



Tentative 2017-2018 LWVW Calendar (through December)



Please bookmark the [LWVW website calendar](#) for the most up-to-date calendar information. Information about selected [State and neighboring League events](#) may be also be found on our website.

Tuesday, September 5, 9:30-11 am, **Board Meeting** at Ann-Mara Lanza's home. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 26, **National Voter Registration Day**

Thursday, September 28, 6:30-9 pm, **Opening LWVW Meeting** at the Wellesley Community Center, Henderson Room. Our speaker will be Mira Bernstein from Tufts University who is lecturing on "One Citizen, One Vote: How Gerrymandering is a Fundamental Threat to Democracy." Join us in learning about efforts to improve fairness in our election process. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the lecture will begin promptly at 7. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, October 3, **Board Meeting** at Catherine Johnson's home. All members welcome to attend.

Friday, October 13, noon-2 pm, **Brown Bag Lunch**. Come and learn about a topic of current interest in the town of Wellesley. Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday, October 22, 4-6 pm, **LWVW Wine and Cheese Social**, Location TBD. Join us for wine and cheese and learn about the League's activities!

Thursday November 2, 7-9 pm, **Special Town Meeting Preparation Session**, Community Room of the Wellesley Police Station. Learn about the issues coming before Town Meeting, particularly the appropriation of feasibility funds for the Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham project. All Town Meeting Members and Wellesley residents are welcome to attend either this event or the Sunday afternoon session.

Sunday, November 5, 1:30-3:30 pm, **Special Town Meeting Preparation Session**, Community Room of the Wellesley Police Station. Learn about the issues coming before Town Meeting, particularly the appropriation of feasibility funds for the Hardy, Hunnewell and Upham project. All Town Meeting Members and Wellesley residents are welcome to attend either this event or the Thursday evening session.

Tuesday, November 7, **Board Meeting** at Ann Rappaport's home. All members welcome to attend.

November 7, 8, 13, 14: **Special Town Meeting**

Tuesday, December 12, 10 am -12:30 pm, **Board Meeting** at Anne Rippy Turtle's home. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, December 12 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.

League of Women Voters of Wellesley Opening Meeting

The League's Opening Meeting will be held on September 28, 6:30 - 9 pm at the Wellesley Community Center, Henderson Room (second floor).

Our featured speaker will be Mira Bernstein; her talk, "One Citizen, One Vote: How Gerrymandering is a Fundamental Threat to Democracy" will help us learn about efforts to improve fairness in the election process.



Mira holds a research faculty position in the interdisciplinary program Science, Technology and Society at Tufts University where she is a founding member of the Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering Group. Mira studied mathematics at Yale and was a Churchill Scholar at Cambridge, after which she received her doctorate from Harvard in algebraic geometry. She coordinated a research team from Harvard, MIT, the National Bureau of Economic Research and Portland, Oregon to assess the effects of extending health insurance to a low-income uninsured population, during which time she developed novel sampling framework and statistical weighting procedures. She was also the director of a summer program for mathematically-talented high school students for over 15 years.

Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the lecture will begin promptly at 7. All members and Wellesley residents are invited to attend.

LWVW Volunteers are Needed!

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in League activities! We are currently looking for someone to chair the Membership Committee, responsible for directing the LWVW's efforts to recruit and retain members. In addition, Erry Johnson is proposing a September meeting to line up volunteers for Voter

Service, one of the core missions of the League. If you are interested, please contact [Ann Rippy Turtle](#).

Making Democracy Work in My Community Student Video Contest



The LWVMA has announced the winners of its student video contest (for more information about this contest, click [here](#)). Jacob Applebaum from Wellesley High School was awarded an Honorable Mention for his video "[Boston Stands for Democracy](#)" and Natalie Marder and Emily Bell from

Newton South High School won Second Place for their video "[L'Taken: Learning How to Make Democracy Work in Our Community](#)" which featured Ann-Mara's son Nate!

The contest was sponsored by the LWV of MA Citizen Education Fund which supports programs designed to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in democracy and increase understanding of public policy issues.

Congratulations to the students for putting together these inspiring videos!

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