners, but we have our base started. If you have any questions, please let me know. We do need to apply for next year in October.

It's not too late to support our team! If you meant to donate to show your support and just forgot, you can still donate until the end of September. See Page 7 for links.

***—Misty Niemeyer  
Membership Chair***



*Our League of Women Voters of Massachusetts team for the Falmouth Road Race.*

## ***New Member Spotlight: Elizabeth Hansen***

Come and meet our newest member, Elizabeth Hansen, in her answers to these questions.

What inspired you to join the LWVF?

*I am new to the area and am interested in participating in organizations that involve matters that are important to me. Politics is one of those areas, and I was delighted to see a group focused on this issue.*



What is your favorite thing about or place in Falmouth?

*The light and air! I hope I never stop appreciating the incredible light and fresh air that we have here. They are beautiful.*

What topics/issues are you most passionate/interested in?

*Removing barriers to voting. I am concerned about laws and people that unreasonably restrict access.*

What career field do/did you work in or what community interests do you have?

*I am an attorney specializing in civil rights laws, specifically laws that impact K-12 and Higher Education. My area of expertise is Title IX. ([www.elizabethhansenlaw.com](http://www.elizabethhansenlaw.com))*

What recent books, music, movies, and or podcasts have inspired you?

*I finally saw Ex Machina the other night. It is startlingly relevant, addressing the impact of AI.*

Where are you from? What path did you take to get to where you are now? Or are you local to the area?

*I grew up in Lincoln, MA, but lived for the past 25 years in Providence, RI. I have recently moved to Falmouth to live with my partner.*

What do you do that makes you happy? Drives you? Inspires you? Calms you?

*I love being outside—running, hiking, sitting on the beach, etc.. I am a better, happier, more focused, and calmer person with a little fresh air and exercise!*

Is there a committee in the League that interests you or particular work that the League does or has done that interests you?

*I am interested in work to ensure voting rights.*

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Or alternative or ice cream?

*Chocolate Chip. It's classic!*

## ***Poll Monitors Needed***



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### **Help Make November 5 a Secure Election**

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In this crucial election year, our democracy needs us more than ever, and you can help the November 5 election run safely, smoothly, and securely. Between now and Election Day, we are doubling down on our work to ensure that all eligible Massachusetts voters have access to the ballot. One way we are doing this is by building a team of volunteers to monitor polling places.

With our partners in the Election Protection Coalition, we are recruiting and training non-partisan poll monitors who will be sent out to high-priority polling locations across Massachusetts on Tuesday, November 5. We want to recruit at least 50 League volunteers (including spouses and friends).

#### **Will you [sign up](#) to be a poll monitor with LWVMA?**

Poll monitors will help ensure access to the ballot for all eligible voters who wish to participate, assist voters who encounter challenges, and report any complications to our Election Protection Command Center in real time. We are working on building a team of hundreds of volunteers and we need your help!

The job is one three-hour shift on Election Day, at one polling location. You will be able to choose both the shift time and the polling location that works for you. Volunteers do not need any special qualifications, though if you are fluent in a non-English language, you are especially needed. Volunteers will have to complete a mandatory training session that details what to look for and how to react. Both in-person and virtual training sessions will be available starting in late summer and early fall.

More information is available at [Protect the Vote](#).

Can you help? If so, please sign up at the [LWVMA Protect the Vote link](#). Signing up now is not a firm commitment but will put you on the list for additional information about training programs and, later on, the polling places and shifts to be covered.

Let's prove the League can turn out more than 50 volunteers to make sure the November election is open to all.

*This email was sent to all members.*

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## ***Voter Security: The Truth about Election Lies***

Join the Falmouth League, in collaboration with Falmouth Community Television (FCTV), on Thursday, September 26, at 7 p.m., in the Hermann Room of the Falmouth Public Library for a presentation by Larry Moore and Michael Palmer. Michael Palmer will speak about voter security with mail-in voting and security at the polls. Larry Moore will address voting machine security.

Michael Palmer is the Falmouth Town Clerk. His office is responsible for the administration of fair and accurate elections: certifying petition signatures for candidates or ballot questions and election results as well as supervising any recounts. The Clerk's office maintains the voting list, registers people to vote, and processes the annual town census.

Larry Moore has spent many years working on election security. He is the founder of Clear Ballot Group. As its CEO (now retired), he worked with election officials nationwide

to bring innovation and transparency to counting votes. He is a pioneer in automated, independent post-election audits. He led the design and development of ClearAudit, now used in Florida, Maryland, New York, South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Vermont. As Clear Ballot's CEO, Larry led a nine-year effort to build ClearVote, the first *de novo* voting system to achieve federal certification.

Since March 2021, Larry has been a principal of The Audit Guys, whose initial focus was on Maricopa County, Arizona, where they brought many years' experience in their effort to combat election disinformation after the 2020 election. The company received national recognition and has published numerous articles on their website, [Real-Audits.org](http://Real-Audits.org).

The public is invited to attend in person or to view the program on FCTV Public Channel 6, [fctv.org](http://fctv.org) (<http://fctv.org/>), Roku, and Apple TV.

## ***To contribute in support of the Falmouth Road Race LWV runners***

Meghan Hanawalt: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83188/the-2024-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/26757257>

Mae A.: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83188/the-2024-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/25382842>

Brian Harrigan: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83188/the-2024-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/25719719>

Tanya Roy: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83188/the-2024-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/25413643>

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**New URL for Our LWVF Website**

Our new website address for the League of Women Voters of Falmouth is now:

<https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/falmouth>

Please change your bookmarks.

**Make your voice heard today!**

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**(Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number when writing.)**

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## Meeting and Event Calendar

September 24, 7 p.m. Board meeting

September 26, 7 p.m., Public meeting on building trust in the voting system with guest speaker Larry Moore  
Hermann room at Falmouth Library

October 16, 7 p.m., Candidates Forum  
Falmouth High School Auditorium

October 22, 7 p.m. Board meeting

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## Join the League of Women Voters: Democracy in Action!

You do not have to be a resident of Falmouth to join. Membership dues are \$65 for an individual membership and \$25 for an additional household member. A discounted rate is available for students.

If you wish to join the League, send your check made out to the League of Women voters to the address in the "Contact us" box above. Include your name, mailing address, and phone number. You may also join online through our website at <https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/falmouth>. Just click on "Join" and pay online.



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