

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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February 2019

Calendar

2/4	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Angela Olszewski's home, 1 Watermill Place, Apt. 428. All members welcome. Directions on page 8.
2/6	Wednesday 4 p.m.	LWVMA-hosted webinar on climate change. See page 5 for details.
2/26	Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVMA-hosted webinar on ranked-choice voting. See page 5 for details.
2/28	Thursday noon	Commemoration of the centennial of the last arrests in Boston during the women's suffrage movement, at the State House in Boston. See page 7 for details.
3/27	Wednesday 8 p.m.	Candidates' Night for the Town Election. Please volunteer! See page 3 for more information and a Town Election calendar.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

Alexandra Martinez, 82 Menotomy Road

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Ann FitzGerald: Membership AnnFitz@rcn.com

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Co-President's Message

I hope your new year is going well. The board has been hard at work planning Candidates' Night and scheduling Legislators' Brunch and our annual meeting. Now is a great time to volunteer to help with a local voter service activity and start noting events to put on your calendar.

I attended my first consensus meeting in January. Our focus was the citizen ballot question process. We co-hosted with the Winchester League. I thought it was a great opportunity to be involved in an event related to the League's mission, work as a group, and meet new people. (See <https://lwmvma.org/the-lwmvma-study-on-the-massachusetts-ballot-question-process/> for more information.) Please watch the monthly bulletins and member emails for ways you might like to participate!

Angela Olszewski

New LWVMA Office and Phone Number

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has moved to 90 Canal Street, Suite 414, Boston, MA 02114. The email address remains lwmvma@lwmvma.org. The new phone number is 857-452-1715.

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Candidates' Night: Call for Volunteers

By Susan Born, Voters Service Committee

Mark your calendars: Arlington Candidates' Night is Wednesday, March 27. There will be a question-and-answer session with the Select Board candidates and candidates for other town-wide offices, and informal sessions with candidates for Town Meeting. But it can't happen without you!

We need volunteers for the following positions:

- **Timers** - We need at least four volunteers to keep time during the question-and-answer session, and to hold up time cards to keep all candidates within time limits so everyone gets a fair chance to speak. We will provide stopwatches and timing signs.
- **Greeters** - We need at least two volunteers to greet people arriving at Candidates' Night and ask them to write down questions for the candidates. We will also need one volunteer to collect question cards and take them backstage for reviewers.

Thank you for your help! Contact Susan Born (seborn@gmail.com) to sign up.

Town Election Calendar

2/7	Thursday 5 p.m.	Deadline for obtaining nomination papers for the Town Election.
2/11	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for Town Meeting members who are candidates for re-election to give written notice thereof to the Town Clerk.
2/19	Tuesday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.
3/4	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting certified nomination papers to the Town Clerk.
3/15	Friday 8 p.m.	Voter registration deadline for the Town Election.
4/6	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election.
4/22	Monday 8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.

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News from the State League



LWVMA Hosts Webinar on Climate Change February 6

Help Spread the Word: It's Happening. It's Now: The Climate Reports of 2018.

The LWVMA Committee for Environmental Action and Advocacy is presenting a webinar featuring world-renowned climate scientist Professor Michael Oppenheimer on Wednesday, February 6, at 4 p.m. He will discuss the two major climate reports of 2018, the UN IPCC Report (<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>) and the US National Climate Assessment Report (<https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>).

This popular webinar already has over 100 registrations from around the country, but there is plenty of space left. The webinar is free and open to all.

For more information and to register, go to <https://lwvma.org/world-renowned-climate-scientist-to-discuss-climate-change-reports/>. The Facebook event page is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2244392578924636/>.

LWVMA Hosts Webinar on Ranked Choice Voting February 26

LWVMA will host a webinar about ranked choice voting (RCV) on Tuesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. Adam Friedman of Voter Choice Massachusetts (<https://www.voterchoicema.org/>) will discuss the legislation being introduced to bring RCV to our state, then answer questions. Voter Choice Massachusetts is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization formed to champion RCV in Massachusetts after Maine passed the first statewide RCV law in November 2016.

