LWVW Calendar (January - June)

Friday, January 19, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch with Wellesley Free Library Director Jamie Jurgensen at Barbara McMahon's home, 7 Amherst Road, Wellesley. Jamie will discuss the new WFL Strategic Plan and share some exciting renovation plans for the main library building.

Tuesday, January 23, 10:50 am - 12:30 pm, Voter Registration at WHS (snow date January 30). The LWVW will have representatives on site at Wellesley High School to register eligible voters.

Tuesday, February 13, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Erry Johnson's home. All members welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 1, 6:30 - 9 pm, Meet the Candidates Night in the Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library. Meet the candidates for local Town of Wellesley elected positions as well as recognize those retiring from elected Town Boards. Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:30 and the forum will start promptly at 7.

Tuesday, March 6, Town Election Day. Polls open from 7 am to 8 pm

Friday, March 9, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch with Local Legislators including State Representative Alice Peisch. Location TBD.

Tuesday, March 13, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Ellen Hallett’s home. All members welcome to attend.
Thursday, March 22, 7 - 9 pm and Sunday, March 25, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Annual Town Meeting Prep Session at the Community Room of the Police Station. Learn about the issues being brought forth at the Wellesley Annual Town Meeting. Various committee chairs and community leaders will be on hand to speak about the articles to be voted on. All Town Meeting Members and Wellesley residents are welcome to attend.

Monday, March 26, Start of Annual Town Meeting

Friday, April 27, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch. Location and topic TBD.

Wednesday, May 16, 6 - 9 pm, Annual Meeting at Helen Stewart’s home. This meeting is open to the Wellesley League membership and their guests. Reception/potluck starts at 6 and the meeting begins promptly at 7:30. Note that this year is the 80th anniversary of the Wellesley League! Please RSVP to Anne Rippy Turtle at lwwwellesley2@gmail.com

Monday, June 11, (evening) Board Meeting, time and location TBD. All members welcome to attend.

Brown Bag Lunch this Friday!

Jamie Jurgensen, the WFL's Director, is our guest this Friday, January 19, from noon - 2 pm at Barbara McMahon's home, 7 Amherst Road, Wellesley. Jamie will be presenting plans to renovate the main library building to add more small meeting spaces, reimagine the Children's Room, create a Commons/cafe area, and add an Automated Materials Handler to the circulation area. These initiatives will meet the needs of Town residents well into the future as determined in the WFL's recent Strategic Plan. The Director and Trustees are also working on smaller scale renovations to the Fells Branch, envisioned as an Early Childhood Library.

Questions for Candidates' Night

If you are interested in helping formulate the questions that the League asks the candidates for Town office during our annual "Meet the Candidates Night", you are invited to a Question Team meeting at Erry Johnson's house on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 10:30 am. Please RSVP to lwwwellesley2@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Coming Soon - Meet Cynthia Creem!
State Senator Cynthia Creem, who represents First Middlesex and Norfolk County which includes about half of Wellesley, has graciously agreed to meet with Wellesley League Members at her office on Beacon Hill where we can learn what's on the docket in the current legislative session and make our concerns known. Date and time TBD.

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**News from State and Other Local Leagues**

- The **LWVMA Legislative League Envoy program** is starting in January. LWVMA is looking for one or two interested members in each local League to help with state legislative efforts. The Envoy Program formalizes the links between the state League’s Legislative Action Committee and local Leagues across the state with the goal of growing a crops of Envoys in our local Leagues so that each of our legislators has an envoy from LWVMA. Learn more about the program [here](#).

- For its fifth annual student video contest, LWVMA invites high school students to create 30-second public service announcements to motivate voters for Massachusetts' Fall 2018 elections. Entries must be submitted online from February 1 through March 31. A toolkit and flyer to download are available on the [LWVMA website](#).

- Are you a novice who would like to learn how to moderate? Or an expert who would like to brush up on your skills? Have questions about how to handle tricky situations during a debate or forum? LWVMA will hold a Moderator Training for both new and experienced moderators on Thursday, February 15 from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at ActonTV Studios (16a Craig Road, Acton, MA 01720). If you are interested, you can register [here](#).

- **Automatic Voter Registration Lobby Day on January 31.** Join LWVMA and the other members of the Election Modernization Coalition for a lobby day to pass Automatic Voter Registration at the State House Wednesday, Jan. 31, 9:30 am to noon. Registration and training will take place in Room 428 in the State House (24 Beacon Street, Boston). Sign up [here](#) to participate in the AVR lobby day. This legislation would make voter registration more secure, more accurate, and more inclusive, adding up to 700,000 new voters to the rolls in our state.
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