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November/December 2021

Calendar

Wednesday November 3 10 a.m.	Virtual Day on the Hill to lobby our state legislators for League-supported legislation. See page 5 for details.
Thursday November 4 4 p.m.	LWVMA Webinar on offshore wind. See page 7 for details.
Tuesday November 9 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.
Wednesday December 1 7 p.m.	LWVA Virtual Holiday Party with Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine. See page 3 for details. Friends and family welcome!

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Co-President's Message

It finally seems that autumn is upon us as the temperatures are starting to cool. I think we all thought that by now we would be able to gather in person for our annual holiday party. However, current conditions warrant that we will need to hold it virtually on Zoom. I am pleased to announce that Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine will be our guest speaker. We look forward to hearing from Adam on important topics affecting Arlington. Please read the notice in this bulletin for more information regarding the event.

We will begin to start planning for Candidates Night and the Voters Guide after the first of the year. Please reach out if you are interested in becoming involved.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!

Angela Olszewski

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Come to LWVA's Holiday Party!

Wednesday, December 1, 2020
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Virtual Meeting at Your Home via Zoom!

Mark your calendars now for the Arlington League's
annual Holiday Party!

Once again, due to the pandemic, we will not be able to have our usual social gathering and potluck dinner to celebrate the year-end holidays. However, we're continuing with our tradition at this event of having an Arlington official give a presentation about his or her position in the town, with a follow-up question and answer period involving all attendees.

Our featured guest speaker this year will be Adam Chapdelaine.

Adam Chapdelaine is Arlington's Town Manager. Adam came to Arlington as deputy town manager in 2010 and became town manager in 2012. As town manager, he is responsible for the implementation of all town policies and management of town operating departments. Adam is accountable for the development, management, and oversight of annual capital and operating budgets as well as long range financial planning for the town. We're looking forward to Adam's discussion of the proposed distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the progress of building projects in town, the state of the budget and thoughts about the next date to request an override, and the town's recovery from COVID-19.

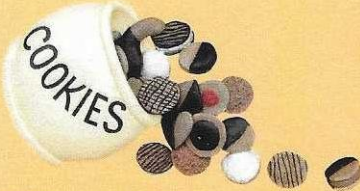
Following the presentation, we welcome your comments and questions for Adam, who was previously our guest in 2010 when he was Deputy Town Manager.

Friends and family members are welcome to participate.

Members, please watch for an email from League member Janice Bakey later in November that will include a Zoom link and password, and instructions about installing and using Zoom on your computer if you don't have it already – there is no cost to download it.

Looking forward to "seeing" you December 1 on Zoom!



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Day on the Hill Postponed to November 3

Massachusetts Speaker of the House Ronald Mariano will deliver the keynote address at Day on the Hill, the League's lobby day, **Wednesday, Nov. 3** (because of power outages, the event is postponed from Oct. 27).

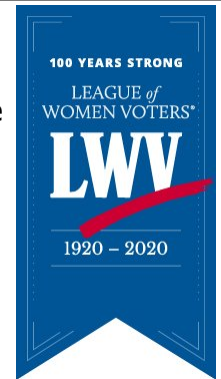
In keeping with the day's theme, Facing the Challenge: Voting, Climate, Early Education, Healthcare, the virtual lobby day will focus on four League priority bills for this session:

- **The VOTES Act:** H.805/ S.459 voting reform and same day voter registration
- **Climate Change:** H.3302/ S.2155 offshore wind and renewable energy
- **The Common Start bill:** H.605/ S.362 early education and affordable childcare
- **Healthcare:** H.1267/ S.766 Medicare for all in Massachusetts.

Day on the Hill will be held on Zoom from 10 a.m. to noon, with Speaker Mariano's remarks via video, and presentations from the League's legislative specialists on the featured priority bills.

The meeting will then break into regional groups to allow those attending to contact their own legislators in support of the bills.

See <https://lwmvma.org/house-speaker-mariano-keynotes-lwmvma-day-on-the-hill/> to register and for more information.



