



League Leader Update

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Calendar

Monday, July 22	LWVMA Board Meeting, 11:00am-1:30pm, LWVMA office
Monday, August 5	Deadline to apply for LWVMA Executive Director Position
Friday, August 9	Deadline to purchase tickets for League Night at Fenway Park on the August 28
Monday, August 26	LWVMA Board Meeting, 11:00am-1:30pm, LWVMA office
Wednesday, August 28	League Night at Fenway Park, 7:10pm
Friday, September 27	LWVMA Board Meeting, 11:00am-1:30pm, LWVMA office
Monday, October 7	How Women Become Political, 6pm, Back Bay Events Center - John Hancock Hall
Saturday, October 19	League Leaders Lunch West, 11am, Florence, MA
Friday, October 25	LWVMA Board Meeting, 11:00am-1:30pm, LWVMA office

Take the League Out to the Ball Game



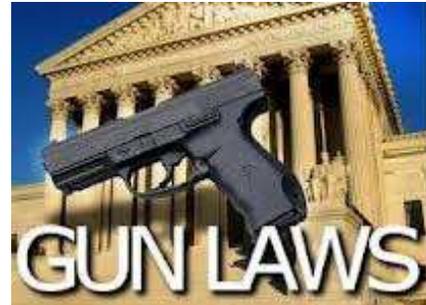
The Boston Red Sox are celebrating Women's Equality Day with a League of Women Voters Night at Fenway Park! It's Wednesday, August 28, at 7:10 p.m. when the Sox play the Baltimore Orioles at Fenway Park.

There's a special ticket rate for this event--bleacher seats for \$28 and covered outfield grandstand for \$30. The Red Sox will reserve a section for Leaguers and their friends to sit together. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to LWVMA, and LWVMA will be donating some tickets to

Girl Scout troops. The deadline to order tickets and for LWVMA to receive your payment is Friday, August 9. Click [here](#) for information and to order tickets.

Make Your Voice Heard on Gun Laws

The Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security has scheduled five public hearings to take testimony from people across the state about the need for strengthened gun laws in Massachusetts. These hearings will inform the Committee's work in crafting a gun safety bill for consideration by the full House and Senate, with floor debate likely this fall.



The first hearing was June 19 on Cape Cod, and the Cape Cod Area League was able to attend on very short notice. Here's a brief report: It was very well attended. There were good numbers of people on both sides of the issue, probably more on the side of not wanting more legislation. But those who spoke for improvements in legislation were well prepared with specific statements and with specific proposals in bills that they supported. There were no outside rallies or posters. The hearing was handled very well. The audience was generally polite although a few of the pro-gun people got impatient when someone on the other side spoke too long. There was clapping from people after statements from both sides.

The hearing schedule as it stands now is:

- Assumption College, Worcester , 10 a.m. Monday, July 8
- North of Boston hearing - Middleton, Tuesday, July 23, time TBA
- American International College, Springfield , Friday Aug. 2, time TBA
- Gardner Auditorium (State House), Boston. Date in September/Time TBA

We will update the hearing schedule on our website [here](#) as information becomes available.

We strongly encourage local Leagues and individual members to attend these hearings and speak up on behalf of your local League. For background information click [here](#) and for talking points click [here](#).

The gun lobby is expected to turn out for these hearings in force. Don't let the NRA control this debate any longer!

Lobby Day July 17 on Election Reform



LWVMA will join with our coalition partners in a Lobby Day at the State House Wednesday, July 17, to ask legislators to support laws modernizing the way Massachusetts handles voter registration and elections, in particular the omnibus election reform bill, [S.327](#). League members and friends are urged to come and let the legislature know the time to update our election laws is now.

of polling places after elections.

Among the key provisions of this bill are early voting, an online site for voters to check their registration status and polling place, online voter registration, and random audits

To participate in this Lobby Day, come to Nurses Hall at the State House at 10:30 a.m. July 17. There will be presentations from supportive legislators and a briefing on the major points to make in urging support for these changes. Then, around noon, you can meet with your own legislators and key members of the Joint Committee on Election Laws.

