



BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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April 2018

Calendar

	Sunday 4/1	LWVA Fiscal Year begins. We invite members to pay annual dues this month using the form on page 9.
4/2	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting at Ann FitzGerald's home, 162 Summer St., Unit 1. All members welcome. Directions on page 2.
4/7	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election. If you can give rides to the polls, please let Phyllis Maddox know. Details on last page.
4/8	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Annual Legislators' Brunch at Kathy Fennelly's home, 97 Gray St. Family and friends welcome. Details on page 3.
4/12	Thursday 7 p.m.	All Precincts Meeting for Town Meeting Members and citizens, Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave. Details on page 7.
4/17	Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Introduction to Town Meeting for new members, Town Hall Hearing Room, 730 Mass. Ave. Details below.
4/23	Monday 8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.
4/28	Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	LWVMA Spring Conference, Clark University, Worcester. Details on page 7.

Introduction to Town Meeting

On April 17, 2018 at 7:30 p.m., the Town Moderator will conduct an introduction to Town Meeting and limited warrant review in the Hearing Room on the second floor of Town Hall. If you are a new Town Meeting Member or a grizzled veteran of Town Hall and Town Meeting, please join the Moderator for an introduction to Town Meeting practices and procedures, the Warrant, recommended votes, substitute motions, debate and voting. This event is co-sponsored by the Governance Task Group of Vision 2020 and the League of Women Voters of Arlington.

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Co-President's Message

The local political season is in full swing. Please come to the Legislator's Brunch — details on page 3. Having our State Senator and both of our State Representatives in attendance provides an opportunity for socializing and lobbying. Our legislators have always been quite candid. Bring a friend or a family member. All are welcome. The food is excellent!

Candidates Night was a success and is over. I am thrilled. My box of stuff has been stored away for another year. It was a pleasure working with Juli Brazile and Elizabeth Carr-Jones from Vision 2020 in helping to publicize and organize this event.

A few weeks ago Anne Linn and I registered or pre-registered students at Arlington High School to vote. We were inundated. It was great to witness the eagerness of students to participate in the political process.

Have you seen the signs placed around town announcing the local election on April 7? Joan Martin and Phyllis Maddox have been busy putting them up. Hurrah!

Organized by Phyllis Maddox, the League will be providing rides to the polls for this election. Don't forget to vote!

Carolyn Parsons

Directions to Ann FitzGerald's home:

162 Summer Street is on the south side of Summer Street, a few houses to the east of the intersection with Oak Hill Drive. Unit 1 is the first-floor unit.

Summer Street is very busy, so you should park on the south side of the street. If you are coming from the center, you can turn into Oak Hill Drive, turn around, and park on the south side.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

**LWV ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL LEGISLATORS'
BRUNCH**

& BRING A SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!

Sunday, April 8, 2018, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

@ Kathy and Paul Fennelly's Home, 97 Gray St., Arlington

Here's your chance to meet and hear what's happening with our current State Legislators – Senator Cindy Friedman and Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers.

**Please contact Meredith Zona, Meredith.Zona@stantec.com
or tel. 781-648-2753,**

**if you can come and bring your favorite brunch food. Meredith
will also arrange for a ride to and from the brunch if you need
that.**

Directions: 97 Gray St. is at the intersection of Gray St. and Churchill Ave., which is the 4th right after you turn onto Gray St. from Pleasant St. (Route 60). If you're traveling on Gray St. from Arlington Heights, Churchill Ave. is the 4th left after the lights at Highland Ave. The house is a large gray home on the right side if you're traveling up from Pleasant Street. There is plenty of street parking.

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Candidates Night Recap

By Carolyn Parsons

Candidates Night is much like doing a jigsaw puzzle with friends. There are lots of moving pieces that need to be fitted into just the right place. Sometimes the placement is easy; sometimes the piece just will not fit; sometimes a piece or two is on the floor not noticed until the end. There are puzzles within puzzles that must be fitted into the overall picture. As Anne Linn, Board Secretary, said to me, “It all works out in the end.”

The Voters Guide is a section of the larger puzzle. Deciding on questions to ask, getting responses and pictures from the candidates, putting the Guide together, and getting it printed and distributed take time and attention. For this I thank Kathy Fennelly, Kim Siebert, Kim Haase, and Ann FitzGerald.

The script is another puzzle within the puzzle. Candidates are attending, then not attending. Requests are made to add a paragraph, delete a paragraph – all introducing fluidity into a time-constrained televised event. I thank Sue Fish who incorporated all the changes, made all the edits, and sent out many versions of the “final, final” script.

