Our opening event for this season will be a forum featuring a warrant article for November Town Meeting. This is a resolution by Citizens' Petition to explore the question of the U.S. Constitution and President Trump. The sponsors will explain the roots of their petition, which proposes that Trump has not abided by the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution. The League has agreed to facilitate the discussion, which we hope will be well-attended and spirited. We initially tried to find a speaker to sit at the table and take the other side of the issue, but, having failed in that, will settle for members of the audience to speak up. The forum will take place on Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 pm at the library’s Community Room. Detailed information about the Citizens’ Petition proposal can be found on page 15 of this Bulletin.

On Saturday, November 18 we will hold a Saturday morning coffee hour to focus on the Arts and Innovation Center, which will also be featured at the November Special Town Meeting (on Tuesday, November 28). The Committee will be requesting construction funds to complete the transformation of the Old Town Library into a new community center. The library trustees and WestonMedia will be co-sponsoring that discussion (www.weston.org/JSTOL).

Other articles expected to be on the warrant include money for the Community Preservation Committee to purchase the large field at the corner of Wellesley Street and Glen Road (now owned by the Danforth family), renovation of two houses on Warren Avenue, and the Wayside Rail Trail Planning fees (www.weston.org/Rail Trail).

This is the time of year to renew your membership in the League. We appreciate your continuing support, even if you are not able to be actively involved. You can find membership forms elsewhere in this Bulletin.
# CALENDAR

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The October meeting was held at the home of Beth Keane.

The treasurer reported on the membership dues received to date. Our per-member-payment to LWVMA was paid for the year. (The membership it) is based on is compiled in February.) Our only expense was a late payment for the Civics Bee.

John Fiske will be submitting a letter to the editor of the Town Crier about his petition to study whether the President is not in compliance with the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution. We discussed what should be in the letter to emphasize our desire for an open discussion of the issue. There will be a public meeting on October 26 at 7:00 at the library. The League is not taking a position on this issue.

Rail-trail charrette - about 100 people attended. We were asked about what we wanted. The state has leased the land and will put in a paved 10’ trail. They will deal with the Conant Road bridge later. There were questions about parking, rest rooms and garbage. We think that it will mostly be through traffic on this trail.

There was a short discussion of the new playground facilities.

Boston Properties housing proposal: It was apparently Weston’s idea to get the town up to the required limit of affordable housing and eliminate 40B development proposals. Boston Properties required the okay on a commercial building to agree to this. Most of the 150 people who attended this meeting were angry, mainly with traffic-related complaints. A big question for the impact on the town is who will be the residents of this development.
Greening the Grid: Preparing for Our Clean Energy Future

Thursday, October 19, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Cary Memorial Library
1874 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington

What is the electric grid and who runs it?
Why is the grid important as we transition to clean energy?
How can the grid be modernized to support the transition?

Speakers:
Ariel Horowitz, PhD, Synapse
Megan Herzog, Staff Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation, MA

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Last week, as the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Wisconsin redistricting case of *Gill v. Whitford*, League members and staff participated in a rally outside of the high court. LWVUS CEO Wylecia Wiggs Harris addressed the crowd saying "it is high time the court took charge of partisan gerrymandering... because voters should select their elected representatives. Elected representatives should NOT choose their voters." We expect the Court will have a decision on this case by June 2018. In the meantime, you can read more about the League’s position in this case in our amicus brief. The voting rights sign that staff provided at the rally is now available for download.

Voter registration deadlines are approaching in many states. Now is the time to help voters get ready to head to the polls. There are important local elections this fall and we are still hosting registration events around the country. Encourage voters to use our online voter registration tool to get registered!

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PURITY FROM BUG BITES
Some bites will leave us scratching, while others can make us sick. Here are 5 ways to combat ticks and mosquitoes this season:

1. Remove leaf litter and brush from your yard. It makes the perfect home for ticks on a sunny day.

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PRESS RELEASE

LWV STATEMENT ON EXECUTIVE ORDER TO END HEALTH CARE SUBSIDIES
10/13/2017 | by Sarah Courtney

Washington, D.C. - League of Women Voters president Chris Carson issued the following statement in response to the White House executive order to end health care subsidies in the Affordable Care Act:

"President Trump’s executive order to end health care subsidies for insurance companies will raise premiums and leave more Americans without meaningful health insurance. These subsidies were put in place deliberately to keep costs down for everyday Americans. Removing them now is a dangerous step toward unraveling a fragile system.

"President Trump is attempting to dismantle the American health care system piece by piece, in the same dangerous and under-the-table manner that the American people made clear to their Congressional leaders is unacceptable.

"We have said many times that the Affordable Care Act is not a perfect law. Congress should work to improve it. The White House should not undo the positive impacts this legislation has had for millions of Americans who previously could not afford health care coverage."