Election reform legislation almost passed last year; we need to make sure it succeeds this year.

Join us at the League Leaders Lunch West

The next League Leaders Lunch will be Saturday, Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence Congregational Church, 130 Pine St., Florence, MA, near Northampton. If you have any suggestions for topics, please email [Karen Price](#). All local Leagues, not just those in the western part of the state, should consider sending two or three leaders. More details will be coming; for now mark your calendars.



Click on map for directions

Seeking an Executive Director



LWVMA is hiring an executive director, and specific information about this position has been sent to all Massachusetts League members. It will be a part-time position, 25 hours a week, with flexible hours, a salary of \$35,000 to \$45,000 commensurate with experience, health benefits and paid time off. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please see the complete job description [here](#). Email a cover letter and resume to

HumanResources@lwvma.org.

Lots of Volunteer Opportunities! Please Consider One!

At convention, we approved a study and two review projects, and the state League is also developing a directory of civic engagement programs for young people. All those activities need willing people to make them successful. Here's the list, with the contact. Please help as much as you have time for. None of this happens without you!

Directory of Civic Engagement and Leadership Programs: LWVMA plans to publish a new edition of our directory to civic engagement and leadership programs for

Massachusetts youth. This popular directory lists enriching programs for teens, from Girls State to Lead America. Some tasks include: (i) helping identify and research appropriate youth programs to add to our listings, (ii) data entry, (iii) computer technical assistance, (iv) working on solicitation of corporate, foundation and individual sponsors, and (v) publicity and public outreach. If interested in helping, please email your name and preferred phone number to [Marlene O'Brien](#), project chair.

Campaign Finance Study Committee: A new study, "Massachusetts after Citizens United. So What Do We Do Now?" will consider whether the state League's existing campaign finance positions are adequate to meet the challenges of Citizens United and related recent Supreme Court decisions, and, if not, what additional positions are needed. Contact [Becky Shannon](#) to help.

Transportation Project: Develop a plan for state League action on transportation, taking into account local League studies, action and concerns on transportation. Contact [Nancy Brumback](#).

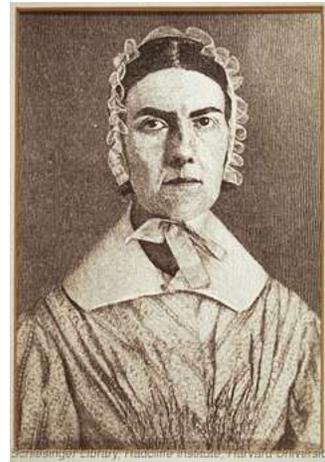
Voting Technology Review: Consider the uses of technology in voter registration and voting and research the positives and negatives associated with each technology, including the security of such systems. If you have a technical background, we particularly need you! Contact [Nancy Brumback](#).

How Women Become Political

In 1838, a Boston abolitionist, Angelina Grimke, became the first woman to address a state legislature, in Boston. To honor her courage and example, a group is working on a public event, "How Women Become Political," scheduled for Monday, Oct. 7, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Back Bay Events Center - John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St., Boston. Admission is free.

We encourage local Leagues to consider bringing high school girls from your town to this event and inspire those girls to think about a future in the political arena.

This event will explore and celebrate how women have continued to enter politics, and inspire others to follow in their footsteps. Speakers will include women's activist Gloria Steinem and Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley. Sen. Elizabeth Warren will also be a speaker if the Senate schedule permits. The event will close with a panel discussion among the speakers and with the audience.



Angelina Grimke 1805-1879

LWVMA is a partner in this event, along with such groups as the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, and Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Click [here](#) for event flyer.

Update your League leadership info!

Please remember to update your leadership information in two ways:

- Email [Natalie](#) with your updated list of board members. Include name, League position, email, and phone number.
- Update the [LWVUS database](#) information. If you need help doing this, contact [Natalie](#) or [Karen Price](#).

Last Call for High School Voter Registration Results

