



Our fall is off and running! Our Kick-Off Social this past Wednesday was a blast. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces. We appreciate your ongoing interest and we'd love to have you join the League! Let us know if you have questions. You can [join online](#) or come see us at an event. Grab a friend - the more the merrier!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### SEPTEMBER

- **Walk & Talk TODAY!!** Saturday, September 17, 10:30 AM, Bradley Palmer (main parking lot, 40 Asbury St, Topsfield). Non-members always welcome!
- **HW Fall Festival TOMORROW!!** Sunday, September 18, Noon-5:00 PM Swing by our booth and try your hand at the Civics Wheel and learn more about what we are up to!
- **Voter Registration Drive** Tuesday, September 20, Hamilton COA, 299 Bay Road. Hamilton and Wenham seniors are invited to join us to register or check their registration and to learn more about the VOTES Act and recent redistricting.
- **What Everyone Should Know About Elections** Friday, September 30, 5:00 PM, online (see details below and [register online](#))

### OCTOBER

- **Special Town Meetings** Saturday, October 1
  - **Hamilton** 9 AM, HWRHS Auditorium ([warrant booklet](#))
  - **Wenham** 1PM, Buker School ([warrant booklet](#))
- **"Haverston Mills Town Meeting" Performance and Informational Session** Thursday, October 20, 6:00 PM, HW Library, see details below
- **Walk & Talk** Saturday, October 15, 10:30 AM, Sagamore Hill Conservation Area, 473 Sagamore St, Hamilton). Non-members always welcome!
- **Early In-Person Voting** Saturday, October 22 - Friday, November 4, hours vary, details available on [Hamilton](#) and Wenham Town Clerk web pages

### NOVEMBER

- **Election Day** Tuesday, November 8, polls open 7 AM to 8 PM "Red Books" (Information for Voters) are hitting mailboxes now. Stay tuned for information on ballot question information forums!
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## WHAT'S NEWS:

**A tremendous community loss** The Steering Committee was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the death of long-time member **Barbara Kelley Locke** of Wenham. [Barbara was actively involved in the community](#), serving as President of the Wenham Village Improvement Society and as a long-time member of the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee. Our condolences to the Locke family and to all who knew and loved Barbara.

**Encourage civic engagement!** We have snazzy new LWV t-shirts and lawn signs available for purchase. All proceeds support our work empowering voters in our community, and priced at just \$20 each, they are an easy way to show your support and invite others to engage! Click through to order yours today or stop by our booth at the [Local HW Fall Festival](#).



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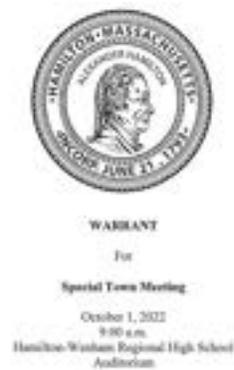
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**Primary turnout numbers** If you are [following us on Facebook](#), you already know the scoop from our Civic Bytes post, but if not here's what you need to know. Voter turnout was a little under 30% for both Hamilton and Wenham - about the same as prior elections. More votes means better policies and more resources from our elected officials, so we will be focused on improving turnout numbers for November! Make a plan to vote and encourage friends and family to do the same.

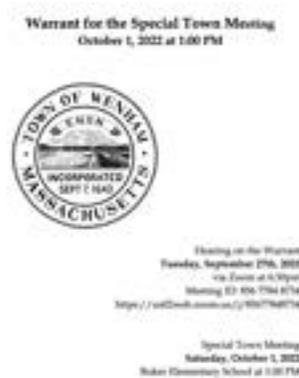
**What Everyone Should Know About Elections** Presented by [The Transition Network](#), long-time League member and Hamilton Town Clerk extraordinaire **Carin Kale** will walk through the election process and outline the different ways to vote (mail-in, absentee, early voting). She will also explain how election officials follow strict rules and regulations in order to track every ballot to make sure they are safe and secure. [Register here to attend this online event!](#)

**Comedy for the Ages Senior Players - “The Haverston Mills Town Meeting”** Join us at the HW Library on Thursday, October 20, at 6:00 pm for a thoroughly fun comedy performance! In this play by Steve Henderson, the citizens of Haverston Mills range from sensible to eccentric to downright zany. Watch what happens when the town faces a very important decision and everyone has an opinion. Can the Town Moderator keep it together? Following the comedy performance, our Town Clerks **Trudy Reid** and **Carin Kale** will provide insight into our Town Meeting process and answer questions. Promises to be a fun evening!

**Special Town Meetings - Warrant Booklets** Read up before attending! Warrant booklets are linked below. Hamilton meets Saturday, October 1, 9:00 AM at the high school auditorium and Wenham that afternoon at 1:00 PM at the Buker School gymnasium.



[Hamilton Warrant](#)

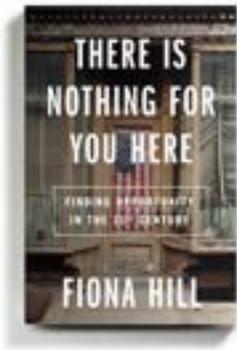


[Wenham Warrant](#)

**Civic Bytes** This semi-weekly civic engagement and voter education social media campaign is up and running! If you have ideas for topics we should cover, email us at [LeagueHW@gmail.com](mailto:LeagueHW@gmail.com) and put “Civic Bytes” in your subject line. Be sure to [follow us on Facebook](#) to see this campaign unfold!



**Book Group** - We are back in the swing with our League Book Group. We've selected Fiona Hill's memoir *There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in The 21st Century*. Grab a copy and join us on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Non-members always welcome! Stay tuned for location.



“A celebrated foreign policy expert and key impeachment witness reveals how declining opportunity has set America on the grim path of modern Russia—and draws on her personal journey out of poverty, as well as her unique perspectives as an historian and policy maker, to show how we can return hope to our forgotten places.”

Learn more at [Goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/41851368-THERE-IS-NOTHING-FOR-YOU-HERE)

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As always, we'd love to have you as a member! This is truly a member-run organization and we could not do it without support from the community. **We think it's more fun with friends!** Grab one or two and [join online together!](#)

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