



# BULLETIN

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts

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## November/December 2013

### Calendar

11/4	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Phyllis Maddox's home, 55 Hillside Ave. All members welcome. Directions on page 2.
11/14	Thursday 7:30 p.m.	Meeting with Ted Fields, Arlington's new Economic Development Planner, at Meredith Zona's home, 1 Andrews Way. See page 3 for details.
11/19	Tuesday 7 p.m.	Forum on Carbon Tax at Babson College Sorenson Theatre, 231 Forest St., Wellesley. Details at <a href="http://lwvma.org/lwv-wellesley-forum-on-carbon-tax/">http://lwvma.org/lwv-wellesley-forum-on-carbon-tax/</a> .
12/10	Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Special general election for the 5th Congressional District. If you can help with rides to the polls, please contact Phyllis Maddox (see last page).
12/12	Thursday 6 p.m.	LWVA Holiday Party at Joan Robbio's home, 4 Bradley Rd. Friends and family welcome. See page 5 for details.
12/21	Saturday 5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the January Bulletin. Thank you!
1/6	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Kim Haase's home, 88 Park Ave. All members welcome. Details in the January bulletin.
1/20	Monday 6 p.m.	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Observance, Town Hall. Details in the January Bulletin.

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## Co-President's Message

I love the fall. The air is crisp; the hated air conditioner has been removed so that lots of light comes into the bedroom. My yard has been a riot of color – all pinks and oranges, which somehow works.

This fall the League has invited Ted Fields, Arlington's Economic Development Planner (EDP), to have a discussion about all the development going on around town. What factors does an EDP take into consideration when advocating for a particular use at a given location? Economic viability, traffic patterns, zoning, and accessibility must all play a factor. How does a planner balance these sometimes conflicting considerations?

The League will also welcome Andrew Flanagan, Deputy Town Manager (DTM), as our speaker for the holiday gathering in December. I do not know Mr. Flanagan as he is relatively new to the position. I imagine that he has an intimate knowledge of the town budget. What financial challenges are likely to be encountered by the town in the coming years?

It was there for the asking. Meredith Zona applied to the State League for financial support for expenses associated with Candidates Night. The League has received a \$200 grant. Hurrah!

I thank all who gathered signatures to put the question of an Updated Bottle Bill on the ballot for November 2014. An interesting fact: only twenty-three percent of water bottles are currently recycled. They are easy to throw away, and there is no monetary incentive to pick up discarded bottles. What a mess along our waterways!

*Carolyn Parsons*

### ***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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## LWVA Meeting

### FEATURING TED FIELDS - ARLINGTON'S NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNER

**Thursday, November 14, 2013**

**Meredith Zona's Home  
1 Andrews Way  
7:30 PM**

We are pleased to have **Arlington's Economic Development Planner, Ted Fields**, at an LWVA meeting to discuss the role of economic development in town government and planning, residents' feedback about economic development from the Master Planning process, and the future potential of Arlington's economy over the next 20-40 years.

RSVP by November 10 to Meredith Zona at 781-648-2753  
(mzona@fstinc.com)

If anyone needs a ride or would like to carpool,  
call Carolyn Parsons at 781-646-9309.

**Friends, Neighbors, Spouses, etc., are Welcome!**

*Directions to Meredith's House:*

From the west end of Arlington, turn onto Overlook Rd., at the Summer St. traffic light across from the skating rink. Keep to the left at the fork and travel about 1/2 mile to Ridge St. Turn right onto Ridge St., then first left onto Cherokee Rd., first right onto Old Colony Rd., and first right onto Andrews Way. *Andrews Way is a short street that looks like a driveway. 1 Andrews Way is the tan-colored house directly ahead on the left. You may want to park on Old Colony Rd. Come in through the garage if you prefer not to climb the stairs to the front door.*

From Arlington Center, travel on Mystic St. towards Winchester and take a slight left on Old Mystic St. (about 3/4 mile north of Summer St.), then 2nd left onto Hutchinson Rd, 2nd left onto Morningside Dr., 1st right onto Windmill Lane, first left onto Old Colony Rd., and 1st left onto Andrews Way; then follow directions in italics above.



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# You're Invited to LWVA's Holiday Party!

Thursday, December 12  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Joan Robbio's Home  
4 Bradley Road

Mark your calendars now for the Arlington League's annual holiday potluck party!

Appetizers and drinks will be served at 6:00, and the main course will start at 6:30.

**This year our featured guest speaker will be Arlington's Deputy Town Manager Andrew Flanagan.**

Friends and family members are most welcome.

