



LWVW Calendar (October - December)



The LWVW has transitioned to a new web platform, still located at www.LWVWellesley.org. You can find our calendar information in a new [Google calendar](#) (which includes important dates for our League in red and State and neighboring Leagues in blue) and a [LWVW Calendar](#) which aggregates detailed information about specific events of interest to Wellesley League members.

Thursday, October 12, 7 - 8:30 pm, Wellesley Meet-Up: Informal discussions with your local officials at the Hills Branch Library, sponsored by the LWVW. See below for more details.



Tuesday, October 24, 10 am - noon, Day on the Hill 2017: Moving the Needle on League Priorities in the Great Hall of the State House. See below for more details.

Wednesday, November 3, 10 am, Tour of Tolles Parsons Center at [500 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482](#). All members of the League are invited to tour Wellesley's new senior center; meet there.



***NEW DATE!* Sunday, November 5, 4 - 6 pm, LWVW Wine and Cheese Social**, Location TBD. Join us for wine and cheese and learn about the League's activities!

Tuesday, November 14, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Ann Rappaport's home. All members welcome to attend.

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



Tuesday, December 12, 12:30 - 2 pm, **Annual Holiday Luncheon and Get-Together** at Anne Rippy Turtle's home. Members of the LWVW are invited to celebrate the season with a festive luncheon and update on League activities. Members are also invited to attend the LWVW board meeting being held immediately beforehand at 10 am.

Note that Special Town Meeting in November has been indefinitely postponed and the Special Town Meeting preparation sessions have been canceled.

Save the Date - LWV Wellesley Wine & Cheese Social!



The LWVW Wine and Cheese Social has a new date - Sunday, November 5, from 4-6 pm, with location TBD. Please come and bring a friend! Meet other League members and learn more about the Wellesley League's activities in a fun annual event! Look for your invite with more details soon (information will also be posted on

the LWV Wellesley website calendar).

Reminder: LWVW Annual Dues Due



If you haven't yet renewed your LWV Wellesley membership, you can respond to the fall solicitation or [renew online](#) using PayPal. For those of you who have responded already, thank you!

Voters Registration Day a Big Success!



In conjunction with National Voter Registration Day, the League of Women Voters of Wellesley registered over 50 eligible high school voters on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Many thanks go to Erry Johnson, our Vice-president in charge of Voter Services, and her team of Helen Stewart, Marjorie Freiman, Ellen Hallett, Virginia Ferko, and Lorraine Cross.

The Voter Services team is planning another voter registration drive in early 2018 to encourage voting in the March town election and the mid-term elections in the fall of 2018. Please contact Erry Johnson to get involved!

Wellesley Meet-Up: Informal Discussions with your Local Officials

Come talk to your elected officials on October 12 at 7:00 pm at the Wellesley Hills Branch Library. Find out what's happening in town... Who makes the decisions for our community? What do those acronyms - PSI, HHU, SBC, HPP, 40B - mean? Where do you get a free flu shot? Is your house addition subject

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to Large House Review? Come meet members of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Library Board of Trustees, Natural Resources Commission,

Planning Board, Board of Public Works, Board of Health, Town Moderator, Recreation Commission, Board of Assessors, Housing Authority, and the Town Clerk. This event is free and open to the public. See [flyer](#) for more details.

The LWV Wellesley has heard from residents who feel that there are not enough opportunities to discuss issues with their elected officials - other than casual moments at Roche Bros or the RDF, or by attending our annual "Meet the Candidates Night." Attendance at scheduled board meetings and Town Meetings is seen by many as an opportunity for statements rather than discussion - requiring a certain amount of preparation and courage. Additionally, we've observed that Citizen Speak and resident participation at board meetings is handled differently across the boards. The LWV Wellesley has made it a priority this year to expand opportunities for residents to feel that their voices are being heard and that their questions are being addressed.

Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available at the Hills Branch and at the Wellesley Congregational Church lot across the street.

Please contact Ann-Mara Lanza for more details.

If you are able to bring baked goods to this event, please let Ann-Mara know!

News from State and Other Local Leagues

Events

Thursday, October 19, 7 pm, LWVMA Climate Forum at Lexington Public Library: "Greening the Grid: Preparing for Our Clean Energy Future"; Speakers: Dr. Ariel Horowitz (Synapse) and Megan Herzog (Conservation Law Foundation)



Tuesday, October 24, 10 am - noon, Day on the Hill 2017: Moving the Needle on League Priorities in the Great Hall of the State House. This annual event is sponsored by LWVMA and this year's keynote speakers will be Rep. Patricia Haddad, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House and Sen. Cynthia Creem, Assistant Majority Leader of the Senate. The program will focus on four LWVMA priority action areas: Automatic voter registration bill, carbon pricing bills, safe communities bill, and an omnibus bill on criminal justice currently being drafted. Registration and coffee starts at 9:30 am. To register, click [here](#).

Tuesday, November 14, 11 am - 2 pm, Single-payer Health Care Lobby Day at the MA State House. Mass Care is sponsoring the event to support Medicare for all and will offer information sessions and updates on pending legislation.

LWVMA Fall Appeal

By supporting the LWVMA Fall Appeal, you will sustain the essential work of LWVMA and also earn money for Wellesley's League - 10-15% of any contribution received by October 13. And donors to Fall Appeal will not be called for Phonathon.



With your support, LWVMA is leading the way on election reform, climate change, immigration, and criminal justice reform. And our Education Fund is also nourishing grassroots democracy by registering voters, organizing candidate debates, publishing voters' guides, and holding issues forums. But even with a network of thousands of League citizen activists in our state, our movement requires sufficient funding to succeed. Membership dues do not cover all of our expenses, and we rely on our supporters to help close the gap. [See how our resources were spent](#) in 2016-2017 and [donate](#) now!

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