Please sign up at https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0H6llABET2qLVax3XeTmbg and you will receive the link to join the webinar.

Bill McKibben to Keynote LWVMA Convention

Noted environmentalist Bill McKibben will be the keynote speaker at the state League's convention Friday and Saturday, June 7-8. McKibben will speak at Friday night's banquet. Watch for more convention details in the coming months.

LWVMA's biennial convention will be held at the Westford Regency Inn in Westford, just off Interstate 495.

McKibben is an author, environmentalist, and activist. He is a co-founder and senior advisor at 350.org (<https://350.org/>), an international climate campaign that works in 188 countries around the world. He is the Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and a former staff writer for *The New Yorker* who continues to write numerous magazine articles.



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More News from the State League

Commemorating the Boston Protest of 1919

The Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of Massachusetts (<http://suffrage100ma.org/>) will commemorate the centennial of the last arrests in Boston during the 72-year suffrage movement Thursday, Feb. 28, at noon at the State House in Boston. LWVMA and several local Leagues are part of this coalition.

Nearly 100 years ago, on Feb. 24, 1919, 25 women were arrested for protesting President Woodrow Wilson during his visit to the Massachusetts State House and at a parade in his honor. Most were imprisoned in Boston's Charles Street Jail. The protest was to lobby Wilson to pressure the U.S. Senate to pass the 19th Amendment.

Check the Events page of the WSCC website for updates.

MLK Celebrants Brave the Cold

By Kim Haase

The 31st annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Observance just happened to take place on the coldest day of the winter so far, January 21. Turnout was a bit sparser than usual, with snow on the ground and near-zero temperatures, but the audience made up in enthusiasm for what it lacked in numbers.

Host Pearl Morrison presented the annual local achievement award to Barbara Boltz, who has honored Dr. King's legacy as a longtime activist for peace and justice, from Boston's Rainbow Coalition in the 1980s to anti-nuclear activism to co-founding Arlington United for Justice with Peace.

Spirited music was provided for the second year in a row by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Chorale, led by Paul White. (I for one hope this becomes an annual tradition.) The singer Lori Dow also performed, and the audience joined in a set of spirituals.

Bishop Brian Greene, pastor of the Pentecostal Tabernacle Church in Cambridge, introduced the speaker, Dr. Oneeka Williams, surgeon and children's book author, who inspired us all with an imagined conversation with Dr. King about his dreams.

The League of Women Voters of Arlington is a co-sponsor of the Observance.

Directions to Angela Olszewski's home, 1 Watermill Place, Apt. 428 (Phone: 781-648-8649)

Watermill Place is a condo building located next to the Old Schwamb Mill on Lowell Street in Arlington Heights.

From Arlington Center:

Follow Mass. Ave into the Heights. At the former Nicola Pizza, bear right onto Lowell Street and pass a few houses. Watermill Place will be on your right. Continue to the end of the building to the large Watermill Place sign. Turn right into the parking lot and drive past the green awning. There will be marked visitor spaces in front of you. If none are available you can park on Lowell Street, on the side where the building is.

From Park Avenue:

Follow Park Avenue down the hill to Mass. Ave. Continue straight and cross over Mass. Ave. (the optometrist and the UPS Store on two of the corners). Go over a bridge (Gold's Gym on the right). Take the first (sharp) right onto Lowell Street (Peter Pan Superette on the corner). Go over another bridge. There are about six houses very close together on the left. Watermill Place is on the left after the houses. Take a left into the driveway and drive past the green awning (entrance) to marked visitor spaces. If no spaces are available, you can park on Lowell Street, on the side where the building is.

Enter the building at the green awning. The name list is alphabetical by last name. Press A to get to the middle of the alphabet, then press Z repeatedly to arrow down to my last name, Olszewski. When my last name is highlighted, press the CALL button.

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- 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

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

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

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