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April 2022

Calendar

Friday April 1	LWVA Membership dues for the coming year are due; please use the form on page 9. Thank you for paying your dues!
Saturday April 2 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election. We know you'll all be voting!
Tuesday April 5 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting URL will be sent to attendees; email one of the Co-Presidents if you would like to attend.
Monday April 25 8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.
Tuesday May 3 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting. Maybe we'll be comfortable enough to meet in person ...

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Co-President's Message


As I write this, spring is making a slow return. The League is wrapping up its activities in support of our town election on April 2nd.

Candidates Night went well. Many thanks go to ACMi for hosting it virtually, Envision Arlington for gathering the questions and doing publicity, and Margaret Coppe of the Lexington LWV for moderating the program. Also thank you to LWVA members Sue Fish, Kim Haase, Patti Muldoon, Joan Martin, and Carolyn Parsons for their help with the effort. You can see our signs around town, alerting residents of the upcoming election. Thank you to those who agreed to put signs on their lawns and to Kim Haase and Nancy Gray for distributing them.

While I am recognizing these accomplishments, I also have sad news to report. Longtime League member Kathy Colwell recently passed away. Kathy was a dedicated volunteer and served as our treasurer for many years. We send our condolences to Kathy's family.

The Board is in the process of planning an annual meeting for June. We hope that the current conditions will hold and we can meet in person. Please watch next month's bulletin for details.

Angela Olszewski



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Virtual Candidates' Night March 23

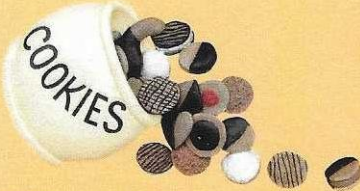
The League of Women Voters of Arlington and Envision Arlington sponsored Candidates' Night on **Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.** The annual Candidates' Night is a virtual moderated debate that gives the community an opportunity to learn about the candidates running for town-wide offices. Candidates' Night can be viewed over a variety of channels:

- ACMi's Government Channel (Comcast 22, RCN 614, Verizon 26) or <https://acmi.tv/election-coverage-2022/>.
- Watch on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/m40EEaHAkxs>)

View additional election information on the town website at <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/elections-voting>.

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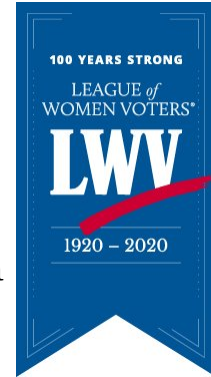


League of Women Voters Calls on Governor Baker to Support Clean Energy

From the State League

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has issued a call to Governor Charlie Baker and his Administration to take a stand for state policy by opposing a two-year delay in letting clean energy compete at the regional level. A decision by the region's power grid operator, ISO-New England (ISO-NE), to delay eliminating a harmful rule called the Minimum Offer Price Rule (MOPR) that excludes state-sponsored clean energy like offshore wind from the regional market for generation capacity will hold back progress on state clean energy and climate policy, if accepted.

Launa Zimmaro of LWV-MA said, "Governor Baker has set a bold path for clean energy but he must stand up at the regional level to protect our state policies. We call on Governor Baker to oppose a two-year delay in eliminating the harmful Minimum Offer Price Rule, which would hold back the future of clean energy in our state and prop up fossil fuels at the expense of clean resources like offshore wind." Specifically, the League calls on Governor Baker to file comments at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission asking that agency, which is ISO-NE's federal regulator, to direct ISO-NE to eliminate the MOPR immediately, without delay. To read the letter to Governor Baker, visit <https://lwmvma.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/LWVMA-Letter-re-ISO-NE-MOPR.pdf>.





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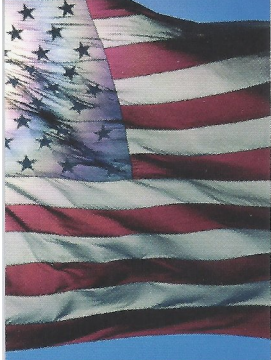
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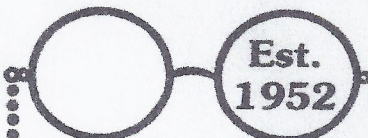
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In Memoriam: Kathy Colwell

Editor's Note: Kathleen Colwell, a member of the League of Women Voters of Arlington since 1992, who served as Treasurer from 2004 to 2018, died on March 21. She was a major force behind our study of local cable television in the early 2000s. We have been missing her presence on the Board ever since she stepped down as Treasurer.

