

# BULLETIN

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts

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## September 2010

### Calendar

9/9	Thursday 7 pm	LWVA Board Meeting at Meredith Zona's home, 1 Andrews Way. All members welcome. Directions below.
9/14	Tuesday 7 am to 8 pm	State Primary. If you can give rides to the polls, please call or email Carolyn Parsons at 781-646-9309, CarolynMParsons@msn.com, by Friday, September 3. See last page for details.
9/16	Thursday 6:15 to 8 pm	Voting Forum sponsored by Department of Developmental Services (formerly DMR) and MASS (Mass. Advocates Standing Strong). Senior Center, 27 Maple St., first floor. Details on page 6.
9/25	Saturday 10 am to 3 pm	Arlington's Town Day celebration. Volunteers needed — see article on page 3. Come visit our booth and tell your friends! Rain date is October 2.
10/7	Thursday 7 pm	LWVA Board Meeting at Carolyn Parsons' home, 23 Brewster Rd. All members welcome.
11/2	Tuesday 7 am to 8 pm	State Election.
11/8	Monday 7 pm	LWVA Board Meeting at Anne Linn's home, 7 Linden St. All members welcome.

1 Andrews Way is a new street and is not on MapQuest or Google Maps, so please use the directions below.

From the west end of Arlington, turn onto Overlook Rd., at the lights on Summer St. across from the skating rink. Keep to the left at the fork and travel about 1/2 mile to Ridge St. Turn right on Ridge St., then first left on Cherokee Rd., first right on Old Colony Rd., and first right on Andrews Way. *Andrews Way is a short street that looks like a driveway. 1 Andrews Way is directly ahead on the left. You may want to park on Old Colony Rd. The entrance through the garage is a little easier for those not used to climbing many stairs to get to the front door.*

From Arlington Center, travel on Mystic St. towards Winchester and take 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; see directions in italics above.

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## Co-President's Message

As a political organization, the League takes positions on matters of public policy. Individual members of the League may be in support of, opposed to, or just ambivalent about a particular issue. The Board always engages in a lively discussion about what articles to support or oppose in the Town Warrant. Agreeing to spend League money to support a cause may also be a contentious exchange.

However, on at least one topic League members should be in agreement. Citizens should be encouraged to be active and well informed in the political process. Working on a project with the Diversity Task Group of Vision 2020, I have learned that most newly elected Town Meeting Members ran for office because they were asked. Please consider running yourself or asking a neighbor to run.

The League has reserved a booth at Town Day where citizens will have the opportunity to register to vote and where information will be available as to how to run for Town Meeting. Consider volunteering for a time slot between 9 am and 4 pm. (See the article on page 3.)

Hasn't the rain been wonderful!

*Carolyn Parsons*

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

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### LWVA LEADERSHIP 2010–2011

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
LEAGUE TOWN DAY BOOTH  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010**

Saturday, September 25, 2010, is Arlington's "Town Day" – when booths line the sidewalks and pedestrians replace vehicles on Massachusetts Avenue from Pleasant Street to Mill Street. LWV Arlington will have a booth at this year's Town Day event that will be jam-packed with information about voter registration, the upcoming fall elections, League membership, policies, and activities, and other voter service literature. We are looking for volunteers to work in 1- or 2-hour increments from 9 AM to 4 PM.

This is a great, fast-paced event, with two to three people at the booth at all times. Whether you've just joined the League, or are a seasoned member who'd like to help for one or two hours, Town Day is for you! If you can assist, please call Angela Olszewski at 781-648-8649, or send an email to Angela at [amolszewski@gmail.com](mailto:amolszewski@gmail.com).

