



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEXINGTON

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### **LWVL NEWS AND INFORMATION** **LWVL APRIL FIRST FRIDAY** **Friday, April 10, 2015** **A Review of Lexington's Comprehensive Plan**

In the summer of 2000, Lexington began a process of creating a Comprehensive Plan for the Town, involving hundreds of hours from citizens, Town staff and professional consultants. The work involved a review of Lexington's status at that time in a number of key areas; analysis of the resources - natural, cultural and demographic - available to the Town in shaping its future; and projections of the future we wished to see, including both conservation of essential existing values and necessary change and development to reach Town goals.

In 2002 the first portion of our *Comprehensive Plan: The Lexington We Want* was published, covering four elements: Land Use, Natural and Cultural Resources, Housing and Economic Development. In 2003 an additional element on Transportation was published. This combined document is intended to guide the decision making and goal setting of Town government, particularly the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

As 2015 is well underway, it is a good time to review the Comprehensive Plan, to see what progress has been made on the specific goals and tasks laid out in each of the five elements, and to discuss how those goals and tasks might be brought up to date to meet changing circumstances and the evolution of the Town over the last twelve years.

The Lexington League of Women Voters will devote its April First Friday forum to a review and discussion of the Comprehensive Plan. We look forward to having Charles Hornig, Chair of the Planning Board, members of that Board, and Lexington's Planning Director Maryann McCall-Taylor to walk us through the Plan as it stands and lead the discussion on what development and change it may need to address in the present circumstances.

This is the seventh in the series of 2014-2015 First Friday Forums hosted by the League of Women Voters of Lexington to promote awareness and understanding of public policy issues. Coffee will be available at 9:15 a.m. and presentations will begin at 9:30 in Keilty Hall, St. Bridgid's Church, 2001 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington.

For more information, contact the League at [lwvlexington@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlexington@gmail.com). All League forums are open to the public.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015**  
**LESTER BROWN PIONEER ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIST**  
**Clarke Middle School Auditorium**  
**7:30 P.M.**

Please join LexGWAC for an evening of wisdom and inspiration as Mr. Brown discusses his new book: **The Great Transition Shifting from Fossil Fuels to Solar and Wind Energy.**

After half a century of working on global environmental issues, Lester Brown, who pioneered the concept of sustainable development and of looking at global issues through an interdisciplinary lens, is retiring.

His latest, and last, book describes the energy transition from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy that is under way.

*The Great Transition* details the accelerating pace of this global energy revolution. As many countries become less enamored with coal and nuclear power, they are embracing an array of clean, renewable energies. Whereas solar energy projects were once small-scale, largely designed for residential use, energy investors are now building utility-scale solar projects. Strides are being made: some of the huge wind farm complexes under construction in China will each produce as much electricity as several nuclear power plants, and an electrified transport system supplemented by the use of bicycles could reshape the way we think about mobility.

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**RIDE TO THE POLLS**

**THANK YOU!**

The League wishes to recognize and thank Liz Andrews for coordinating the League's Rides to the Polls on March 2, 2015. We received one request. Our thanks to Pat Costello who provided the ride and to all those who voted.

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## LWVMA

**Day on the Hill!  
April 28, 2015**

### **April 28 LWVMA Day on the Hill Features MA Senate President Stanley Rosenberg**



The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts is pleased that Senator Stanley Rosenberg, the newly-elected president of the Massachusetts State Senate, will be the keynote speaker at our annual Day on the Hill lobby day, Tuesday, April 28.

Plan now to attend to hear Senator Rosenberg and to advocate for the League's legislative priorities as the new session begins. Day on the Hill begins at 10 a.m. in Gardner Auditorium at the State House.

Senator Michael Barrett has invited all Lexington League members attending Day on the Hill to a luncheon following the event at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Wendy Manz at [wendy\\_manz@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy_manz@yahoo.com).

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### LWVMA 2013-14 Annual Report Now Available

LWVMA is pleased to share the 2013-14 Annual Report of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts. The report recaps an extraordinary year of advocacy, voter engagement, and citizen education and celebrates the work of our 46 local Leagues throughout the Commonwealth. Many thanks to our members and supporters for helping us Make Democracy Work! To view a copy of the report, go to [lwvma.org](http://lwvma.org).

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## LWVUS

Ninety-six years ago this week, [Carrie Chapman Catt](#) addressed the Jubilee Convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and called for a League of Women Voters to “Finish the Fight”. Mrs. Catt was a brilliant organizer when mobilizing could only be done by putting boots on the ground. In calling for a League of Women Voters, Carrie Catt was revealing a long-term strategy to mobilize women in Making Democracy Work ® through an organization that could make their voices and their votes count.

Just over a year later, the 19th Amendment had passed the Congress and been ratified in the states. Carrie Catt issued another call to action. “The vote is won. Seventy-two years the battle for this privilege has been waged, but human affairs with their eternal change move on without pause. Progress is calling you to make no pause. Act!” For 95 years the League has been following that very sound advice. In 2015 progress is still calling and giving us the means to empower and mobilize voters online in ways that Carrie Catt could not have imagined but as a brilliant organizer would have welcomed and embraced in the cause of strengthening our democracy. The League will make no pause in using every means at our disposal to act!

In League,

Elizabeth McNamara, President

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### Watch the League’s Forums on Demand

If there is a League of Women Voters of Lexington's First Friday Forum that you've missed or would like to see again, log onto <http://www.lexmedia.org/ondemand.html> and scroll down to "League of Women Voters" under Categories.

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### The League of Women Voters of Lexington is on Facebook!

"Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/LWVLexington>

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## **The League is Looking for Volunteers**

The League of Women Voters of Lexington is looking for volunteers to fill board and off-board positions for the coming year. Contact the League at 781-307-3116 for more information.

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**We welcome Bulletin articles from members. If you would like to submit an article for the May 2015 Bulletin, please send it to Nancy Corcoran Ronchetti at [Nancor1106@gmail.com](mailto:Nancor1106@gmail.com) by April 24, 2015.**

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**Dates to Save:**

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| April 10 | First Friday – Lexington’s Comprehensive Plan  |
| April 28 | LWVMA – Day on the Hill, State House, Boston,<br>10:00 a.m.  |
| May 7    | LexGWAC - Lester Brown, Pioneer Environmental<br>Economist, Clarke Middle School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. |



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