Contact: Sarah Courtney | 202-263-1332 | scourtney@lwv.org

PRESS RELEASE

LWV STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP’S ASSAULT ON WOMEN’S RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTIVE CARE
10/6/2017 | by Sarah Courtney

Washington, DC - League of Women Voters issued the following statement in response to the Trump administration’s announcement that employers can now opt out of birth control coverage, required by the Affordable Care Act.

"This administration’s decision to dismantle vital health care coverage for nearly 62 million women is misguided and discriminatory.

"Eliminating employer-covered birth control coverage, a requirement under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), is a direct assault on a woman’s right to make her own health care choices.

"The provision included in the ACA has saved women an estimated $1.4 billion in out of pocket costs for contraception coverage. Nine out of 10 women use birth control at some point in their lives for family planning or other medical reasons. Birth control is critical for effective family planning and preventing unwanted pregnancies, which we know opens up more opportunities for women and increases lifetime earnings.

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"The League of Women Voters strongly opposes this insulting decision by the Trump Administration."

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WESTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO COLLABORATE WITH COA’S LOCAL AND GLOBAL DISCUSSION GROUP
Susan Wagner

The Local and Global Discussion Group (LGDG) of the Weston Council on Aging will welcome students from Dr. Kerry Dunne’s high school elective class “Contemporary World Issues” to explore topics currently being debated in the community as well as international trade policy and jobs, on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 1:15 pm at the COA.

During the first part of the meeting, the participants – both old and young – will break up into three groups to discuss, respectively: a) the Boston Property proposal to build a 345-unit rental housing project (25% of which will be affordable) on the Biogen/Monster.com site on Rt. 20; b) completion of the Weston segment of the Wayside Rail Trail; and c) funding for the Weston Arts and Innovation Center (WAIC) in the Old Library. Each group will then report back to the meeting at large.

After this, Paul Sullivan, co-facilitator of the LGDG will make a short presentation on trade policy and jobs, especially as they affect the future prospects of today’s younger generation, followed by an open discussion of the issues. Sullivan is an international consultant, educator, entrepreneur, and advisor to many Fortune Global 500 companies. The LGDG meets monthly at the Weston Council on Aging to explore topics related to global issues and U.S. foreign relations as well as those of national, state, and community interest.

Long established, with a history of at least 20 years, the group has a strong core membership of 15-20 individuals from Weston and surrounding communities and representing all walks of life – from business to government to academia to people who just want to broaden their horizons. Emphasis is on wide participation from around the table and on civil and respectful discourse.

The group loosely follows the topics introduced in the Great Decisions book published annually by the Foreign Policy Association. Participants are encouraged, though not required, to read the relevant chapter before each meeting.

All are welcome to attend the upcoming session. For further information, contact Sullivan (781-893-5005; paulrsullivan@yahoo.com) or Susan Wagner (508-733-8810; susanwgnr@gmail.com).
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Bear causing trouble in Weston hives

Friday the 13th was not a good day for some of Weston's beekeepers, and a shock for some homeowners on the south side. A black bear toppled several apiaries, including one on Julie and Peter Hyde's farm, and one at John and Ann Sallay's property on Wellesley Street.

To help verify whether the marauder was indeed a bear, Bernie Scozzafava (a beekeeper whose hives were not damaged) set up a critter cam. Motion-activated, the camera records the time as well as the action of wild animals at night. His video showed the bear sniffing around the other hives just after sunset on the Hyde property, then later on in the evening, flipping frames over deftly with his claws and lowering his snout into the honey comb. Bears seek food sources such as berries, seeds or apples to fill up before heading into hibernation. But bee brood is the real goal of this recent trick-or-treating. According to beekeeper and former Weston resident Tim Lord, the brood has high protein which the bear needs, in addition to the sweet honey, which motivates bears to do the extraordinary work of pulling and chewing apart towers of stinging bees.

John Sallay is not going to give in without a fight; he strapped down his hives to concrete blocks, and when that wasn't strong enough, he ordered "predator fencing" which he hopes will have enough voltage to scare off bears, even with their extra-heavy winter fur. He has also asked Weston Police to keep an eye out as they drive by these properties.

The Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife reports a growing population of black bears in Metro West towns over the past few years, and advises residents not to leave food out that might attract them, such as suet, birdseed, or picnic items. Black bears are generally scared of people and do not become aggressive unless teased or chased when cubs are present. There have been no reports of attacks on humans in this state, according to biologist Marion Larson of Mass Wildlife.

