

BULLETIN League of Women Voters Arlington, Massachusetts www.lwva.com

February 2020

Calendar

2/6	Thursday 10 a.m.	LWVMA Celebration of LWV Founding, State House, Boston. See last page for more information.
2/10	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting at Angela Olszewski's home, 1 Watermill Place, Unit 428. Directions on page 5.
2/26	Wednesday 7 to 9 p.m.	Climate Change forum, Scandinavian Cultural Center, 206 Waltham St., West Newton. Co-sponsored by the LWV of Newton and five other towns. See page 7 for details.
3/25	Wednesday 8 p.m.	Candidates' Night for the Town Election. Please volunteer! See page 3 for more information and page 5 for a Town Election calendar.
3/29	Sunday noon - 2 p.m.	Save the date: LWVA annual Legislators' Brunch. Details will appear in the March Bulletin.

Co-President's Message

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. It is an important milestone for the League and the country. In addition to all the LWVA's traditional voter service activities, we are also planning to co-sponsor with the Arlington Center for the Arts a special event. Stay tuned for more details.

You can also join in the celebration through other programs in Massachusetts. For suggestions, visit these websites:

https://www.womensvote100.org/massachusetts

https://www.boston.gov/departments/womens-advancement/greater-boston-womensvote-centennial

https://suffrage100ma.org/who-we-are/wscc-mission-goals-and-board/

Would you like to help support the League's voter service activities, or do you have an idea for another event to recognize suffrage? Email or call a board member using the contact information in this bulletin. Let's make 2020 a year of activism! Votes for all!

Angela Olszewski

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Come Help with Candidates' Night!

By Susan Born

Mark your calendars: Arlington Candidates' Night is Wednesday, March 25. 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.

THE 2020 CENSUS NEEDS YOU!

By Pat Lieberson, LWVA representative, Arlington Complete Count Committee

The 2020 Census will be the first census conducted online. On March 12 all households will receive a letter from the U.S. Census Bureau asking them to complete the form online or on the phone or ask for a paper copy. The LWVUS is stressing the importance of an accurate count to government at all levels.

In Massachusetts, communities receive an average of \$2,400 per year for every person counted, or \$24,000 over the next decade. In 2010 we lost a congressional seat. We have a good chance of getting that seat back with a more accurate count in 2020.

The Complete Count Committee is working on outreach to groups that tend to be undercounted, including children age 0-5, immigrants and undocumented, homeless, renters, limited or no English speakers, and the elderly. You can all help by urging everyone you know to answer the Census. Emphasize that all answers are confidential. All census employees take an oath to not disclose any information. If you have any questions or belong to any other organizations who may have contact with any of the undercounted, please contact me at 781-646-1987 or plieberson@comcast.net.







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2/10	Monday	5 p.m.	Deadline for Town Meeting members who are candidates for re-election to give written notice thereof to the Town Clerk.
2/13	Thursday	5 p.m.	Deadline for obtaining blank nomination papers for the Town Election.
2/18	Tuesday	5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.
3/2	Monday	5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting certified nomination papers to the Town Clerk.
3/13	Friday	8 p.m.	Voter registration deadline for the Town Election.
4/4	Saturday 8 a.m. to	9 8 p.m.	Town Election.
4/27	Monday	8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.

Town Election Calendar

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 optician 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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<u>Climate Change Forum</u>

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020 7pm – 9pm Scandinavian Cultural Center 206 Waltham Street, West Newton, MA

The wildfires in Australia and the flooding of Indonesia and Venice are examples of tragic climate events that have raised alarm bells across the globe. Climate change is here in real time and will feed an increasing number of devastating, extreme weather events. Facing inaction on climate legislation at the federal level, state and local governments must pick up the slack.

Join us on **Wednesday**, **February 26**th, when the League of Women Voters of Newton (LWVN), together with the Leagues of Framingham, Needham, Wayland, Wellesley and Weston, will co-host a community conversation you won't want to miss! You'll learn how Massachusetts can join other states and hundreds of cities across the country working to reduce carbon emissions – "Job One" if we are to avert the worst impacts of climate change.

Discussion topics will include:

- The current state of climate change science and implications for society
- The current status and importance of the regional transportation and climate initiative
- The plan to help transition gas utilities to delivery of clean, safe, renewable energy and the importance of the FUTURE Act

To present this topic, we have assembled an outstanding panel that includes **Craig Altemose**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Better Future Project; **Jordan Stutt**, Carbon Programs Director of the Acadia Center; and **Audrey Schulman**, Co-founder and Executive Director of HEET (Home Energy Efficiency Team) and/or **Zeyneb Magavi** (Director, HEET).

State Senator Cynthia Creem, a sponsor of the FUTURE ACT, will be attending as well and providing remarks.

RSVPs to info@lwvnewton.org or on Facebook are appreciated.



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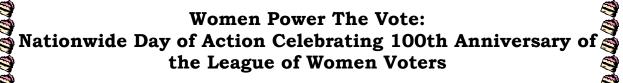
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SPECIAL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES	FOLLOW ISSUES, KEEP LEAGUE
Join the Board. Position:	AND COMMUNITY INFORMED
Action: phone calls letters	Congress/Presidency/Election Process
Bulletin: mailingsoliciting ads	Discrimination/Equal Employment/Civil Rights
Membership	Education/Child Care
Nominating Committee	Environment/Recycling
Publicity Writer	Health Care
Voter Service: Rides to the polls	Justice/Courts/Prisons
Candidates Night	Land Use
Voters' Guide	Taxation/Budgets/Deficits
Attend State League's Phonothon	Transportation/Urban Policy
Be a discussion leader at local meetings	Voting Rights
Fundraising activities	Warrant Articles Review
Offer meeting refreshments	Welfare Policies/Basic Human Needs
Post fliers and deliver brochures	Women's Issues
Host a meeting in my home	Zoning/Community Development/Land Use
Monitor elections for nonprofit organizations	
	SKILLS LEAGUE COULD DRAW ON
OBSERVE AT	Computer databaseFundraising
TOWN BOARD MEETINGS*	Graphic designWriting articles
Selectmen (Mondays)	Desktop publishingOther
Redevelopment Board (Mondays)	Web site maintenance
School Committee (2nd & 4th Thursdays)	Membership development
Conservation Commission (1st & 3rd Thurs.)	Moderating meetings
Housing Authority	
	BEST TIME TO CALL YOU:
	(for phone tree reminders) Call before o'clock
*Some of these can be seen on cable TV	



Thursday, February 6, 2020 10:00 AM State House, Room 428

Please join the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts for a 100th anniversary celebration of the League of Women Voters.

Following a speaking program, we will act to support Election Day Registration in Massachusetts. Cake and coffee will be served.

Let's demonstrate the power of women to achieve a more perfect democracy. Watch <u>https://lwvma.org/</u> for more information.

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