



2019-2020 LWVW Calendar (through February)



Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 - 9 pm, How to Run for Public Office at the Warren Building, Room 008. Are you considering becoming a candidate for Town office? Now's the time to get organized for the March 2020 Town Election! The LWV Wellesley is sponsoring an evening to discuss how Wellesley's town

government works, what offices will be on the ballot in March, and the nuts and bolts of running a campaign. Town Clerk KC Kato and Moderator Mark Kaplan will be our featured speakers. Light refreshments will be served.



Thursday, December 5, Nominating papers for local elected town offices available at the Town Clerk's office.



Sunday, December 8, 1 - 3 pm, Special Town Meeting Prep Session in the Great Hall, Wellesley Town Hall

Monday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 10, Special Town Meeting at the Wellesley Middle School. The warrant for STM is available [here](#).

Tuesday, December 10, 9:30 - noon: Board Meeting at Susan Clapham's home. All members welcome to attend and Holiday Party immediately afterwards.

Tuesday, December 10, 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. Look for your evite coming soon! Attendees are asked to bring either a main dish, salad or dessert that serves six.



Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at the home of Anne Rippy Turtle. All members welcome!

Thursday, January 30, 7 pm, No Place Like Home: Attainable, Affordable and Sustainable Housing - in Wellesley? at the Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library (see below).

Tuesday, February 11, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at the home of Tanya Roy. All members welcome!

The Annual Meet-Up Returns



The LWVW held our **Annual Meet-Up: Face Time With Your Elected Officials** on October 17th at the WHS Cafeteria. As always, the Meet-Up was a great opportunity for residents to chat informally with members of town boards, including the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Library, DPW, Housing Authority, Board of Health, NRC, Recreation and Planning.

A Well-Attended Brown Bag Lunch with the School Committee!



The LWVW sponsored an informal "Brown Bag Lunch" with School Committee/School Building Committee members Sharon Gray and Melissa Martin on Friday, November 15th. Many League members and guests gathered at Barbara McMahon's home to hear about the latest developments in the **Hunnewell and Hardy/Upham projects** that will be coming before Town Meeting (and the voters!) in the next few years. Many thanks to Sharon and Melissa for a very informative discussion and to Barbara for hosting!

LWVW Goes to 2019 "Day on the Hill"



Wellesley League members Anne Rippy Turtle, Ellen Hallet, Susan Clapham and Tanya Roy attend the League's 2019 "Day on the Hill", a LWVMA event held

annually at the Massachusetts State House to discuss upcoming legislation and advocacy.

No Place Like Home: Attainable, Affordable, and Sustainable Housing - in Wellesley?

January 30, 7 pm

Wellesley Free Library, Wakelin Room

Join the LWVW and co-sponsors for an expert panel for an overview of the state of attainable housing in Massachusetts. Young families, seniors, and people of moderate incomes are unable to move to – or stay in – our town. What does this mean for Wellesley's future? Hear different perspectives on the challenges and benefits of creating diverse housing. Then, join in the community conversation on what we can do to create a broader range of housing choices in Wellesley for the long-term health of our community.



Panelists:

- Chris Klutchman, Housing Choice Program Director at Massachusetts Housing Partnership/Department of Housing and Community Development
- Amy Dain, reports on two years of research into the regulations, plans and permits in the 100 cities and towns surrounding Boston
- Shelly Goehring, Senior Program Manager, Massachusetts Housing Partnership
- Rebecca Winterich-Knox, Net Zero Organizer, Massachusetts Climate Action Network

Interview with New WPS Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dr. Charmie Curry



At the last Board meeting, LWVW members discussed the League's **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policy** and made a commitment to make deliberate efforts to ensure the LWVW is a place where differences are welcomed, different

perspectives are respectfully heard, and every individual feels a sense of belonging and inclusion. Learn about Dr. Charmie Curry, the Wellesley Public Schools' new Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, in an interview with Stephanie Hawkinson, Wellesley's Communications and Project Manager (click the photo to watch the interview).

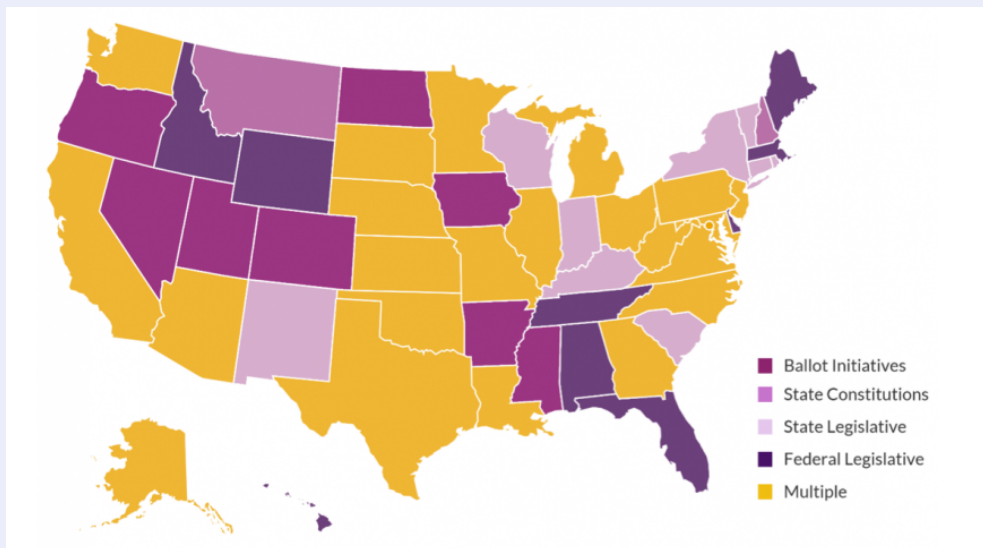
In Memoriam



The Wellesley League wishes to offer its condolences on the loss of Sue Wright, who died on October 28, 2019. Sue was a longtime League of Women Voters member and was very involved in Wellesley town government, representing voters in her precinct as a Town Meeting Member for almost 30 years. She also served on the Advisory Committee, Planning Board, and Community Preservation Committee and was

honored as one of the "Townsmen 10" in 2006.

Local and State League Events and Information



Tuesday, November 19, from 9-10 am: LWVMA Co-President, Judy Zaunbrecher, will be speaking with Mindy Todd on WCAI's *The Point* at 90.1 FM about the *People Powered Fair Maps* initiative. This is an initiative to develop fair maps for voting districts across all 50 states, and LWV Massachusetts is participating. In response to national concerns about gerrymandering, the League of Women Voters is supporting efforts in all 50 states and Washington, DC, to develop fair district maps by various means including ballot initiatives, work with state legislatures and civic engagement.

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