



**Welcome back to Standard Time**...the clocks have turned back, but we are looking forward. We know we have to work harder to get folks to come out in the dark and we think we have an excellent enticement with our Speaker Series event on Sustainability next week! We've also been hard at work refreshing our website and invite you to check it out at [LWVHW.org](http://LWVHW.org). Watch recordings of events and keep on top of what's going on!

LWV is a century-young, grassroots organization that is:

- Empowering voters
- Defending democracy
- Advocating for positive change at the local, state, and national level
- Fostering civil dialogue about important issues

👉 As always, if you aren't a member yet, [WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN!](#) 👉

## **NOVEMBER EVENTS:**

- **LWVMA Town Hall: Student Civics Education Projects** Monday, November 13, 7:00 PM, Zoom (registration required, more info below)
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, November 14, 6:00 PM, HW Library, Local History Room (agenda and minutes linked below)
- **Empowering Change: Everyday Actions for a Sustainable Future** Thursday, November 16, 6:30 PM, HW Library, Large Meeting Room

## **DECEMBER EVENTS:**

- **"Between Holidays" Seasonal Walk & Talk!** Saturday, December 3, 2:30 PM, Bradley Palmer; meet in the parking lot, 40 Asbury St, Topsfield
- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 PM, HW Library, Local History Room

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2024 EVENTS - hold these dates!:**

- **Speaker Series: Affordable Housing** Thursday, January 18, 6:30 PM, HW Library, Large Meeting Room
- **Speaker Series: Media Literacy** Thursday, February 15, 6:30 PM, HW Library, Large Meeting Room
- **Civics Bee!** Wednesday, March 13, Miles River Middle School Multipurpose Room
- **Speaker Series: Water Resources & Conservation** Thursday, March 28, 6:30 PM, HW Library, Large Meeting Room

- **Town Meetings Saturday, April 6,**
  - **Hamilton - 9:00 AM,** HWRHS Auditorium
  - **Wenham - 1:00 PM,** Buker School
- **Annual Town Election Thursday, April 11**
- **LWVHW Annual Meeting Monday, June 10**

## WHAT'S NEWS:

### **SPEAKER SERIES – Empowering Change: Everyday Actions for a Sustainable Future**

Our Speaker Series continued last month with **Local Print Journalism as a Cornerstone of Democracy**, a lively and interactive panel moderated for us by Wenham resident Paul Mihailidis. You can [watch the Local Journalism talk online](#), courtesy of HWCAM. While you are there, you can also check out the very informative [Civics 101 presentation](#) by HWRHS social studies teacher, Nicholas Ristaino.

Next up is **Sustainability**, this **Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 PM at the HW Library!** FREE and open to the public.

Want to learn more about being green? Discover everyday actions YOU can take for a sustainable future.



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**Empowering Change: Everyday Actions for a Sustainable Future**

**Sustainability**

League of Women Voters  
**speaker series**

**Thursday  
 Nov 16**  
**6:30 pm @ THE  
 HAMILTON-WENHAM  
 PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Greg Horner  
 Sharon Kishida  
 Neil Shea

Mass Cultural Council

Join us for an engaging panel discussion on the urgent issue of climate change and the pivotal role individuals play in addressing this global crisis.

Our panelists, experts in environmental science, sustainable living, and community activism, will shed light on practical steps individuals can take in their daily lives to combat climate change.

From small lifestyle changes to community-driven initiatives, this session will inspire and empower attendees to make a meaningful impact.

## Meet Our Panel

[Full bios are available on our website.](#) Click through to read more about the depth of experience and expertise of these committed, dynamic, locally-engaged panelists!



**Greg Horner**  
HWCAT

Co-founder of the Hamilton Wenham Climate Action Team and consultant to environmental nonprofits



**Sharon Byrne Kishida**  
MassPSC

Recently retired MassDEP regional waste/recycling coordinator and planning committee member of Mass Product Stewardship Council



**Neil Shea**  
CLEAResult/Mass Save

Field Supervisor at CLEAResult, lead vendor for the Mass Save Program

Upcoming Speaker Series events are listed below. We have small working groups dedicated to each topic and there's room for more hands and minds! Have speaker or promotion ideas? Let us [know your thoughts](#) or better yet, ask about joining a working group!

- 1/18 - Affordable Housing
- 2/15 - Media Literacy
- 3/28 - Water Resources & Conservation

This speaker series is presented by LWVHW in partnership with the [Hamilton-Wenham Public Library](#) and with funding from the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the [Mass Cultural Council](#), a state agency.

## LWVMA Town Hall: Student Civics Education Projects

2024 marks the third year of the League's support, at the state and local level, for the required student-led civics projects in Grade 8 and high school. Several MA Leagues have made progress in developing a working relationship with their local schools to support these projects. Others have encountered obstacles. LWVMA would like to see this project grow to include more Leagues and the LWVHW Steering Committee has this topic on our radar/wish list. **We need YOUR help to create a proposed framework for how we can partner with HW schools** and the state League is providing a support network to assist us. If this interests you, this Town Hall Zoom may be a good first step!

Six local Leagues will discuss their experience and answer questions about how other Leagues can begin a partnership with their local schools to support the student civics projects and

celebrate student work. [Register here for this virtual event.](#)

## Seasonal Walk & Talk

We are mixing up this popular recreational event a bit and trying a different time. Join us Saturday, December 3rd at 2:30 PM at Bradley Palmer, 40 Asbury St., Topsfield (we'll meet in the parking lot). We generally walk for about an hour, enjoying some of the natural beauty around the area as well as each others' company! Contact **Christina Holz** (978-766-7295) with questions. Walks are open to all! Bring a friend or family member!

Have a favorite walk location? [Share it with us](#) and maybe we can enjoy it together.

## LWVHW.org Calendar

Our ongoing website refresh (**thanks, Steph MacLeod!**) includes a handy [LWVHW Calendar](#). Now it's even easier to add our events to your own Google calendar and keep up with the League!

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## OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

 **Steering Committee Meetings** (generally second Tuesdays of the month) - Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. **Our next meeting will be November 14 at 6 PM at the Library.**

- [Agenda for November 14](#)
- [Approved Minutes from September 12](#)

**\$ DUES** - 2023-24 dues of \$80 for the year are payable now - [renew online via PayPal](#). Alternatively, you can mail a check to us at PO Box 283, Hamilton, MA 01936 (Note: if you joined BEFORE January 1, 2023, your dues are now payable! If you have any questions, contact MJ at 978.290.0928)

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Know someone who would like to join the League, let us know or simply have them [join online!](#)

You can also encourage folks to [sign up for our periodic email updates](#). Thanks for helping build our community!