

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts

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February 2015

Calendar

2/9	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Phyllis Maddox's home, 55 Hillside Ave. Directions on page 2.
3/2	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Ann FitzGerald's home, 162 Summer St. Directions will appear in the March Bulletin.
3/19	Thursday 7:30/8 p.m.	Candidates' Night for the 3/28 Town Election, co-sponsored with Vision 2020, in Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave. Meet Town Meeting candidates starting at 7:30; the forum will begin at 8. See page 3 for details on volunteering.
4/12	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Save the date for our annual Legislators' Brunch! The April Bulletin will have details.

Editor's Note: A calendar of Town election events appears on page 6.

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Co-President's Message

Dear League Members,

Voter service planning for the upcoming local election is underway. The League will once again be hosting Candidates Night at Town Hall and is producing the Voters Guide. We will also be offering rides to the polls. Please check this bulletin for information on how you can volunteer to help with these activities.

The town is also gearing up for Town Meeting and the election season. The warrant for annual Town Meeting closes on February 3 at 4 p.m. (rescheduled because of the snow). The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and Redevelopment Board will begin holding their hearings. We will begin researching articles to decide on which ones we may want to take positions. The election calendar can be found in this bulletin. Consider running for Town Meeting. It's a great way to engage civically and to learn about current issues in Arlington.

The League recently received a donation from the children of Claire Maytum to honor her memory. Claire was a longtime, dedicated League member. We greatly appreciate the donation and the recognition of Claire's commitment to the LWVA.

Angela Olszewski

Directions to Phyllis Maddox's home:

55 Hillside Ave. is between Appleton St. and Florence Ave.

Follow Mass. Ave. to Park Ave. in Arlington Heights. Take Park toward Rt. 2 for 2 blocks to Appleton. Turn right on Appleton for one block to Hillside, then turn left on Hillside. 55 is the 3rd house on the right with a front porch and a large yew bush in the front yard.

If you are coming down Park Avenue from the south, take a left on Florence, then the first right on Hillside. 55 is about 8 houses down on your left.



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Calling All Hands for March 19, 2015 Local Candidates' Night

Now that the holidays have wound down, as you settle down all cozy in your comfy slippers to enjoy a quiet winter's eve, you might think for a few minutes about how you would like to help the League of Women Voters of Arlington with the 2015 local Candidates' Night on Thursday, March 19 beginning at 8 PM in Arlington's Town Hall Auditorium.



Please contact Elizabeth Thompson, Voter Service Chair, if you would like to add your name to help for any of the following tasks:

- Create Voter's Guide for *Advocate* (email Kathy Fennelly, Kathy@fennellys.com)
- Write a press release
- Help the League to mail the printed postcard invitations to all candidates for Town Meeting members
- Mail LWV's official invitation letters to candidates for Town offices (email Kathy Fennelly)
- Help write or proofread broadcast script for moderator
- Serve as a timer for candidate presentations (we need 2 pairs of 2 timers each)
- Create and/or review questions to ask candidates
- Greet candidates and members of public on night of event
- Help set up before and/or pack up after the event

Elizabeth Thompson
Voter Service Chair
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What Would You Like Convention to Cover?

From the LWVMA

A survey to collect member input for the 2015 Convention was sent via email to all members on Monday, January 12. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available at <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs172/1102238939046/archive/1119741477445.html>.

The 2015 LWVMA Convention, "Women Leading the Way," will be held May 15-16 at the Clarion Hotel in West Springfield. Updates to Convention 2015 plans will be posted on the LWVMA website at <http://lwvma.org/member-resources/convention-council/>.

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Lights! Camera! Take Action! LWVMA Second Annual Student Video Contest Kicks off Feb. 1

From the LWVMA

Interested in getting involved with a high school program sponsored by the League? You and your members can be part of a fun and exciting initiative to boost youth civic awareness!



LWVMA is proud to announce that its second annual student video contest will kick off on February 1. The theme of this year's contest is, "There Oughta Be A Law!"

What is the Student Video Contest? A new two-year session of the Massachusetts state legislature just opened in January. LWVMA is inviting Massachusetts high school students to submit two-minute videos letting our state legislators know what new laws should be passed to keep Massachusetts a great state. We want to hear student ideas about education, the environment, crime--you name it!

Who can enter? The contest is open to any Massachusetts high school student in grades 9-12.

When is the contest? Entries may be submitted online at <http://lwvma.org> starting February 1. The deadline for submissions is March 31. Judging will take place in April, and winners will be announced in May.

Are there prizes? Yes! First place wins \$1000; second place wins \$500; and third place wins \$250.

What can you and your members do? We need League volunteers to help publicize the contest at local high schools and community centers. We also need judges and sponsors. Go to <http://lwvma.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/There-Oughta-Be-A-Law-Poster-FINAL-2.pdf> to download and print a flyer. Go to <http://lwvma.org/member-resources/toolkits-for-members/student-video-toolkit-2/> to see the whole video contest toolkit containing resources and ways for local Leagues to get involved.

