



Stand Out (AGAIN!) for DEMOCRACY! 🗽 & Other Updates

Good morning, Leaguers!

So many updates! Before we dig in, a quick **\*REMINDER\*** about our weekly Stand Out for Democracy, **TOMORROW, Saturday, April 19th, from 11 AM to 12 PM** in front of the Winthrop School in Hamilton. We hope to see lots of you there!

On the 18th of April in '75...who remembers that famous day and year? Today marks the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution!

You may have noticed an uptick in these updates recently. With the ever-changing, accelerating nature of our current civic crisis, we hope this increase in communication is empowering and shores up the resolve of our membership.

... "If the British march  
By land or sea from the town to-night,  
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry-arch  
Of the North-Church-tower, as signal-light,—  
One if by land, and two if by sea;  
And I on the opposite shore will be,  
Ready to ride and spread the alarm..."

-excerpted from Paul Revere's Ride  
by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**We are in this together** and remind everyone that *ACTION absorbs anxiety!* We encourage your participation in the defense of democracy, whatever that action looks like for you.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### APRIL:

- **Stand Out for Democracy Saturday, April 19, 11 AM - 12 PM**, Hamilton (Bay Road, near Senior Center/Winthrop School). Also **April 26!**
- **No More Kings Rally for Democracy Saturday, April 19, 1 PM**, Marblehead Old Town House (Washington Street, Marblehead) (details below)

### MAY:

- **Steering Committee Meeting** Tuesday, May 13, 6:00 PM, Wenham COA (10 School St., Wenham)
- **Stand Out for Democracy** Saturday, May 3, 11 AM - 12 PM, Hamilton (Bay Road, near Senior Center/Winthrop School). May 10, 17, 24 and 31!

#### JUNE:

- **(Save the Date) LWVMA Convention 2025 – Year 105: Democracy Forward!** Saturday, June 14, 9 AM - 4 PM, EnVision Hotel Mansfield/Foxboro (31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield) (detailed schedule and registration coming soon)

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## WHAT'S NEWS



### First Weekly Stand Out for Democracy a SUCCESS!

Democracy can't afford fair-weather friends in these trying times! We had about a dozen hardy souls brave the rainy and chilly weather last Saturday, April 12, for our inaugural Stand Out for Democracy. If you look up the Scottish word [\*dreich\*](#), you just may find pictures of Saturday. Spirits and energy were great in spite of the dampness. We heard lots of honks in support!



**Stand Out for Democracy TOMORROW** (and EVERY Saturday)!

**Join us from 11 AM to 12 PM** Saturdays in Hamilton on the grassy area in front of the Winthrop School and the Senior Center (rain or shine...bring an umbrella if the skies, like our situation, look ominous!)

**Bring a sign** -- or not -- your presence is valuable!

**Bring a friend or neighbor!** Think about local folks and organizations in the fight to preserve and protect our civic institutions and civil rights. *The more the merrier!*

Let's all use **OUR** First Amendment rights and be **Out-Standing for Democracy!**

# HANDS ~~OFF!~~

## OUR VOTER RIGHTS

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## **LWV of Marblehead Takes Action**

Also happening on the North Shore **TOMORROW**, Saturday April 19, 2025 at 1 PM, LWV of Marblehead invites the public to their **[“No More Kings - Rally for Democracy”](#)**.

“Our democracy is under threat and we will peacefully assemble to stand against the rise of authoritarianism in our country, while celebrating the success of the American colonists in pushing back the vengeful tyrant king in 1775.

The program starts at 1 p.m. at the Marblehead Old Town House (Washington Street, Marblehead) where the Longfellow poem “Paul Revere’s Ride” will be read from the steps. The group will then walk to Abbot Hall (188 Washington Street, Marblehead) and assemble near the flagpole to hear a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The program should last about one hour. Families are welcome. Attendees are encouraged to bring signs to this peaceful “No More Kings” assembly.” ([LWV of Marblehead](#))

## **NO MORE KINGS**



### **RALLY COMMEMORATING THE START OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.**

Our democracy is under threat. Join us as we draw strength from the past.

