



2019 LWVW Calendar (through June)



Thursday, February 28, 6:30 - 9 pm: Meet the Candidates Night at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Free and open to the public. Meet and greet at 6:30, program starts at 7.

Tuesday, March 5: Town Elections

Tuesday, March 12, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Kim Maire's home. All members welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 14, 7 - 8:30 pm: During Women's History Month, **Barbara Berenson** will speak about her book "Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers," at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Jointly sponsored by LWVW and the Wellesley Free Library, this event is free and open to the public.



Friday, March 15, noon - 2 pm: Brown Bag Lunch with Our Three Elected State Officials at Susan Ryan's home. All members welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 21 (evening) and Sunday, March 24 (afternoon):

Town Meeting Prep Sessions at the Community Room of the Wellesley Police Station

Monday, March 25, 7 pm: First Session of Annual Town Meeting at Wellesley Middle School

Tuesday, April 9, 10 am - noon: Board Meeting at Ann Rappaport's home. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, May 7, 10 am - noon: Board Meeting, location TBD. All members welcome to attend.

Wednesday, May 15, 6 pm: Annual Meeting at Helen Stewart's home. All members welcome to attend.



Sunday, May 19, 1 pm: 51st Annual Veteran's Parade. Mark your calendars and plan to march with the Wellesley League! This year's theme is the 75th anniversary of D-Day. We plan to wear white in honor of the Suffragettes.

Friday - Saturday, June 7 - 8, LWVMA 2019 Convention in Westford, MA

Wednesday, June 5, 9:30 am - 2 pm: Voter Registration for the Lowell Naturalization Ceremony, Lowell, MA. Please contact [Erry Johnson](#) if you are interested in working this event.

Monday, June 10, 7 - 9 pm: Board Meeting, location TBD. All members welcome to attend.

Who's on the Ballot in the Town Election?

The LWVW Voters Guide is on line. Go to our website www.LWVWellesley.org and click on the Vote411.org link (right under the big red Donate button) to read about



town-wide and Town Meeting Member candidates for the local March 5, 2019 election. This information will also be published in an insert on the Townsman on February 28.

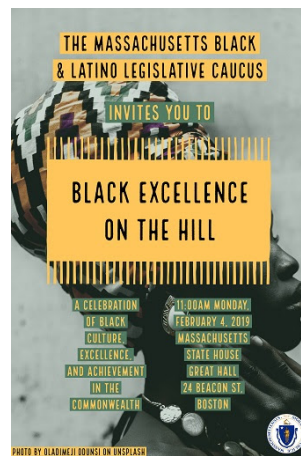


Five town-wide races are contested (Selectmen, NRC, Board of Health, Planning 5-year seat, and Planning 1-year seat) as well as Town Meeting races in Precincts B, C, D, E, and H. Don't forget to attend Meet the Candidates Night on February 28th in the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library to hear what the candidates have to say and ask them questions. The Meet & Greet starts at 6:30 and the Forum starts promptly at 7 pm. Retiring board members will also be recognized. Many thanks to Erry Johnson and her team for organizing this important annual League event.

League Member Richard McGhee Honored on the Hill

The League would like to congratulate Richard McGhee, a long time member of the LWVW, who was honored on February 4th at the Black History Month ceremony "Black Excellence on the Hill" hosted by the MA Black and Latino Legislative Caucus. Mr. McGhee was a longtime chairman of the World of Wellesley, a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating diversity in the town.

He was nominated for this award by State Rep. Alice Peisch. The Townsman interviewed Mr. McGhee about his service to the Wellesley community [here](#) after his retirement from the WOW Board. He was recognized as a "Townsman 10" in 1995.



Program Planning Input Requested

By Anne Turtle, LWVW President



As part of its Program Planning process the State LWV is seeking input on areas of focus for LWVMA Program and Action for the next biennium, 2019 – 2021. During our February 12th Board meeting we briefly discussed Rank Choice Voting (RCV), a topic we agreed is an area of interest to our local LWV Board. All members are invited to participate in the planning process. Please see the [State Program Planning Guide](#) - page 3 lists the Action Priorities for the next two years suggested by the State Board. For more information on the process, see the recent [webinar recording](#) about the process. If you have any recommendations, please send them to [Anne Turtle](#) by March 1st. The deadline for submitting local LWV recommendations is March 7. Our recently completed Study of the Ballot Question Process was the result of a Study recommended at the LWVMA convention in 2017.

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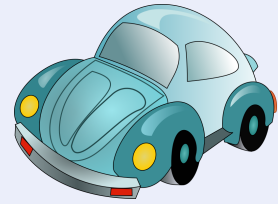
The Boston Globe

The *Boston Globe* recently announced the return of GRANT (Globe Readers And Non-profits Together) that allows their subscribers to help deserving non-profits earn free advertising space in the Globe. **The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LOTTE E. SCHARFMAN MEMORIAL FUND** has been selected as a GRANT recipient (the Scharfman Fund encourages informed and active citizen participation in government through citizen education and voter service projects).

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Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are needed for the Leagues' "Rides to the Poll" service on Tuesday March 5. If you are available to drive, please contact **Erry Johnson** with your name, cell phone number, and the times you are available.



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are a way for the Wellesley League to communicate easily and privately with our membership.

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