Drawing Democracy Celebrates Creation of Six Majority-Minority Senate Districts

From the State League

The Drawing Democracy Coalition (which includes the LWVMA) is celebrating the creation of six majority-minority Senate districts, including two that are new, following Senate passage of the map proposed by Redistricting Committee Co-Chair Senator William Brownsberger. In response to advocacy from Drawing Democracy and its partners, the first draft of the Senate map was revised to create an additional majority-minority district based on total population and Voting Age Population by combining Brockton with Randolph and Avon. The final Senate map also creates a strong majority-Latinx district in Lawrence by separating it from Andover and combining it instead with Methuen, which remedied a long-existing Voting Rights Act violation.

The Senate also voted on October 27 in favor of the House map, which creates 33 majority-minority districts. The legislature is expected to release their draft Congressional map soon. Earlier this month, Drawing Democracy released a Congressional Unity Map that called for uniting the immigrant communities of Fall River and New Bedford in the Ninth Congressional District.



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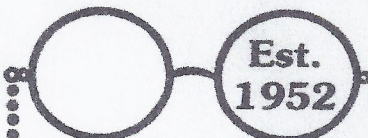
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State League to Host Webinar on Offshore Wind

The future of renewable energy in New England is tied to wind power. The LWVMA Environmental and Action Advocacy Committee is hosting a webinar on the potential of offshore wind as a major resource as society transitions off fossil fuel.

Our guest speaker is **Susannah Hatch**, the Regional Lead for New England for Offshore Wind, which is a growing and broad-based regional coalition that aims to drive deeper regional collaboration and expanded commitments to responsibly developed offshore wind. The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Offshore wind potential in New England
- New England for Offshore Wind's advocacy and priorities
- Policy landscape in New England and Massachusetts
- What you can do to drive policy for the responsible development of offshore wind in Massachusetts

To register, go to <https://lwvma.org/offshore-wind-game-changer-for-net-zero/>.





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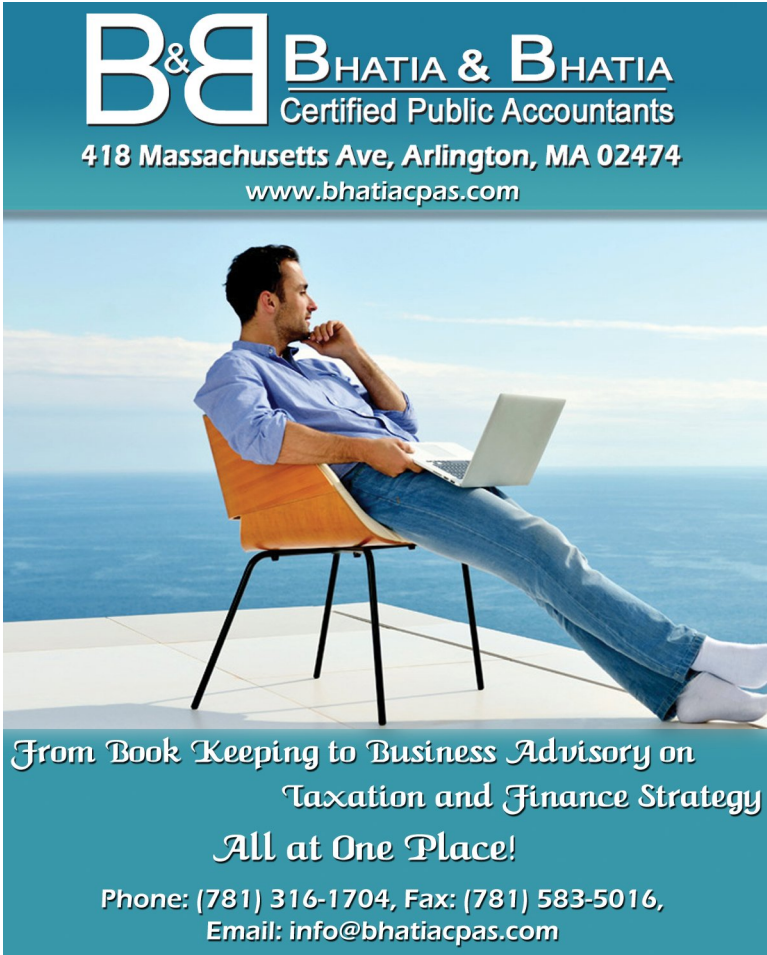
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FOLLOW ISSUES, KEEP LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY INFORMED

- 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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