



Tentative 2018-2019 LWVW Calendar (through December)



Please bookmark the [LWVW Google calendar](#) for the most up-to-date calendar information (includes LWVW events and events which may be of interest to our members).

Tuesday, September 11, 1 - 3 pm: LWVW Ballot Question Process Kick-Off Study Meeting at Wellesley Free Library.

All members welcome.

Friday, September 21, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch: Housing Production Plan at Barbara McMahon's home. Michael Zehner, the Planning Director, and Catherine Johnson, Chair of the Planning Board, will be the guest speakers.



Tuesday, September 25: National Voter Registration

Day. The Wellesley League will be holding voter registration drives at WHS, the Hills Branch Library, Waterstone at Wellesley, Mass Bay Community College, and Mass General Hospital (see below for more details).

Sunday, September 30, 1 - 3 pm: Special Town Meeting Prep Session at the Wellesley Police Station Community Room to discuss the Hardy/Upham project



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.

Wednesday, October 3: Second Day of Special Town Meeting (if needed).

Tuesday, October 9, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Jenny Zannetos' home. All members welcome to attend.

Sunday, October 14, 6:30 - 9 pm: A Community Conversation on Transgender Equality at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley (see below for more details). Flyer is

[here](#).

Tuesday, October 16, 6:30-9 pm: Opening LWVW Meeting - "Election Security: Threats and Solutions" at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the lecture will begin promptly at 7. All are welcome to attend (see below for more details).

Wednesday, October 17: Deadline to register to vote in the November 6 General Election.

Monday, October 22 - Friday, November 2: Early voting for the General Election



Thursday, October 25, 7 - 9 pm: Wellesley Meet-Up at the Hills Branch of the Wellesley Free Library. Come meet your elected town officials and find out what is going on in Wellesley.

Sunday, October 28: LWVW Social Event. Time and location TBD.



Tuesday, November 6: General Election Day. Not sure about your voting registration status? Click [here](#). Need to register? Click [here](#).

Tuesday, November 13, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Ann-Mara Lanza's home. All members welcome to attend.

Thursday, November 15, 7 pm: Dessert with Jeff Azano-Brown, the new RDF Superintendent. More details to follow.



Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 - 9 pm: How to Run for Public Office at the Warren Building, Room 008, sponsored by LWV Wellesley. Don McCauley, Town Moderator, and KC Kato, Town Clerk, will lead the discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, December 11, 9:30 am -12:30 pm: Board Meeting, location TBD. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, December 11 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.



LWV Registers Voters!



The LWV Wellesley has organized multiple voter registration events on and around **National Voter Registration Day** this September 25th:

- 9/25 WHS Cafeteria, 10:45 am - 12:30 pm for WHS students
- 9/25 Wellesley Hills Branch Library, 6 - 8 pm for everyone (multiple co-sponsors)

- 9/25 Mass General Hospital, all day, multiple sites (co-sponsored with LWV Boston)
- 9/26 Mass Bay Community College, 11 am - 1 pm, for Mass Bay students
- 10/2 Waterstone at Wellesley, River Room, 10 - 11:30 am for everyone
- TBD event at Rivers School

Thanks to Erry Johnson and her enthusiastic team at Voter Services, no eligible voter has any excuse not to vote in November!

A Community Conversation on Transgender Equality

Sunday, October 14, 6:30 - 9 pm at Temple Beth Elohim



This **forum** is intended to educate the community on transgender rights in MA and the challenge to those rights posed by Question 3 on the statewide ballot November 6. LWVMA has taken a "yes" position on Question 3 which affects the 2016 state law that banned discrimination against transgender people in places of public accommodation, such as restaurants, malls, and restrooms. Because of potential confusion arising from the required wording of the referendum, a **"yes" vote on Question 3 would actually keep in place the current law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender identity in public places.** The forum is sponsored by Temple Beth Elohim Congregants for Transgender Equity in partnership with the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills, Wellesley Congregational Village Church, World of Wellesley, OUT MetroWest, Keshet, Freedom for All Massachusetts and the LWVW.

