

Member Newsletter V.2

June 2024

For Your Calendar: LWVWellesley's Upcoming Events

Sat. June 22 LWVMA Council Meeting, Virtual (see below).

Thurs. June 27 - Sun June 30 LWVUS Convention, Washington DC & Virtual (see below).

Tues. July 30 LWVW Board Planning Meeting 11am - 3pm**

Sat. Aug 24 Voter Registration Deadline for MA State Primary

Mon. Aug 26 Vote-by-Mail Registration Deadline for MA State Primary

Tues. Sept 3 MA State Primary

For all scheduled events, please visit our website [calendar](#) .

Thank you, everyone, for a wonderful 2023-2024.

We are all looking forward to a challenging. 2024-2025. We have so much to be thankful for, not the least of which is the amazing leadership team we have put together for this coming program year thanks in no small part to our excellent nominating committee (Ellen Hallet, Odessa Sanchez, Marguerite Chatelier.)

Sadly we are losing a few members of our Board -all moving on to other exciting opportunities. Huge thank-yous go to Jenn Fallon, Niki Brinkman-Ofenloch, and Margie Palladino for the important roles they played in our many successes this year. We will miss them very much.

In their place, we have some brand new Board members, some more seasoned Board members taking on different roles and some Board members continuing on in their current roles.

We'd like to introduce the new folks. Rekha Sampath is our in-coming director of membership, and also the secretary of our new study committee on lowering the local voting age. Serina Sheen is a WHS student who will be our off-board specialist for social media. Jacqui van Looy will be working with us as our off-board specialist for marketing and publicity.

We are grateful to Marguerite Chatelier for shifting from VP of Program to co-VP of Voter Service, and to Diane Hemond for joining her as co-VP of Voter Service. Big thank-yous also go to long-time board members Ann-Mara Lanza and Irene Flint for volunteering to be co-VPs of Program. Irene will also be serving as chair of the Vote16 study. And we are grateful to Deb Codispoti, Rama Ramaswamy, Laura Brown-MacKinnon, Ellie Perkins, Marlene O'Brien and Bonny Nothern for continuing in their respective roles as treasurer, DEI director, newsletter/website editor, secretary, At Large director, and president. We are extremely lucky to have Odessa Sanchez return to lead our nominating committee.

What a great team! Thank you again!

****LWVW Programming 2024-2025**

What Interests You?

The LWVW Program Team is looking for programming ideas! Is there something interesting happening in Wellesley that you'd like to learn more about? What topic or format would entice you to attend a meeting? Have you read an interesting book that you'd like to discuss with other League members? Do you know someone who would be an interesting speaker for the membership? How do we better engage our student members?

We recently held a brainstorming session which generated ideas like these:

- What is happening with the Morses Pond renovation?
- How is the new composting program at the RDF?
- What is the current status of the METCO program?
- Hold new member coffees with Board members.
- Start a walking/discussion group.
- Start a youth civics group at the Wellesley High School.

What ideas do you have? Our LWVW Board will be meeting on Tuesday, July 30, to begin planning for our 2024-2025 Program year. Send us an email at: lwwellesley2@gmail.com with your suggestions. Make sure to add "LWVW Program Idea" in the subject line.

Minimum Voting Age Study Committee Members Needed!

At Annual Meeting, we approved a new local study related to the minimum voting age for Wellesley's municipal elections. A committee is forming to decide if the LWVW should develop a position on this topic. The committee will examine the pros and cons of lowering the voting age to 16 or 17. We need you! This is a chance to work with other League members and learn how a study is done and adopted by our membership. Some people say the less you know about the subject, the more you'll learn and that's one of the best things about being part of a study committee!

Over the summer, we will be setting up a time table for our work and identifying relevant materials to study -all located on our [website](#). I will be chairing the study so email me if you have questions or to let me know that you want to be part of the committee.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS UPCOMING EVENTS

State Primary Election Tuesday September 3, 2024 **SAVE THE DATE**

We have been invited by Stephan Bader of LWV Concord to participate in presenting a candidates forum for a contested race on the Democratic ticket for a

seat on the Third District Governor's Council in the September 3rd primary. Please email us if you would like to learn about what it takes to put on a candidates forum by getting involved in a supporting role or reach out directly to Stephan at concordcitizen@aol.com.

Obviously, the timing of this primary is difficult with Labor Day and the starting week of school, etc. . However, many members have commented that they would like more information about what functions the Governor's Council actually serves. Two of our student members, Ivy Wang and Skye Jacobs presented that information in a video produced by Rama Ramaswamy last year. Learn more about the governor's Council by clicking on <http://whogovernsthegc.org>. In brief, two of the most significant functions of the Governor's Council are the evaluation of candidates for judgeships and the consideration of parole requests.

From our Wellesley Town Clerk, KC Kato: WELLESLEY NEEDS ELECTION WORKERS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3RD PRIMARY For more information, please see: <https://wellesleyma.gov/1023/Election-Workers>

LWVMA Council, Saturday June 22 9:00 A.M.(Virtual)

Council 2024: The Future of the League: Building the Leadership Pipeline

A leadership pipeline discussion and Q&A featuring Beth Chandler, CEO of YW Boston, and a brief business meeting where we'll receive an update from LWVMA's leadership and elect 2024-2026 LWVMA officers and directors.

Register [here](#) to attend virtually.

Each League has an allotted number of voting delegates which corresponds to your League's membership count as of February 1, 2024. You can review [here](#) how many delegates your League has. Local League presidents and steering committee chairs must register their League delegates by June 3, 2024. There are no restrictions to the number of observers your League can send to Council. Observers may not vote but can participate in all other Council activities.

Please [email our president, Bonny Nothern](#), if you'd like to attend.

LWVUS Convention Thursday June 27 - Sunday June 30

(Virtual & In-Person Options)

LWVUS Convention is taking place in Washington, DC and will be a hybrid event.

[Here](#) is the Convention webpage where you will find all of the information including registration costs (\$550 for in-person and \$125 for virtual) and hotel blocks. Financial support is available so please [email our president, Bonny Nothern](#), if you are interested in attending.

The number of local League delegates to Convention are determined by League size. Click [here](#) for a chart showing how many delegates each League in Massachusetts is allotted. Any member is welcome to attend Convention, but voting during Convention is reserved for delegates.



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