

October is FLYING by! We've made some changes to our upcoming schedule and we hope to see you at an event soon.

We appreciate your ongoing interest and we'd love to have you join the League. Let us know if you have questions or feedback. You can [join online](#) or come see us at an event. **Grab a friend - the more the merrier!**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER

- ****CANCELED**** 😞 **“Haverston Mills Town Meeting” Performance and Informational Session** will no longer happen on Thursday, October 20 at the HW Library. Illness is stopping the troupe from coming, but we hope to reschedule!
- **Hamilton-Wenham Farmers' Market** Friday, October 21, 3-7:00 PM, Community House, Hamilton. We'll be registering voters, soliciting membership, selling our awesome VOTE lawn signs, and encouraging civic engagement – come see us there!
- **Walk & Talk **MOVED**** Saturday, October 22, 10:30 AM, Sagamore Hill Conservation Area, 473 Sagamore St, Hamilton). Message us with questions (LeagueHW@gmail.com)
- **Early In-Person Voting STARTS** Saturday, October 22 and runs through Friday, November 4, hours vary, details available on [Hamilton](#) and [Wenham](#) Town Clerk web pages
- **Candidate Forum, 2nd Essex State House Representative** Tuesday, October 25, 7 PM, via Zoom. [Register here](#) and **PLEASE** consider submitting suggested questions! We need your help - simply reply to this email!
- ****BOWING OUT**** HW Rec Department's Pumpkin Fest Trunk-or-Treat Saturday, October 29, 1-3:00 PM, Patton Park, Hamilton NOTE: This great event is still happening, but LWVHW isn't participating. We just didn't have the bandwidth...
- **Civic Engagement Subcommittee/Civics Bee Planning** Monday, October 31, 9 AM, Panera Bread, North Beverly. Join us if you are interested in learning more about what

goes into planning the Bee and other exciting new initiatives (see updates below)!

NOVEMBER

- **Early In-Person Voting continues** through Friday, November 4, hours vary, details

available on [Hamilton](#) and [Wenham](#) Town Clerk web pages

- **Election Day Tuesday, November 8**, polls open **7 AM to 8 PM** “Red Books” (Information for Voters) have arrived and ballot question and candidate forums are ongoing. See below for specifics!
- **Walk & Talk Saturday, November 19, 10:30 AM**, Location and contact TBD, but mark your calendars!
- **Civic Engagement Subcommittee/Civics Bee Planning Monday, November 28, 9 AM**, Panera Bread, North Beverly

WHAT'S NEWS:

Welcome new members! We've welcomed 15 new members this year already. [We'd love to add you!](#)

ELECTION INFORMATION Are you #VoteReady?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open 7AM to 8PM. Hamilton votes at the Rec Center and Wenham at Town Hall. **Make a plan!**

- **Register to vote** Last day to register is Saturday, October 29, 5 PM.
- **Can't make it to your polling place on the 8th?**
 - Last day to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, November 1, 5 PM.
 - Early in-person voting runs Saturday, October 22 through Friday, November 4. Specific information is available on [Hamilton](#) and [Wenham](#) Town Websites.
- **Check your status and get informed!**
 - Check voter registration, register online, find out who and what is on your specific ballot at LWV's amazing resource [Vote411.org](#)! This site works nationally, so spread the word. **Friends make sure friends have a plan to vote!**

Candidate Forum The race for 2nd Essex State Representative is contested (Hamilton

is in this district; Wenham's State Rep races are not contested). Kristin Kassner (D) is challenging incumbent Lenny Mirra (R). LWVHW has joined with LWV North Shore (which draws from other communities in the district) to host a forum via Zoom on Tuesday, October 25, at 7 PM. [Register here](#) and please consider submitting questions to us by reply email!

Ballot Questions The Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts University has posted the findings of their non-partisan policy research to help Massachusetts voters understand the ballot questions. View their [Voters' Guide to 2022 Massachusetts Ballot Questions](#) at this link.

Also, recordings of LWV forums and panel discussions are available to watch on the [LWVMA website](#) and on YouTube via links below:

- **Forum - Ballot Question #1** (Additional Tax on Income Over One Million Dollars) [View here.](#)
- **Forum - Ballot Questions #2 & #3** (Regulation of Dental Insurance & Expanded Availability of Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages) Link will be available on [LWVMA](#) as soon as recording is posted.
- **Panel Discussion - “Stronger Roads for a Stronger Commonwealth”** (advocacy forum for **Ballot Question #4**) [View here.](#)

EXTRA! We've reordered merch!

Due to popular demand, we ordered another batch of yard signs. Get them while they last! 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 the image at right to order yours today or stop by and see us at an upcoming event. Feel free to share links too!

Durable sign, heavy duty stake
[Order yours HERE!](#)

Know any students who'd be interested in the League? LWV of Massachusetts has a student registration drive running now through October 31 that is open to high school and college students and gives them a chance to win an Apple iPad Air when they sign up for a

FREE League membership. Share with the students in your life! Have them [visit LWVMA's site](#) to learn more.

Students can register voters, help get out the vote, work polls, and engage in advocacy for issues that matter to them. The League also provides a great way for them to understand the legislative process and the elements of making democracy work!

NEW AND ONGOING INITIATIVES:

There are ways to get involved that fit every schedule - for members and non-members alike! If you want to get involved in or have ideas for any upcoming efforts, please let us know. **You can reply to this email, or contact us at leaguehw@gmail.com.**

→ **Speaker/Forum Series** - We are working in partnership with the HW Library to create a speaker series on topics of local interest. Have ideas? Want to help organize? Let us know by emailing LeagueHW@gmail.com.

→ **Volunteer Fair** - We are in the planning stages of a community-wide Volunteer Fair in partnership with The Community House. Our vision is to provide a fun and friendly way for folks to find out all the opportunities to share their time and talents for the betterment of our community. Emailing LeagueHW@gmail.com if you'd like to be involved!

→ **Voter Registration** - Interested in helping at future drives? Have a location or event idea where we can register voters? Let us know by emailing LeagueHW@gmail.com.

→ **Book Group** - Are you reading Fiona Hill's memoir *There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in The 21st Century* yet? It's a compelling read! Grab a copy and join us on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. 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)

→ **Walk & Talk** - We usually meet at 10:30 on the third Saturday of the month and walk for about an hour, enjoying some of the natural beauty around the area as well as each others' company! Our next walk is Saturday, October 22, at the Sagamore Hill Conservation Area, 473 Sagamore Street, Hamilton. Have a favorite walk location? [Share it with us](#) and maybe we can enjoy it together.

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!

