

September 6, 2016

*With the reopening of school last week, the Wellesley League is gearing up for its fall program. We hope that you had a relaxing summer and that we will see you at League events once our fall schedule has been finalized.*

*As September begins, please note important upcoming election dates.*



**Thursday, September 8 -- State Primary Election** (note unusual day of the week for this primary)

The Primary selects party candidates for state and county offices who will appear on the November ballot.

In Wellesley the only contested race is for Governors Council in Precincts A, C, D, E and H on the Democratic ballot.

All regular polling places will be open 7 am - 8 pm for the September 8 primary.



**Tuesday, November 8 --** 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 series of debates on these questions as follows:

The WBUR debates take place at 3 p.m. and will be aired live on Radio Boston at 3 p.m.

Note that the debates are not following the numerical order of the ballot questions. The debates are:

Sept. 13--Charter Schools, question 2

Sept. 20--Treatment of farm animals, question 3

Sept. 27--Additional slots parlor, question 1

Oct. 4--marijuana legalization, question 4

The debates will be held at the McCormack Theatre at UMass Boston, and the information link below indicates it will soon include a registration link if you would like to attend any of the debates.

For more information, click here: <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 forums on the charter school and marijuana ballot questions:

"Legalizing Recreational Marijuana," Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

These events 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>.



### **Monthly LWVW Position Review Committee Meetings planned**

Board members Irene Flint and Ann-Mara Lanza are leading a group to review the local positions which have been adopted over the years by the Wellesley League. Meetings for 2016 are scheduled at the Wellesley Hills Branch Library on the following dates (all are on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am):

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 14

All members new and long-term are urged to come in 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.

### **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 Leagues 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.

### ***Upcoming Board Meetings -- all are welcome!***

Tuesday, October 18, 10 am, home of Jenny Zannetos, 6 Monroe Road

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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