**Saturday, April 19th**  
starting at the Old Town House,  
Marblehead, MA at 1 p.m.  
March to Abbot Hall where there  
will be a Reading of the  
Declaration of Independence

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 **URGENT: The SAVE Act is Still on the Table!**



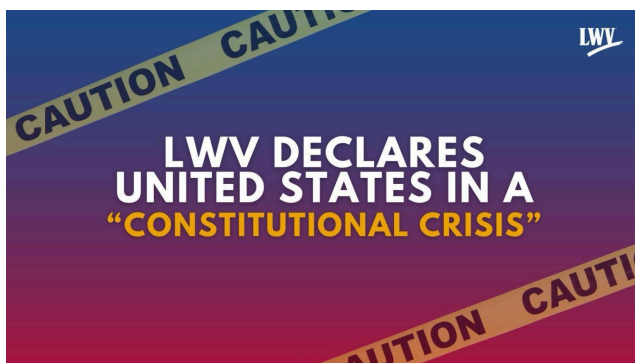


Celina Stewart, LWVUS CEO, issued a statement in response to the passage of the [SAVE \(Safeguard American Voter Eligibility\) Act](#) in the US House. Her remarks were chilling: "Today is a dark day in politics...and a dangerous step backward for our democracy." [Read the full press release](#) on the LWVUS site and consider taking one or more of the actions below and share them with friends!

- [Tell your Senators to oppose the SAVE Act](#): the Senate must reject this bill to prevent it from becoming law. [Call](#) the US Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 (*pro tip: save this in your contacts!*) or [take email action](#).
- Take a moment to [respond to your member of the House's vote](#) on the SAVE Act either by [calling](#) the switchboard (*aren't you glad you saved it in your contacts?*) or [take email action](#).
- **Get familiar** with these great [Talking Points compiled by LWVUS](#) to help push back on misinformation.
- **Share information** with young voters: LWVUS CEO, Celina Stewart, wrote an excellent and informative op-ed for Teen Vogue about the harm the SAVE Act will cause nationwide: [What is the SAVE Act? The Trump Admin's Attempt to Strip Voting Rights from Women and Young People](#).

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### [LWVUS Declares Constitutional Emergency](#)



"After careful monitoring and analysis, LWVUS has decided that now is the time to sound the alarm: **our country is in a full-on constitutional crisis**. The foundational principles that have sustained our democracy — checks and balances, the rule of law, free and

fair elections — are under direct and sustained attack.”

On Thursday, April 17 (the eve of the 250th anniversary of [Paul Revere's Ride to Revolution](#)), the League of Women Voters of the United States declared a constitutional crisis along with its intention to launch an 8.5 million-strong initiative, called Unite & Rise 8.5. Read the [full press release here](#).

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### **We Appreciate YOU!**

We appreciate **all of us!!** Next week is National Volunteer Appreciation Week. As a grassroots-powered organization, the League is extraordinarily grateful to our members and volunteers! Across the US, thousands of dedicated volunteers devote their time and energy to the mission of the League. In fact, League volunteers contributed the equivalent of nearly **\$30 million in volunteer time** in 2024! Thank you for all that you do to empower voters and defend democracy.

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### **UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:**

- [Rise for Freedom Nationwide Mass Trainings](#) (ongoing Thursdays, 8-10 PM through Thursday, May 15) – training for “people who love our country and understand the threat of autocracy before us and want to do something about it.” This would make a great option for a watch party with friends!
  - April 17: “How to Talk to People You Might Disagree With”
  - April 24: “Harnessing Our Power to End Political Violence and Repression”
  - May 1: “Mutual Aid & Structures for Stronger Local Organizing”
  - May 8: “De-escalation & Advanced Strategic Organizing Skills”
  - May 15: “Advanced Organizing Skills”
- [Democracy Movement Call](#) (Tuesday, April 22, 7-8:15 PM) – a “call to rise together” to build power, protect the vote, and shape the future.
- [The Future of Journalism in the Digital Age](#) (Tuesday, April 29, 5-6 PM) – April installment of LWV of Maine’s series **Let’s Talk About Digital Threats to Democracy** exploring the staggering and often hidden reach of Big Tech into our lives and the dangers it poses to civil society, our civil rights, and our privacy.
- [Felony Disenfranchisement: How Leagues are Engaging and Advocating for Re-Enfranchisement in Their Communities](#) (Wednesday, May 21, 3 PM) –


a panel discussion about the importance of enfranchisement for justice-involved individuals and how state and local Leagues can engage and advocate.


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#### PAST VIRTUAL EVENTS:


- [LWVMA Town Hall: How the Legislature Works \(recording\)](#) featuring Senator Joan Lovely ([accompanying slides](#))
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#### OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

 **Stay Informed** LWVUS sends an informative bi-weekly newsletter (check out the [April 17 issue](#)). You can [join the mailing list here](#).

 **Steering Committee Meetings** (generally second Tuesdays of the month) Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, at 6 PM at the Wenham Council on Aging** (10 School St., Wenham).

- [Draft Minutes from April 8](#)
- [Approved Minutes from March 11](#)

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# Not a member yet?

[Join us today!](#)

If you or someone you know would like to join the League, let us know or simply have them [join online!](#) We are always happy to answer questions too!

You can also encourage folks to [sign up for our periodic email updates.](#)

Thanks for helping build our community!



**Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.**

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