



NEWSLETTER

October 3, 2016



*Read on for information about our **OPENING MEETING** and other important dates on the calendar. There is something for everyone!*

Thursday, October 20 -- OPENING MEETING, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Wellesley High School Library

"The Growing Problem of Substance Abuse in our Community and in Massachusetts"

We are fortunate to have as our speakers

- John Carmichael, Walpole Chief of Police and
- Jack Pilecki, Wellesley Deputy Chief of Police

Please plan to attend with friends and neighbors -- all are welcome.

Invitation from the Needham LWV to attend their Opening Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 6:30 pm

"The Environmental Voter Project" is the topic of the Needham LWV's opening meeting. Founder and CEO of the Environmental Voter Project (EVP), Nathaniel Stinnett will be speaking. The meeting merges two issues at the heart of the Needham League's work: voting and the environment. The meeting will take place in the Community Room of the Needham Library with refreshments available at 6:30 pm and the speaker starting at 7:30 pm followed by Q&A.

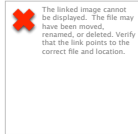


REMINDER -- Wednesday, October 19, 10:30 am, Position Review and Study Committee Meeting

What is this committee doing? Headed up by Board members Irene Flint and Ann-Mara Lanza, the committee is reviewing the local positions of the Wellesley League found on pages 33 -41 of the red 2015 Membership Guide & Directory. Questions to be considered: Do positions still hold? Does language need updating? Is there new information available? The committee intends to formulate recommendations for our annual meeting in May 2017.

All members, new and long-term, are urged to join in and to learn about our local positions -- some history and some discussion about how the positions relate to our town today! Coffee and cocoa are available at this branch library.

Upcoming meeting dates, also on Wednesdays are scheduled at the Wellesley Hills Branch Library, 10:30 am, on November 16 and December 14.



Tuesday, November 8, Elections -- the Presidential and other federal and state office elections will take place. Information regarding your polling place and your ballot can be found at <http://www.vote411.org>, a website sponsored by the LWVUS.

In addition, we will be voting on 4 ballot questions. WBUR is sponsoring a final debate on question 4, Marijuana Legalization. The debate will take place at 3:00 pm at the McCormack Theatre at UMass Boston and will be aired live on Radio Boston at 3 p.m.

The information link below indicates includes more information and a registration link:

<http://legacy.wbur.org/community/events/2016/08/23/debates-on-ma-ballot-questions>.

In addition, the Edward M. Kennedy Institute and WGBH are holding a forum on the Charter School ballot question:

"Raising the Cap on Charter Schools," Thursday, Oct. 27, 7-8:30 p.m.

This event will be at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute at Columbia Point. Detailed information and registration are available on the website: <https://www.emkinstitute.org/explore-the-institute/public-events-programs/public/upcoming-events>.

Early Voting -- New in Wellesley and Massachusetts!

For the first time this year, Wellesley Voters will have an opportunity to vote early at a polling place, the Warren Recreation Building, from Monday, October 24 - Friday, November 4; early voting begins at 8am on each of these days. A chart with early voting hour details is available on the town website:

http://www.wellesleyma.gov/Pages/WellesleyMA_News/024F1177-000F8513

For questions, please contact the Wellesley Town Clerk, Kathy Nagle, at 781-431-1019, x 2252, or knagle@wellesleyma.gov.

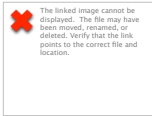
There may be an additional opportunity for early voting one day at Babson College or Wellesley College. Please let Susan Clapham (claphamfamily@comcast.net) know if you are interested in volunteering for this potential early voting day.



Successful National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 27

The Wellesley League joined hundreds of groups across the nation in providing an opportunity for new voters to register to vote. The two registration sites were at Wellesley High School during lunch period and Roche Brothers during the afternoon.

Event organizer LWWV President Susan Clapham was assisted by Helen Stewart, Colette AuFranc, and Laura Brown-MacKinnon. Hearty thanks to our Voter Registration Team!



Additional "Vote!" Lawn Signs Available

The Wellesley League has ordered more lawn signs for display prior to the November 8 election day. Please let Susan Clapham (claphamfamily@comcast.net) know if you would like to put one of these signs up in your yard. If you display a "Vote!" sign in your yard, you may not display a sign supporting a candidate simultaneously.

Upcoming Board Meetings -- all are welcome!

Thursday, October 13, 10 am, home of Jenny Zannetos, 6 Monroe Road
(please note that this is a change in day and date)

Tuesday, November 15, 10 am, home of Dona Kemp, 14 Sheridan Road

Tuesday, December 6, 10 am, home of Susan Clapham, 3 Atwood Street,
followed by potluck holiday party for all members, 12:30 - 2:00 pm

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