Town Election Calendar

1/31	Friday 5 p.m.	Deadline for Town Meeting Members who are candidates for re-election to give written notice thereof to the Town Clerk.
2/5	Thursday 5 p.m.	Deadline for obtaining blank nomination papers from the Town Clerk's office.
2/7	Saturday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting nomination papers to the Town Clerk's office for certification.
2/21	Saturday 5 p.m.	Deadline for filing certified nomination papers with the Town Clerk.
2/24	Tuesday 5 p.m.	Deadline for filing withdrawals of and/or objections to all nomination papers with Town Clerk.
3/7	Saturday 5 p.m.	Deadline for registering to vote in the Town Election.
3/28	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election.



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The League welcomes new members at all times. Thank you for your support.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARLINGTON Membership Application/Renewal Form

Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31

Name _____ Precinct _____ Date _____
Address _____ Zip _____ Occupation _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

_____ Please indicate if you do NOT want your contact information sent to Arlington League members

_____ Basic Membership Dues..... \$60
_____ 2nd member in household \$23
_____ Student (full-time) \$20
_____ Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

If \$60 is a hardship, please pay what you can and let us know that this is your dues payment.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: League of Women Voters of Arlington
MAIL TO: Ann FitzGerald, 162 Summer St., Unit 1, Arlington, MA 02474

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 _____

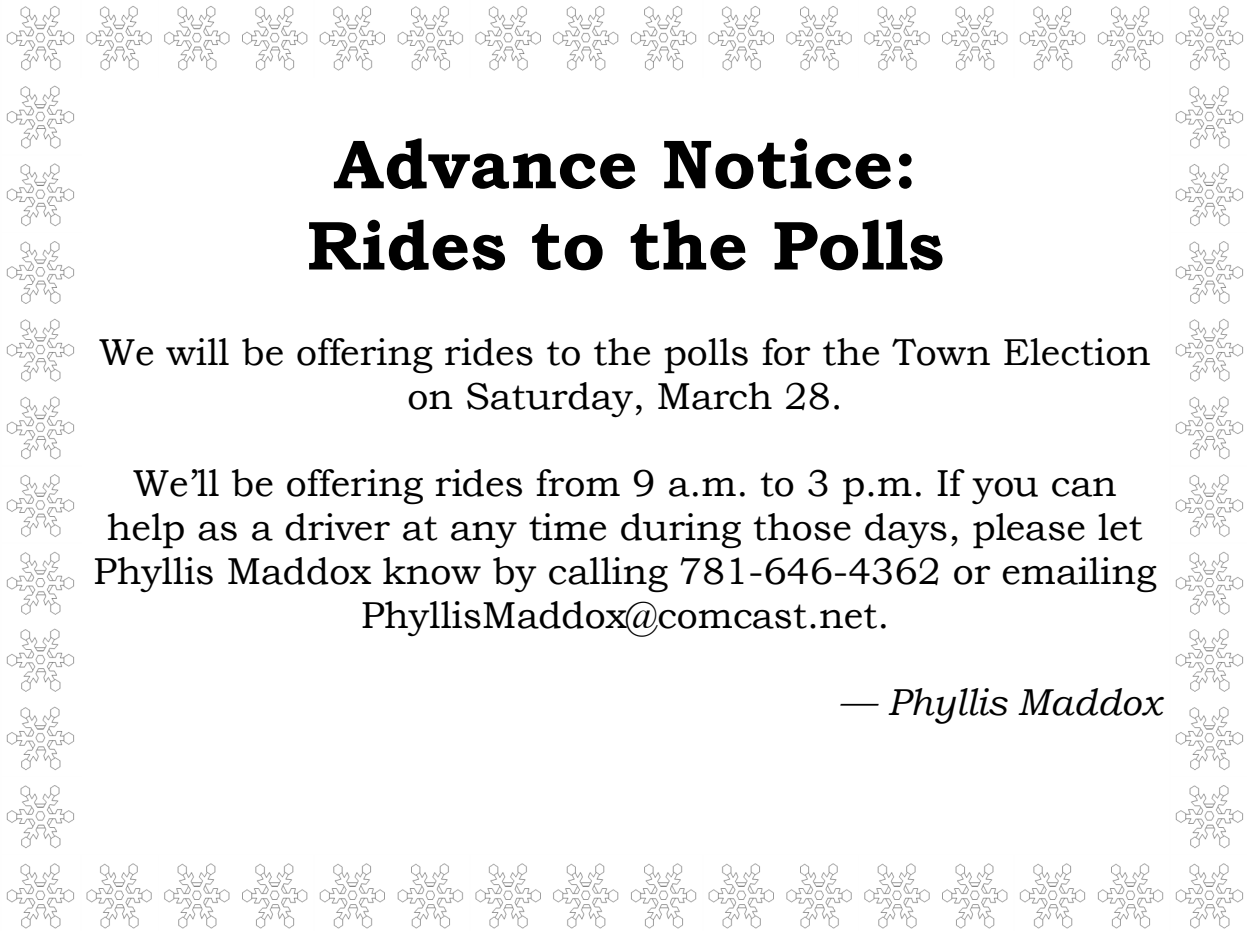
SKILLS LEAGUE COULD DRAW ON

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

BEST TIME TO CALL YOU:

(for phone tree reminders) Call before _____ o'clock

*Some of these can be seen on cable TV



Advance Notice: Rides to the Polls

We will be offering rides to the polls for the Town Election on Saturday, March 28.

We'll be offering rides from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you can help as a driver at any time during those days, please let Phyllis Maddox know by calling 781-646-4362 or emailing PhyllisMaddox@comcast.net.

— *Phyllis Maddox*

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