



LWVW Calendar (June - November)



Monday, August 13, 7 - 9 pm Pre-Primary State Democrats Forum at the Needham Free Public Library, 1139 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494. Come and meet the Democratic candidates running in the MA primary in September (the incumbent Republican candidate is running unopposed). Event co-sponsored with the LWV Needham. Meet and Greet starts at 7 pm and the Forum at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, August 15: Deadline to register to vote in the September 4, 2018 primary

Wednesday, August 22: Voter Registration and Naturalization Ceremony in Lowell, MA.

Tuesday, September 4: Primary Election Day

Tuesday, September 25: LWV National Voter Registration Day. The Wellesley League will be holding a voter registration drive at WHS

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 18: Deadline to register to vote in the November 6, 2018 general election

Tuesday, November 6: General Election Day



On June 6th, LWVW members Ellen Hallett, Erry Johnson and Tanya Roy joined other LWVMA members at the Naturalization Ceremony in Lowell to help welcome 995 new American citizens from 95 countries, greeting them with flags and voter registration applications.

Eva Rajczyk of Greater Haverhill organized this event's voter registration team. In her welcoming remarks to the assembled crowd of candidates and their families, she spoke eloquently about becoming naturalized and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. It was thrilling to congratulate these new citizens and to witness their excited anticipation of voting in upcoming fall elections.

The next Naturalization Ceremony in Lowell is scheduled on August 22, 2018. We expect to send a few LWVW volunteers - please contact [Erry Johnson](#) if you are interested in participating. The photo below is taken at the naturalization ceremony and the top photo shows Erry and her team getting organized to register new voters. Many thanks to Erry and her team for organizing such a wonderful and powerful event!



LWV Wellesley Marches in the Wellesley Parade

Many thanks to Anne Rippy Turtle, Ellen Hallett, and Jenny Zannetos who ably represented the Wellesley League in the annual Wellesley Parade, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I this year. The League has a brand new banner this year to celebrate its own 80th birthday!





Other Thank You's!

- To Tanya Roy, for agreeing to be our Legislative Envoy for 2018-2019
- To Past President Susan Clapham, who has agreed to be the point person for the State Study on the Massachusetts Ballot Question Process. Irene Flint will partner with Susan on this Study Committee.
- To Marcia Testa Simonson, for volunteering to represent the League if appointed to the Electronic Voting at Town Meeting Study Committee by the Moderator
- To Ellen Hallett and Marguerite Chatelier for presenting the LWVW book awards at the WHS Senior and Underclass Awards ceremonies
- To Helen Stewart, for once again making her wonderful home available for the League's Annual Meeting



"Members Only" Part of the LWV Wellesley Website

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By now, all members should have been invited to join the "Members Only" (private) part of the LWV Wellesley website via an iContact email that was sent out on June 18, 2018. Please contact [Ann Rappaport](#) if you are a League member and have not received your invitation or are having difficulty setting up your MyLO account. The "Members Only" page includes links to our membership contact information; agendas, minutes and reports of our Board Meetings; copies of the Bulletins (workbooks) for the Annual Meeting and minutes of the Annual Meeting; and our bylaws.

News from State and Other Local Leagues

- The video contest winners of "[Get in the Game and Vote](#)" were announced in May. Over 250 people participated this year in creating 30 second public service announcements encouraging eligible voters to turn out at the polls
- The LWV MA is beginning a [MA Ballot Question Process Study](#) to review the Massachusetts laws and regulations that govern statewide citizen-initiated ballot questions (initiative and referendum process); consider the consequences of current laws and regulations; and propose concrete next steps that LWVMA could take to enact change, if the study results in recommended change. Examples of areas of study will include but are not limited to the goals of the initiative and referendum process; funding; signature requirements; the length, subject matter and complexity of ballot questions; and the regulations around accepting and rejecting signatures. Local Leagues. Susan Clapham is leading the Wellesley effort and one or two consensus meetings are expected to be held from December 2018 to February 2019. The report from the Local to State LWV is due on February 16, 2019.

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