During Candidates Night there are League members officiating, reviewing questions, acting as timers, greeting people, and helping with the setting and cleaning up. Thanks to Elizabeth Thompson and Nancy Gray for organizing these activities and for getting the postcard announcement out to the Town Meeting Members. Joan Martin and Wendy Forgie reviewed questions; Janice Bakey, Phyllis Maddox, Paulette Schwartz, and Meredith Zona were timers. Margaret Coppe, Ann FitzGerald, Angela Olszewski, Anne Linn, Sue Fish, Patti Muldoon, and Peggy Reiners were intent on making everyone feel welcome and ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to submit a question for the candidates.

Grace Dingee brought two lovely bouquets, one for the moderator and one to brighten up the stage. The “stage” bouquet is now welcoming spring into my home.

Just as the event was about to begin, a wave of people came through the doors. There were not enough chairs set up to accommodate everyone. Friends grabbed chairs from the hallways; tables were moved. Zip! Zip!

At the end of the broadcast the Town Hall was returned to its original state; chairs were stacked and tables folded. Zip! Zip! Someone remarked to me that “that was smooth and easy.”

The puzzle had been admired.

See pages 8 and 10 for photos.



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for

**Beyond the March:
Women Leading the Way in Massachusetts**



**Saturday, April 28, 2018, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Clark University, Tilton Wetzel Room
950 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts**

In the current climate of gridlock and dysfunction, many of us are calling out for solutions to strengthen our civic foundations at the local, state, and national level. Women especially are feeling energized to "do something" to fix political institutions that are widely perceived as broken.

We're feeling this way, too, and we'd like to help provide ideas for action.

Please join us for a full day of engaging speakers to explore lessons from women's activist past, the role of women leaders today, and concrete steps we can all take to strengthen our democracy going forward.

Keynote Speaker:

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, Massachusetts 3rd Congressional District

Speakers:

- Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor, Newton
- Sarai Rivera, City Councilor, Worcester
- Yvonne Spicer, Mayor, Framingham
- Lisa Wong, Deputy Director, Asian American Civic Association, Former Mayor, Fitchburg
- Barbara Berenson, author of *Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers*
- Erin O'Brien, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts Boston
- Daniel Ziblatt, Professor of Government, Harvard University, co-author, *How Democracies Die*

Go to <https://lwvma.org/beyond-the-march-women-leading-the-way-in-massachusetts/> for a detailed schedule and a registration form.

April 12 Meeting for All Precincts

Vision 2020 is sponsoring a Meeting for All Precincts on **Thursday, April 12th**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall auditorium. The event is to allow residents to learn about the issues before Town Meeting and discuss them with neighbors and their Town Meeting members. The evening will start with an overview of the warrant and its development (moderated by Annie LaCourt) and a brief budget presentation by Town Manager, Adam Chapdelaine. There will be Warrant Article proponents and breakout sessions for discussions between Town Meeting Members and residents.



Candidates Night, March 28: Patti Muldoon of the LWVA introduces the moderator, with Selectman candidates A. Michael Ruderman, John V. Hurd, and Joseph A. Curro, Jr. (Photo by Phyllis Maddox)

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Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform

S.2371 (was S.2200/H.4043) and H.74 (CSG bill)

March 27, 2018

By Colleen Kirby
LWVMA Criminal Justice Reform Specialist

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has been advocating for two criminal-justice reform bills during this session. The omnibus bill was released by the conference committee on Friday, March 23rd (Sen. Brownsberger, Rep. Cronin, Sen. Tarr, Rep. Harrington, Sen. Creem, Rep. Mariano), and it is a good bill. It includes the reform planks we were advocating for, and if implemented in full, it will change the way our criminal justice system works for people (especially those who are poor) and communities (especially those that are minority) who are impacted. For an in-depth explanation of the omnibus bill, see <https://willbrownsberger.com/final-criminal-justice-package-released/>; for an in-depth explanation of the CSG bill, see <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3469335-CSG-Section-by-Section.html>

The omnibus bill improves how the Commonwealth implements justice, including various topics the League advocated for this session:

