



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEXINGTON

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### ***LWVL NEWS AND INFORMATION***

#### **LWVL OCTOBER FIRST FRIDAY October 3, 2014**

#### **Unearthing the Second Battle of Lexington**

Early in the afternoon of April 19, 1775, after the first shots of the American Revolution were fired, Captain Parker and Lexington's militia set up an ambush for the British troops at what is now called "Parker's Revenge" or "The Second Battle of Lexington." Now, in 2014, archeological work has begun at the site and will be the subject of the League of Women Voters First Friday Forum on October 3.

Margaret Watters from the UMass Department of Anthropology will talk about the work she is conducting and the tools of modern archeology and how they are being applied to the Parker's Revenge Site.

This is the first 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. Presentations begin at 9:30 in the Community Meeting Room on the lower level of Cary Memorial Library, 1874 Massachusetts Avenue. For more information or to carpool, contact the League of Women Voters of Lexington at [lwv.lexington@gmail.com](mailto:lwv.lexington@gmail.com). All League forums are open to the public at no charge.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION CANDIDATES' FORUM**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:30 PM**

**Lexington Public TV Govt Channel (RCN 15, Comcast 99 and Verizon 37)**

The League of Women Voters of Lexington, in partnership with **LexMedia**, will host a Candidates' Forum in advance of this year's special Town election for candidates running for open positions on the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee. The forum will provide the candidates an opportunity to present their positions on issues as well as to address constituents' concerns. Westford Town Moderator Ellen Harde will moderate.

The Candidates' Forum will be broadcast live from the LexMedia studio on Thursday evening, October 23, starting at 7:30 pm. Viewers will be given the opportunity to submit questions to the candidates via text message or email. Details about this process will be available on the League website (<http://lwvlexington.org>) and published in *the Lexington Minuteman* later this month.

The evening promises to be informative and to provide a lively forum for a discussion of some of the challenges facing Lexington.

If you would like to be part of the **studio audience** and submit your questions in person, please email us at [lwvlexington@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlexington@gmail.com). League members are being given priority for seats in the studio.

For further information, call the League at 781-863-0474 or email [lwvlexington@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlexington@gmail.com).

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## LWVMA

### Voters' Guide to Statewide Offices 2014

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has developed a voters' guide for the six statewide offices in Massachusetts: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and State Auditor. The general election will be Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014.

The League sent questions about the office they are seeking to all candidates who qualified for the general election ballot. The candidates were asked to limit their responses to each question to 200 words. The responses in the guide are exactly as the candidates submitted them. The responses were not edited by the League and the League has not verified the accuracy of information in the responses.

Our [Voter Information 2014](#) page includes important dates for the election season, how to register to vote, how to determine your registration status, and how to find the location of your polling place.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues.

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### October 6 Deadline for Local League Grants

The next application deadline for the Daniel Scharfman Citizen Education Grant Program is Monday, October 6. The grant program offers funds to help Leagues carry out events and projects in the areas of citizen education and voter service.

Several changes were made to the program this year, including a higher amount \$500 for multi-League collaborations (3 or more Leagues).

[Click here](#) for guidelines, application, and summaries of the approved grants.

To submit a grant or for questions email [jcherdack@lwvma.org](mailto:jcherdack@lwvma.org).

Generous contributions to the Lotte E. Scharfman Citizen Education Fund have made this successful grant program possible. [Click here to donate](#).

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## LWVUS

### Educating and Engaging Voters

Voting is the most powerful way to have your voice heard, and it is the core of our democracy. It's your chance to stand up for what matters most to you and have an impact on the issues that affect you, your community and your future.

The League works all year, every year, to empower all eligible voters to participate in our political system. Our work especially seeks to aid those from traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities, including first-time voters, non-college youth, new citizens, minorities, and low-income Americans. Hundreds of local volunteer teams work year-round to register, inform and mobilize hundreds of thousands of voters in the lead-up to Election Day. The League also serves millions of voters through [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), our one-stop elections information hub.

**Registering Voters** – League volunteers hold thousands of voter registration drives across the country each year and actively encourage all citizens to vote. We concentrate our registration drives at locations that reach large numbers of unregistered voters, including [high schools and community colleges](#), sporting events, naturalization ceremonies and more. We also register thousands of voters through our [online registration tool](#) at [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org). Since 2012, the League has been the single-largest on-the-ground partner of [National Voter Registration Day](#) (NVRD).

**Educating Voters** – Educated and informed voters are the key to our democracy. We work to educate voters about candidates in thousands of federal, state and local races each year, and we also distribute millions of educational materials about state and local elections rules. In an effort to foster civic engagement and provide needed information to voters, League members host hundreds of candidate debates and forums across the country each year and provide straightforward information on candidates and ballot issues. Through both print and online resources, including [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org), we equip millions of voters with essential information about the election process in each state, including polling place hours and locations, ballot information, early or absentee voting rules, voter registration deadlines, ID requirements and more.

In addition to registering and educating voters, the League is committed to mobilizing voters year-round, each and every year, including for local and off-year elections. Through direct outreach, local activities and working with the media across all 50 states, we provide accurate and timely information to enable all eligible voters to vote.

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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 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 November 2014 Bulletin, please send it to Nancy Corcoran Ronchetti at [Nancor1106@gmail.com](mailto:Nancor1106@gmail.com) by October 23, 2014.**

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**Dates to Save:**

October 23      Special Town Election – Candidates' Forum  
Broadcast Live from LexMedia Studio – 7:30 p.m.

November 4      Election Day



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