

NEWSLETTER

August 18, 2018

Tentative 2018-2019 LWVW Calendar (through December)



Please bookmark the LWVW Google calendar for the most up-to-date calendar information (includes LWVW events and events which may be of interest to our members).

Wednesday, August 22, 9 am - 3 pm: Voter Registration and Naturalization Ceremony in Lowell, MA.

Tuesday, September 4: Primary Election Day

Tuesday, September 4, 10 am-noon, Board Meeting at Susan Clapham's home. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 11, 1 - 3 pm, LWVW Ballot Question Process Study Meeting at Wellesley Free Library. All members welcome.

Friday, September 21, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch: Housing Production Plan. Come and learn about a topic of current interest in the town of Wellesley. Location TBD.





Tuesday, September 25, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: LWV National Voter Registration Day. The Wellesley League will be holding a voter registration drive at WHS

Tuesday, September 25, 1 - 3 pm, LWVW Ballot Question Process Study Meeting at Wellesley Free Library. All members welcome.

Tuesday, October 2: First day of Special Town Meeting to consider appropriating funds for feasibility and schematic design to address the needs of the Upham School, potentially by renovating it or by rebuilding or replacing it, either at that site, the site of the Hardy School, or elsewhere. The project is expected to be carried out in partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Wednesday, October 3: Second day of Special Town Meeting (if needed).

Tuesday, October 9, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Jenny Zannetos' home. All members welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 14, 7 pm, Forum on Transgender Issues and Ballot Question 3 at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley. This forum is intended to educate the community on transgender rights in MA and the challenge to those rights posed by Question 3 on the statewide ballot November 6. LWVMA has taken a "yes" position on Question 3 which affects the 2016 state law that banned discrimination against transgender people in places of public accommodation, such as restaurants, malls, and restrooms. Because of potential confusion arising from the required wording of the referendum, a "yes" vote on Question 3 would actually keep in place the current law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender identity in public places. The forum is sponsored by Temple Beth Elohim Congregants for Transgender Equity in partnership with the Unitarian Universalists of Wellesley, World of Wellesley, and the LWVW.

Tuesday, October 16, 1 - 3 pm, LWVW Ballot Question Process Study Meeting at Wellesley Free Library. All members welcome.



Tuesday, October 16, 6:30-9 pm, Opening LWVW Meeting -"Election Security: Threats and Solutions" at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Our speaker will be Barbara Bluestein Simons, a voting cyber security expert, who has been on the Board of Advisors of the US Election Assistance Commission since she was appointed by Senator Reid in 2008. She co-authored the report that led to the cancellation of the Department of Defense's Internet Voting project (SERVE) in 2004 because of security concerns. Simons is retired from IBM Research and a former

President of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the oldest and largest international educational and scientific society for computing professional. She is the only woman to have received the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award from the College of Engineering at U C Berkeley, where she earned her PhD in computer science. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the lecture will begin promptly at 7. All are welcome to attend.

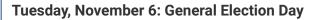
Wednesday, October 17: Deadline to register to vote in the November 6 General Election.

Monday, October 22 - Friday, November 2: Early voting for General Election

Thursday, October 25, 7 - 9 pm: **Wellesley Meet-Up** at the Hills Branch of the Wellesley Free Library. Come meet your elected town officials and find out what is going on in Wellesley

Sunday, October 28: LWVW Social Event. Time and location TBD.

Tuesday, October 30, 1 - 3 pm, LWVW Ballot Question Process Study Meeting at Wellesley Free Library. All members welcome.



Tuesday, November 13, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Ann-Mara Lanza's home. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, November 27, 1 - 3 pm, LWVW Ballot Question Process Study Meeting at Wellesley Free Library. All members welcome.



Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 - 9 pm, How to Run for Public Office at the Warren Building, Room 008. Are you considering becoming a candidate for Town office? Now's the time to get organized for the March 5, 2019 Town Election! The LWV Wellesley is sponsoring an evening to discuss how

Wellesley's town government works, what offices will be on the ballot in March, and the nuts and bolts of running a campaign. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, December 11, 9:30 am -12:30 pm, Board Meeting - location TBD. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, December 11 at 12:30-2 pm, Annual Holiday Luncheon and Get-Together (following Board Meeting). Members of the LWVW are invited to celebrate the season with a festive luncheon and update on League activities.



Tuesday, December 18, 1 - 3 pm, LWVW Ballot Question Process Study Meeting at Wellesley Free Library. All members welcome.

Are You Interested in Promoting Voter Turn Out?

Erry Johnson, our Vice President, Voter Services, is holding a Voter Turnout Working Group Meeting on Thursday, August 23 from 1 - 2:30 pm at the Town Hall. Please contact her if you are interested in serving on this committee.



LWVMA Online Voters' Guide Now Available



Check out LWVMA's new Online Voters' Guide to the Sept. 4 primary election at www.InformedVoterMA.org, going live this weekend, and pass the link on to your friends and network.

Celebrate Women's Equality Day!

Thursday, August 23, 2018 12:00 - 1:30 pm The Swan Boats, Boston Public Garden

Join the Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of MA (WSCC) and the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement, City of Boston, to celebrate the 98th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. Speakers include Fredie Kay, the President of the



Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of MA and Barbara Berenson, author of Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers. This event is free and open to the public - registration is here.

News from State and Other Local Leagues

- The formal part of the legislative session ended July 31 with some major wins in LWVMA-supported bills: automatic voter registration, criminal justice reform, civics education, gun control, women's issues
- The Pre-Primary Democratic Candidates Night for State House and Senate races drew significant interest, with about 130 attending on August 13. This event was co-sponsored by the Needham, Wayland and Wellesley Leagues. Watch the forum, recorded by the Needham Channel. The Democratic candidates for State Senate (representing Precincts B, F, and G in Wellesley) are Kris Aleksov, Jackie Katz and Becca Rausch; the incumbent Republican candidate, Richard Ross, is running unopposed.
- Watch "Decision 2018: The US House MA 4th District" debate between Joe Kennedy and Gary Rucinski on August 10 (also on the Wellesley Public Media Channels 39 and 40). The debate was sponsored by the Brookline, Needham, Newton and Wellesley Leagues.

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