Opening LWVW Meeting - "Election Security: Threats and Solutions"



Tuesday, October 16, 6:30-9 pm at the Wakelin Room of the WFL



Our speaker will be **Barbara Bluestein Simons**, a voting cyber security expert, who has been on the Board of Advisors of the US Election Assistance Commission since she was appointed by Senator Reid in 2008. She co-authored the report that led to the cancellation of the Department of Defense's Internet Voting project (SERVE) in 2004 because of security concerns and is currently chair of the **Verified Voting Foundation**, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that advocates for legislation and regulation to promote accuracy, transparency and verifiability of elections. Simons is retired from IBM Research and a former President of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), the oldest and largest international educational and scientific society for computing professional. She is the only woman to have received the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award from the College of Engineering at U C Berkeley, where she earned her PhD in computer science. She is also a proud member of the San Francisco LWV. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 and the lecture will begin promptly at 7. All are welcome to attend.

If you would be willing to come early and greet attendees and/or bring cookies, cheese and crackers, or fruit to the meeting, please contact **Anne Rippy Turtle**

Test Your Knowledge of Ballot Questions in Massachusetts

1. Massachusetts is one of _____ states that can create a law through a citizen-initiated process?

A. 50, B. 31, C. 21, D. 10

2. It takes _____ signatures to start the ballot question process, and over 65,000 to complete it.

A. 5, B. 10, C. 20, D. 100

3. A citizen-initiated process has successfully amended the MA constitution _____ times since 1919.

A. 2, B. 5, C. 11, D. 15



This November, voters will be asked to decide the fate of three ballot questions, each of which has the potential to make a direct permanent change in Massachusetts law. The process of developing a question to place on the ballot was originally designed to provide a path for citizens to have a direct voice in the legal process, but in recent years some feel the process has been co-opted by large special-interest groups not necessarily from Massachusetts. The LWVMA has undertaken a year-long study of the process, and each local chapter is invited to participate. Our Wellesley group plans to meet roughly twice a month, with a presentation in January for the LWV Wellesley. Much of the work can be done at home. We hope you will join us as we learn more about the ballot question process and get ready to make our recommendations. The first organizational meeting for the study group is Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1 pm in the Wellesley Free Library. If you would like to know more, or would like to be part of the group and can't make the meeting, please feel free to contact one of the study group chairs: **Irene Flint** or **Susan Clapham**. Hope to see you there!

Note: The Ballot Question Study Committee currently has semimonthly meetings planned on Tuesdays at 1 pm in the Wellesley Free Library but is flexible depending on participant availability. The proposed meeting dates are 9/11, 9/25, 10/16, 10/30, 11/27, and 12/18.

P.S. Answers: 1:C; 2:B; 3:A

LWWW Helps Register New Voters in Lowell!



On August 22, Erry Johnson, Ellen Hallett, Tanya Kovacic, Tanya Roy and her daughter Anna volunteered at the Naturalization Ceremony in Lowell. We worked with several other local League members to greet the candidates and hand out voter registration forms along with American flags and pens. About 750 candidates filed into the auditorium over the course of several hours in the morning. Following the ceremony, we collected the forms from the newly-minted citizens who were wearing smiles and exchanging hugs with family members, and we assisted some of them with completing the forms. We then sorted the forms by town in order to drop them off at the respective town halls. The ceremony was very moving as the judge made inspirational comments about becoming a U.S. citizen. At one point the judge read out the name of each country that was represented and the candidates from that country stood up. Eva Rajczyk from the Haverhill league addressed the candidates with comments about the importance of voting and explained how to fill out the voter registration form. It was a terrific day. -Tanya Roy

Two Public Forums of Potential Interest to League Members

Hunnewell Feasibility Study - Community Kickoff Meeting

September 20, 7 - 9 pm at Wellesley High School Auditorium



The School Building Committee invites you to come hear about the Hunnewell feasibility study process and timeline, ask questions of the project consultants, and learn about the future opportunities to engage and provide feedback on this project. Topics will include the educational visioning process, key features of today's elementary schools, the approach to sustainability, swing space options, and ways stakeholders will be included as the Town develops its plan for the Hunnewell School. Flyer is [here](#)

Municipal Light Plant - Analysis Group Study

September 24, 7 pm at Wellesley Town Hall



The purpose of the forum is to obtain feedback on a recent study by Analysis Group. The Analysis Group study identified various sustainability initiatives available to the MLP from 2018 to 2030 in service of the Town's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the electricity, transportation and building sectors 25 percent by 2020. Paul Hibbard and Craig Aubuchon from Analysis Group will be in

attendance to review their [Phase 1 Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction study](#) and answer questions.

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