

# LWV

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® Framingham

## April 2018 - 4th Edition

Welcome to the 4rd Edition of our Newsletter. We hope you find it informative and enjoyable.

We have been busy! During April, we held several voter registration events at Framingham High School, as well as at Earth Day. Response has been great and we are continuing into May with events at Keefe Tech and at Mass Bay. We have also arranged to do voter registration at Seniors Day at Framingham High. Thanks you to the Framingham LWV members who have been staffing and organizing these events, and to the non-members who stopped by to help.



### *Framingham High School Voter Registration*

At our April LWV meetings we discussed topics for *Informed Framingham* events. We will be holding the next one on May 30<sup>th</sup> at a location TBD. The topic will be immigration, and joining us will be MIRA (MA Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition) and MetroWest Immigrant

Solidarity Network. Stay tuned for more information on this upcoming event.



### *Earth Day Voter Registration*

Also discussed at our April meeting was doing data sheets on topics for Framingham voters. First on the list were two topics that we have been hearing about, debt exclusion and transfer development rights (TDR). Four Framingham LWV members, all with extensive experience in Framingham government, are spearheading this project. We expect to have the first 2 data sheets ready for distribution in June. We will be doing more of these, and ask for your ideas on other topics we should consider covering.

Believe it or not, we are talking about debates again. There is a potential opponent for Middlesex DA and we will be hosting a debate for those contenders in late summer. We are also planning to do *Informed Framingham* events on the ballot questions which will be on the November ballot. There will potentially be 8 questions so this will be an interesting process.

As president of the Framingham LWV I was invited to join a group of former Framingham LWV presidents and members for dinner in April. What an informed and interesting group of women, some who joined us for our April meeting. We have also been lucky enough to have a few of these women join the LWV again. They bring a wealth of knowledge about Framingham and about the LWV, and we are lucky to have them share their insight and knowledge with us. I am thrilled to share that we are going to have some of these women share their personal stories as a sort of history of Framingham and the LWV here. We are still discussing the best way to share these stories, but have already received a "history" from one woman, and if this is an example of what we will be seeing, stay tuned for some great reading!

***Framingham LWV presents State of the City*** has completed 3 episodes now and we seem to have worked the kinks out. You can view any of these on Access Framingham Video on Demand. Tune in for our next show on Sunday, **May 20<sup>th</sup>** and remember, we take call in questions during the show, so tune in and ask the questions that are important to you. If you would like to be part of this production and learn more about creating public access TV, let us know and we can arrange for you to come into the studio and learn the ropes.

**Framingham's Flag Day Parade** is back, and the LWV is thrilled to be part of this event. Come support the re-establishment of this event on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm and join your neighbors for a fun day. We will be walking in the parade, so please try to join us as we reintroduce the LWV here in Framingham. For more information on Flag Day, click here:

<https://www.framinghamma.gov/2536/2018-Flag-Day-Parade>

Be sure to "Friend" our Facebook page where you can find up-to-date information on LWV events and City wide happenings. Check it out for more information:  
[www.facebook.com/LWVFram/](http://www.facebook.com/LWVFram/)

Our next meeting is being held on **Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:15** at SMOC, 7 Bishop Street in Framingham. Please plan to join us, and bring a friend!

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

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

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

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