Please let Meredith Zona know by Sunday, December 8 if you can attend and what dish you would like to bring. If you need a ride, please tell Meredith and we'll make arrangements. Call her at 781-648-2753 or e-mail [mzona@fstinc.com](mailto:mzona@fstinc.com).

Directions to Joan Robbio's house, 4 Bradley Road:


Leaving Arlington Center via Mystic Street (Route 3), take a left onto Ridge St. Bear right at the island rotary. Take the third right after the rotary onto Winchester Rd., then the fourth right onto Bradley Rd. Joan's home is the third house on the right.



### LWVA Wins Grant from State League

The League of Women Voters of Arlington was one of six local Leagues to receive Daniel Scharfman Citizen Education grants in October. Our grant is to support our annual Candidates' Night for town offices, which we co-sponsor with Vision 2020. The \$200 grant will help with the expenses of preparing and printing the Voter's Guide for Candidates' Night, of sending a postcard to all Town Meeting candidates inviting them to Candidates' Night, and of printing tent-style name tags placed on tables in front of candidates at the event. Thanks to the LWVMA, and to Meredith Zona for completing the grant application!

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## League Leads the Way in Bottle Bill Campaign

*From the State League*

Go League! LWVMA, with 35 local Leagues participating, has been a leader in the signature gathering campaign to put the updated bottle bill on the November 2014 ballot. Just after the mid-point of the campaign, the League passed its pledge of 10,000 signatures-and we're not done yet! We plan to exceed that goal significantly to help with the overall effort and show the popularity of this proposal among the public.

The ballot question will ask voters whether the nickel deposit on beverages should be expanded to cover non-carbonated beverages such as water, tea and sports drinks, beverages that were not widely marketed when the original bottle bill was passed in 1983 with strong League backing. The expanded deposit is expected to have a major impact by increasing recycling and reducing litter. Currently, 80% of the containers with deposits are redeemed and recycled; only 23% of containers without deposits are recycled.

Other signature-gathering groups in the coalition have asked League representatives why the League has been so successful. That's easy! We know our communities and our communities know us. We know where to go and when, we are committed to the campaign, and we will make it happen!

The final collection is Nov. 3, and we will post the League's grand total on our website.

Great job everyone!

## LWVMA Fall Appeal Is Underway

*From the State League*

Our annual Fall Appeal is the largest fundraiser for LWVMA and the Lotte E. Scharfman Citizen Education Fund. It's essential to our operations and we need your support.

The Fall Appeal is in full swing. Emails and letters asking for donations were sent to all members and prior donors. We have had a great response to these early requests, and we thank all of you who so generously donated.

Now the Phonathon segment of the fundraiser has begun. Local Leagues are calling members and former donors who have not yet responded to the appeal. The Phonathon began Oct. 19 and will continue into early January. If you receive a call, remember that the caller is a member of a local League and please respond with a donation. The local Leagues making the calls will receive 10% of the funds they raise.

The success of past fundraisers has let us do such programs as the Daniel Scharfman Civic Education Grant Program, testimony on a wide range of legislation including gun safety and election reform, participating in programs such as "How Women Become Political," and keeping the per-member-payment from local Leagues at the same level for the past 13 years.

### **LWVMA Changes Timeline of Campaign Finance Study**

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has moved the consensus date of the Campaign Finance Study out a year. Materials will still become available starting in January 2014, but consensus meetings will take place October 2014 through January 2015, and consensus reports will be due in late winter 2015 (not May 2014).

The LWV-US Agricultural Update study timeline of this winter and spring is unchanged. See <http://lwv.org/content/about-agriculture-update-and-committee> for information. The LWVA has not yet decided what part it will take in this study.



We welcome new members and renewals. 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 \_\_\_\_\_
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\_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate if you do NOT want your contact information sent to Arlington League members

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If \$50 is a hardship, please pay what you can and let us know that this is your dues payment.

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MAIL TO: Ann FitzGerald, 162 Summer St., Unit 1, Arlington, MA 02474

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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 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

## **Rides to the Polls**

We will be offering rides to the polls for the December 10 special Congressional election from 9 to 3.

If you can drive any time during that day, please call or email Phyllis Maddox at 781-646-4362 or 781-354-0907, [PhyllisMaddox@comcast.net](mailto:PhyllisMaddox@comcast.net).

Those who need a ride should call Phyllis at 781-354-0907 the week of the election.

Many thanks to our volunteer drivers for the October 15 primary: Nancy Bloom, Kathy Fennelly, Ann FitzGerald, and Carolyn Parsons.

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