



November 2017 – 2nd Edition

Welcome to the 2nd Edition of our Newsletter. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable.

Lots going on here in Framingham. We successfully held three candidate events to help inform the voters of Framingham on their choices for the elections held on November 7th. Turnout was great and the response was positive and very supportive, both from candidates and from attendees. Thank you to all who helped us to arrange and manage these events.



With the election behind us, we are moving on to other items we have talked about focusing on. One thing that all candidates responded yes to was the need for a sustainability coordinator and/or energy manager. Neal Duffy, Green Communities Coordinator for the Northeast

Region will be the speaker at our next *Informed Framingham* event being held on **Monday, December 11th from 7pm – 8:30pm at the McAuliffe Library, 746 Water Street** in Framingham. Joining us as a co-sponsor of this event is Sustainable Framingham.

Under the Green Communities Act, DOER's Green Communities Designation and Grant Program can provide up to \$20 million annually to qualified cities and towns. The goal of the Designation Grant Program is to support communities' investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that further the clean energy goals determined by the designated communities. Since being designated as a Green Community in 2013, Framingham has received \$551,900 in grants to fund a lighting design study and conversion at the Main Library, as well as HVAC equipment upgrades at the Senior Center and Police Station. As of FY2016, Framingham has achieved 9.5% energy reduction compared to its baseline year (FY2011). We have a ways to go to meet the 20 percent reduction to maintain our Green Community designation.

Mr. Duffy will give a presentation and then take questions from the audience about the purpose of this initiative and how to best implement programs in Framingham to reduce energy use in our municipal buildings. This meeting is open to the public.

You can sign up to attend this event on our FaceBook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/LWVFram/>

Our next regular LWV meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th at BRACE (The Brazilian American Center) located at 560**

Waverly Street. Our goal is to reach out to all areas of Framingham, so we will be holding meetings at varying locations for the next year. The meeting will be from 7pm – 8:30pm, and we will be serving light refreshments to celebrate the holiday season. If you would like to bring something to share, please reach out and let me know so we can coordinate (sdeeley01701@gmail.com). Please remember that all of our LWV meetings are open to the public, so bring along a friend or neighbor! You do not have to be a member of the Framingham LWV to attend. Membership in the LWV is open to all people over the age of 16. We hope you will join us for this meeting as we determine what our next steps will be here in Framingham.

At our November meeting, we discussed changing our meeting schedule to every other month, unless there is a reason to meet more often. All in attendance agreed, so going forward, we will be using that schedule. We will schedule our February meeting when we meet on December 13th.

We are required by the National to hold a year end meeting by the end of January. We will talk about the goals for that meeting and determine a date when we next meet.

As I had indicated, we were hoping to fill the open positions on our board at the November meeting. We were able to fill the Voter Services position with Jim Pillsbury. We have more than one person interested in both the Treasurer and Vice President positions, so we will hold an election for those two positions at the December meeting. I will share who those candidates are when I send out the meeting notice closer to the meeting date.

Holiday Membership Drive

Wow, what a historic election that was in Framingham! If you are interested in what is

happening in our new city but have grown weary of the online posts, mailers, phone calls and door knockers, we have a way for you to continue to be involved in your new city and kept up to date.

From now through Dec 31 the LWV Framingham is running a Holiday Membership Drive. A great gift for someone who's interest was sparked during the election to become a political junkie. Be involved locally by purchasing a membership for yourself, a member of your family, a friend, neighbor, or even someone who has different political views than you have.

The annual membership runs from January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018 if purchased during this drive. For \$50 you are supporting local events like these:

Historic Candidate Forums that had more than.... 2,000 viewers, in the audience, on line and on TV.

Informed Framingham events like the one we are sponsoring on December 11th.

Not interested in a membership at this time and still want to support the work the League does? Consider making a donation that will stay local to continue to benefit the City of Framingham.

You can become a member online using this link: <https://lwwma.org/join-us/join-us-online-form/>

or download a member application using this link: <https://lwwma.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/R-Membership-Renewal-Form-template-6-1624782.pdf>

We hope to see you at an upcoming event. Stay involved, your voice makes a difference!

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