Meredith Zona recalls,

I knew Kathy through her many years of active participation in LWVA, on and off LWVA's Board. Kathy was a great listener, and would often chime in at the end of a discussion with a well-reasoned suggestion, in a calm and clear voice. She also went the extra mile to move issues along. I remember one Board meeting when Kathy distributed a three-ring binder to each Board member that she had purchased and filled with information about a particular topic we were investigating. The binders were for us to keep, and would serve to hold additional information as our investigation progressed. As the first president of Arlington Community Media, Inc. (ACMi), Kathy was very instrumental in getting various LWVA events on cable television, such as our annual Candidates' Night, which opened up these activities to a much wider audience.

Carolyn Parsons remembers,

Kathy loved her home. Over the past few years, she became focused on the outside. A new patio, a paved driveway, and gardens all around the edges brought much joy. I went with Kathy to Mahoney's to purchase a rose bush as a thank you for being the LWVA's treasurer for many years. Kathy had a magazine devoted to roses; she knew just what she wanted. I followed behind trying to keep up. At the area devoted to roses, which is quite large, she zeroed in on a particular name, referencing an article in the magazine. I have forgotten the color chosen but remember that Kathy was looking for just the right shade and potential size. The rose bush was given pride of place in her side yard.



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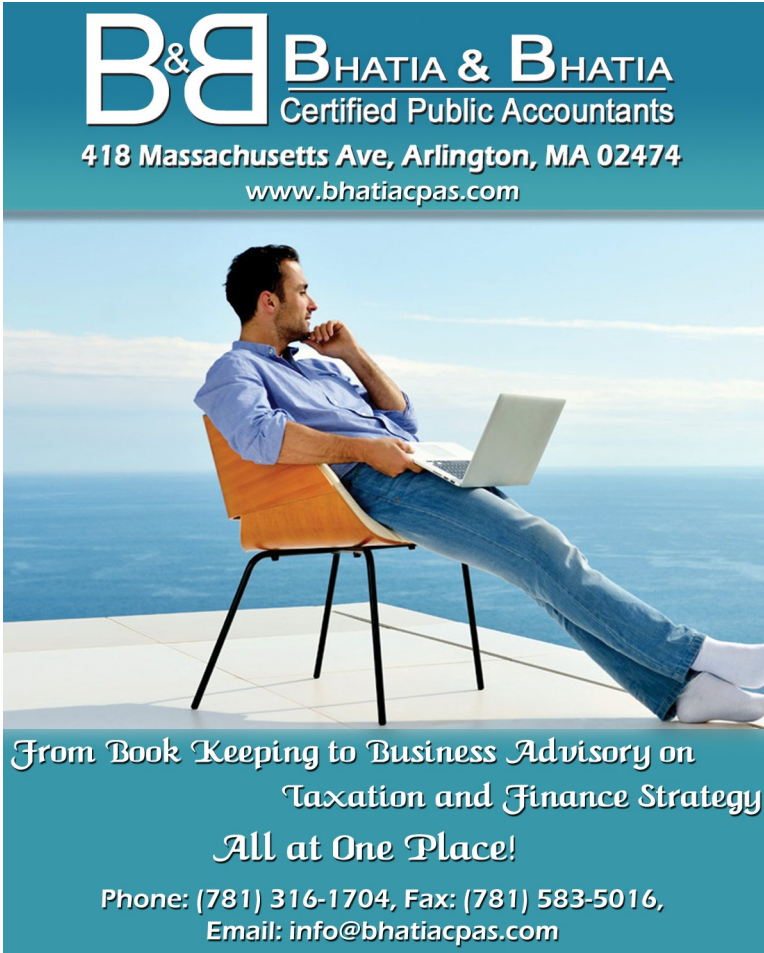
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FOLLOW ISSUES, KEEP LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY INFORMED

- 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

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

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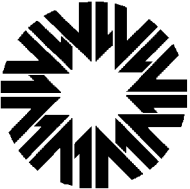
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