- It removes mandatory minimums for low level drug offenses and narrows the use of mandatory minimums for school zone offenses (it does not do away with mandatory minimums and includes new ones for trafficking of fentanyl and carfentanil, and high repetition of OUI).
- It increased the felony larceny threshold to \$1200 so stealing a cell phone will be considered a misdemeanor.
- It has a mechanism for releasing terminally ill, physically or mentally incapacitated individuals from custody if they are no longer a danger and they can be better cared for out of custody.
- It includes a process to expunge records for those falsely accused and for certain offenses up to age 21, and a process to seal felonies after 7 years of a clean record and sealing of misdemeanors after 3 years. It allows for sealing of the charge of resisting arrest. And it removes those records nationally.
- It reduces the criminalization of poverty by removing certain fines and fees from parole (1st year no fee) and probation (1st 6 months no fee) and makes fees waivable if the individual or family cannot pay without undue hardship. It also removes restrictions from being eligible for certain occupational licenses.
- It limits bail fees based on the Supreme Judicial Court ruling.
- It creates a process for judges to take primary caretaker status into account so children's needs are also considered during sentencing.
- It raises the age of juveniles to 12 (from 7) It also decriminalizes minor offenses for juveniles. And it authorizes jails to create young adult units for those aged 18-24 and a task force to study the effects on this population.
- It includes reminder mechanisms for pretrial individuals so they make it to their court appointments through a pre-trial services unit and creates a commission to monitor the use of bail and suggest improvements.

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Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform (Continued)

- It expands diversion programs and increases access to restorative justice for juveniles and adults.
- It includes oversight and data collection on segregation and solitary confinement. It ensures access to programming and reviews to move them back into the general population. No more segregation for pregnant women or juveniles.
- Parents are no longer required to testify against their children in non-domestic cases to protect family bonds.
- It creates mandatory police training in bias reduction and de-escalation.
- It also increases data collection and transparency of the system, oversight of forensic labs and techniques, and increases access to compensation for wrongful convictions.

In addition, the CSG bill allows some offenders sentenced to mandatory minimum sentences to be able to get work release and parole without reducing the maximum term of the sentence. It increases incentives to participate in rehabilitative programming, expands programs at Community Corrections Centers and their availability to some pre-trial individuals, allows for time off of parole or probation by earning compliance credits, enables non-discretionary parole, and calls for data collection to ensure program effectiveness. It also comes with funding of \$3.5 million for the first year in the budget. This bill is expected to reduce our high 2/3 recidivism rate, hold fewer people awaiting trial, and increase access to programs.

However, the omnibus bill needs to be voted on in the House and the Senate (expected this week and next) and then it needs the Governor to vote in favor. **If you would like to see this bill pass, be sure to contact Governor Baker and thank your legislators for their support.**



Candidates Night, March 28: Moderator Margaret Coppe with School Committee candidates Jeffrey Thielman and Jane Morgan. (Photo by Phyllis Maddox)

Our fiscal year begins April 1, so it's time to pay next year's dues!
Thank you so much for your support.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARLINGTON
Membership Application/Renewal Form

Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31

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____ 2nd member in household \$23
____ Student (full-time) \$20
____ Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ _____
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Please check areas of interest and activity even if you can't be actively involved THIS year.

SPECIAL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

- ____ Join the Board. Position: _____
- ____ Action: phone calls _____ letters _____
- ____ Bulletin: mailing _____ soliciting ads _____
- ____ Membership
- ____ Nominating Committee
- ____ Publicity Writer
- ____ Voter Service: Rides to the polls _____
- ____ Candidates Night
- ____ Voters' Guide
- ____ Attend State League's Phonathon
- ____ Be a discussion leader at local meetings
- ____ Fundraising activities
- ____ Offer meeting refreshments
- ____ Post fliers and deliver brochures
- ____ Host a meeting in my home
- ____ Monitor elections for nonprofit organizations

FOLLOW ISSUES, KEEP LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY INFORMED

- ____ Congress/Presidency/Election Process
- ____ Discrimination/Equal Employment/Civil Rights
- ____ Education/Child Care
- ____ Environment/Recycling
- ____ Health Care
- ____ Justice/Courts/Prisons
- ____ Land Use
- ____ Taxation/Budgets/Deficits
- ____ Transportation/Urban Policy
- ____ Voting Rights
- ____ Warrant Articles Review
- ____ Welfare Policies/Basic Human Needs
- ____ Women's Issues
- ____ Zoning/Community Development/Land Use

OBSERVE AT

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS*

- ____ Selectmen (Mondays)
- ____ Redevelopment Board (Mondays)
- ____ School Committee (2nd & 4th Thursdays)
- ____ Conservation Commission (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
- ____ Housing Authority

SKILLS LEAGUE COULD DRAW ON

- ____ Computer database
- ____ Graphic design
- ____ Desktop publishing
- ____ Web site maintenance
- ____ Membership development
- ____ Moderating meetings
- ____ Fundraising
- ____ Writing articles
- ____ Other

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