(Photos by Nina Danforth)
Delay in conservation land vote

11.3 acres of fields and woods at Wellington Farm, 500 Wellesley Street, will come up for a vote in 2018, instead of at the November 28 Fall Town Meeting. At the Community Preservation Committee meeting October 16, it was announced by CPC member Laurie Bent that two out of 12 soil tests authorized by the Conservation Commission showed levels of lead high enough to warrant more testing. No arsenic or other chemicals were found, unlike the Case Estates. If there's a "single source" of lead nearby, according to Bent, it is hoped that the soil could be remediated there without too much excavation.

"We are disappointed, but we'll get through this. The Conservation Commission has been working to save this land for a long time, and we'll wait longer if we have to," said Bent.

Arthur Wellington built a wooden water tower around 1910, to pump water up from his well, then to feed the house, barn and garden of his estate by gravity. The lead paint used back then on the outside of the water tower, or perhaps the old underground pipes, could be the cause of lead in soil, according to current owner Nicholas Danforth, Wellington's grandson. More tests will be done in coming weeks by Arcadis, the same company that the Town of Weston used for other sites such as Lamson Park, where high levels of chemicals were found last spring and remediated before the new playground was installed.
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CITIZENS’ PETITION
FOR NOVEMBER SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A group of Weston Voters have signed a Citizens’ Petition for an article on the warrant of our November 28, 2017 Special Town Meeting calling for Congress to investigate whether the president is violating the two clauses of the Constitution forbidding the president from receiving any emolument (e.g. economic benefit, such as revenue from a hotel or conference center, for example) other than his compensation as president.

Some people think he is, some people think he is not, some people think it is not a local question and some people don’t seem to care.

Brookline, Cambridge, Newton and other Massachusetts cities and towns have recently passed resolutions asking the House of Representatives to conduct such an investigation. The goal of this Citizens’ Petition is bipartisan, to find out whether or not there is a violation. Since the president is required to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution it will help to know if any or all of his continuing business interests are forbidden or not.

Below you can read the resolution to be voted on at Town Meeting, and the two Articles of the Constitution to which it pertains. For further information on this resolution, contact John Fiske at emolumentswarrantarticle@gmail.com

ARTICLE I
Section 9, Clause 8

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any present, Emolument, Office or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

ARTICLE II
Section 1, Clause 7

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

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WHEREAS, the Domestic Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution provides that, besides the fixed salary for his four-year term, the President “shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them,”

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States, owns various business interests and receives various streams of income from all over the world, by means of which he receives emoluments from foreign governments, states of the United States, or the United States itself,

WHEREAS, the term “emoluments” includes a broad range of financial benefits, including but not limited to monetary payments, purchase of goods and services even for fair market value, subsidies, tax breaks, extensions of credit, and favorable regulatory treatment,

WHEREAS, leading constitutional scholars and government ethics experts warned Donald J. Trump shortly after the November 2016 election that, unless he fully divested his businesses and invested the money in conflict-free assets or a blind trust, he would violate the Constitution from the moment he took office,

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, nine days before his inauguration, Donald J. Trump announced a plan that would, if carried out, remove him from day-to-day operations of his businesses, but not eliminate any of the ongoing flow of emoluments from foreign governments, state governments, or the United States government,

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2017, Donald J. Trump took the oath of office and became President of the United States,

WHEREAS, from the moment he took office, President Trump has been in violation of the Foreign Emoluments Clause and the Domestic Emoluments Clause of the United States Constitution, thereby corruptly advancing his personal wealth, undermining the integrity of the Presidency, and violating the public trust,
NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN OF WESTON RESOLVES to call upon the United States House of Representatives to support a resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary of said House to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, including but not limited to, the violations listed herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to call upon the Massachusetts Legislature to adopt its own resolution calling upon the United States House of Representatives to support a resolution authorizing an investigation into whether sufficient grounds exist for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to the Member of the United States House of Representatives that represents the Town of Weston; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted officially to the state legislators that represent the Town of Weston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature.

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Extreme Events and Climate Change
Boston Area and Cape Cod: What We Know and What We Can Do

Saturday, November 4, 2017
1:00 - 2:30 pm
Falmouth Public Library
300 Main Street

Dr. Ellen Marie Douglas
School for the Environment, University of Massachusetts Boston

With local perspective from:
Stephanie Madsen, Sustainability Coordinator
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Dr. Robert Max Holmes, Deputy Director and Senior Scientist
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- What have we observed from our changing climate?
- What changes are in our future, especially for Cape Cod?
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- Publish a "Know Your Town" booklet
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Do you know a friend who might be interested in joining the League of Women Voters? Name, address & phone ___________________________

* It is the policy of the LWV of Weston that no resident shall be refused participation in the League because of inability to pay. If a hardship preventing payment of dues exists, please contact Katty Chace at 781-790-1087.