## 2010 Annual Campaign

*From the State League*

**Thursday, August 26, 2010 was Women's Equality Day.  
Celebrate by Donating \$90 to the Organization that Won  
the Right to Vote for all Women Citizens with the  
Passage of the 19th Amendment...**



The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Annual Campaign, formerly known as the Phonathon, begins September 13. The LWVMA needs member support to continue the programs we approved at Convention 2009 for the two years through 2011, including:

- Restudy of the LWVMA transportation position which is now underway. New committee members are welcome.
- Being an active voice at the State House in support of LWV priorities and alerting members when more voices are needed.
- Playing an active role to support local Leagues as they plan and hold candidates' forums for the many legislative and Congressional races.
- Co-sponsoring forums with local Leagues for candidates running for statewide office: Governor, Lt. Governor, State Treasurer and State Auditor.
- Hosting membership trainings in 3 locations convenient for local Leagues; a complete workshop on membership recruitment will be included in each event.

During this 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, a contribution of \$90 or more, or a contribution in any amount, is most appreciated to help us continue our hands on work to safeguard democracy. Thank you.

*Please be aware that LWVUS will be conducting its telemarketing appeal during late September / early October. Members are certainly free to contribute where they wish, but should be aware that both campaigns will be happening at the same time.*



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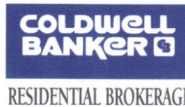


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*Initial Free Consultation for League Members*

***Election 2010:***  
**Vote No on Question 2 to Protect Affordable Housing  
in Massachusetts**



*By Clarice Gordon, LWVMA Housing Specialist*

Question 2 on the Massachusetts ballot this November 2 would repeal the state's primary affordable housing law. The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts urges you to vote "no" on 2 to protect the affordable housing law for our seniors and working families.

This law is about fairness and equity. All families should have a choice about where to live. The affordable housing law sets a reasonable goal for each and every city and town to require at least 10% of its homes to be affordable. It encourages construction of new homes by allowing for a single comprehensive permit and flexible zoning for developers who build affordable homes.

Here are some facts about the law:

- Over the last decade, this law has been responsible for approximately **80% of the affordable homes built** outside of the Commonwealth's major cities.
- More than **58,000 homes have been created** for working families, seniors, and disabled individuals across the state.
- A repeal of the current law would immediately halt the construction of 12,000 homes in the pipeline, and all of the jobs and economic benefits they would bring.

The Vote No on 2 Campaign has come together to ensure the law is not repealed. We are a grassroots coalition of more than 350 organizations, including the League of Women Voters, and thousands of individuals committed to protecting this law. Our coalition includes civic, business, religious, and academic leaders as well as senior, environmental, housing, and civil rights groups. All three major candidates for governor agree we should all vote no to support this law.

For more info or to get involved, go to [www.protectaffordablehousing.org](http://www.protectaffordablehousing.org), call 617-933-5275 or email [info@protectaffordablehousing.org](mailto:info@protectaffordablehousing.org). And remember in November, Vote "NO on 2" to protect the affordable housing law.

**Gentle Reminder:** If you have not yet paid your dues for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, you will receive a reminder note in the mail this month. We'll be very grateful if you can send your dues in the reply envelope.

The Department of Developmental Services  
Central Middlesex Area Office  
In Collaboration with MASS  
Presents:

**"Your Vote Counts!"**

Come listen to Citizens, Legislators and Advocates talk about the importance of voting and how your vote can really make a difference.

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**September 16, 2010**

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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..... \$50
\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd member in household ..... \$23
\_\_\_\_\_ Student (full-time) ..... \$20
\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ \_\_\_\_\_
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If \$50 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: Kathy Colwell, 60 Claremont Ave., Arlington, MA 02476

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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 Tuesdays)
\_\_\_\_\_ 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

# Drivers Needed!

The State Primary is

**Tuesday, September 14**

The League will need drivers to take voters who otherwise are unable to get to the polls.

**If you can give an hour or two on Election Day between 9 am and 3 pm to help with this community service, please call or email Carolyn Parsons at 781-646-9309, CarolynMParsons@msn.com by Friday, September 3.**

This service is very much appreciated by voters who find that they need it.

*Thank you!*

**September 2010**

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