



## October 2019

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## CALENDAR

Thursday, October 24, 2019 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm	<b>League Legislators Night</b> League members have supper (\$20 Fee) and then at 7:00 pm have question and answer time with State Legislators	Mary LeSueur's home
Saturday, October 26, 2019 10:00 to 2:00 PM	<b>State LWVMA Leaders Lunch</b> Statewide meeting - usually 3-4 members per branch attend- more details to come	TBA
Saturday, November 2, 2019 9:15 AM	<b>Monthly Board Meeting</b> Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Mary LeSueur	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference rm
Saturday, November 9, 2019 10:00 to 2:00 PM	<b>Mass. Memories Road Show</b> Plymouth Public Library has invited the Plymouth Area League to participate in day of collecting memories of Plymouth in photography form. We are asked to bring 3 photos and can give and oral description of their importance.	Plymouth Public Library 132 South Street
Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:00 PM	<b>Monthly Board Meeting</b> Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Deanna Neale	Mary LeSueur's home
March 7, 2020 9:15	<b>Monthly Board Meeting</b> Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome.	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference rm
Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:00 PM	<b>6th Annual Civics Bee</b> Friendly contest between local high school teams to show off their knowledge of Civics.	PCIS Little Theatre Long Pond Road Plymouth, MA
Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00 PM	<b>Monthly Board Meeting</b> Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Judy Savage	Mary LeSueur's home
Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:15 AM	<b>Monthly Board Meeting</b> Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Martha Vautrain	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference rm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual  
**LEGISLATORS NIGHT EVENT**  
Thursday, October 24, 2019

at  
Mary LeSueur's, 7 Bay Colony Drive, Plymouth

5:30 - Social Hour  
6:15 - Dinner  
7:00 - Program

Enjoy a meal of lasagna, salad, bread, dessert.  
Cost (for dinner only) is \$20

If you are unable to attend dinner, please feel free to join us for  
the discussion with our legislators on League related issues.

**Senator deMacedo and  
Representatives Muratore and LaNatra  
will be there to answer your questions.**

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## October Opportunities for Action

### League Day on the Hill Lobby Day Oct. 17

We're looking for a big turnout at the League's lobby day, Day on the Hill "Time to Act," Thursday, Oct. 17. Plan to come. Organize a carpool now!

Senator Karen Spilka, the president of the Senate, is our keynote speaker. You'll also hear from legislative specialists on our legislative priorities—Election Day registration, climate crisis, education funding and reproductive rights.

We will meet in Room 428 at the State House. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program runs from 10 a.m. to noon. If you [register here](#) by Oct. 11, the office will let your Senator and Representative know that you will be stopping by between noon and 1 p.m. But you can still register up to the day of the event.

**Nothing makes a bigger impression on a legislator than a personal visit from a constituent. A fun and interesting way to spend the day. If there are a few folks interested a carpool could be arranged. Deb Etzel can't attend but would be willing to coordinate carpool efforts (daetzel@gmail.com)**

### Support Carbon Pricing Bill

Opponents of a strong carbon pricing bill are waging a disinformation campaign against a carbon pricing bill we support, [H2810](#) An Act to promote green infrastructure and reduce carbon emissions. Carbon pricing is a proven strategy for reducing carbon emissions. Please contact your legislators and tell them you support this bill putting a price on carbon to combat the looming climate crisis.

### Gun Control Bill Needs a Push

The Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence is scheduling in-district meetings with legislators on the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security in late October/early November to ask them to report H.2045/S.1388 out of the committee favorably. This bill will require detailed analysis of state crime gun trace data to determine the origins of crime guns.

Are these your legislators? If so, are you available for a meeting in-district? Please contact gun control specialist [Jen Muroff](#). The legislators on the committee are: Senators Michael Moore, Paul Feeney, Sonia Chang-Diaz, Mark Montigny, Joan Lovely and Dean Tran, and Representatives Harold Naughton, Alan Silvia, Thomas Walsh, Bruce Ayers, Paul Tucker, Stephan Hay, Chynah Tyler, Patrick Joseph Kearney, Christina Minicucci, Liz Miranda, David Vieira, David Muradian, and Peter Durant.

At the federal level, LWVUS asks League members to contact their members of Congress in support of three bills in the House. Massachusetts members of Congress support these bills, but it helps if they hear from their constituents so they can pressure their colleagues in the House. Email your U.S. Representative, thank them for their support of gun control legislation, and ask them to do everything they can to pass:

H.R. 1186, the *Keep Americans Safe Act* to ban high-capacity ammunition magazines

H.R. 1236, the *Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019* to prevent those deemed a risk to themselves or others from accessing firearms

H.R. 2708, the *Disarm Hate Act* prohibiting those convicted of misdemeanor hate crimes from possessing firearms.

### LWVMA Supports Two Ballot Question Initiatives

The LWVMA board voted to begin support now for two of the ballot question initiatives: the petition to implement ranked choice voting in the state, and the Constitutional amendment to restore the right of incarcerated prisoners to vote. The League's name will appear as a supporter of those two efforts, and we encourage local Leagues and individuals to participate in the signature-gathering process, perhaps with

petitions at your fall events.

**For information on working on the ranked choice voting ballot initiative, go to [Voter Choice Massachusetts ballot question website](#). For more information on ranked choice voting, including hosting a speaker in your community, go to [Voter Choice MA](#). Deb Etzel is collecting signatures for this petition drive. She will meet you to get your signature ([daetzel@gmail.com](mailto:daetzel@gmail.com)) and will have petitions at Legislators night.**

For information on working on the prisoner voting issue, see the Mass POWER tab on the Emancipation Organization [website](#). Click [here](#) to volunteer.

### **[LWVUS Census Action Plan](#)**

From LWVUS: A complete and accurate count of the 2020 Census is critically important to the integrity of our democracy. We will continue to provide Leagues with the tools and resources they need to ensure people in their communities are counted. For a one-page guide on how to think through getting out the count, check out this new resource: [Get Out the Count: Mapping Out a Plan](#).

**The Plymouth Area League is joining with the Plymouth Library to work with the Town Clerk's Office to ensure Plymouth gets an accurate count. Watch for upcoming activities in the early spring.**

### **[LWVUS DEI Webinars](#)**

LWVUS is hosting a series of webinars on diversity, equity and inclusion in 2019. All League members are invited to participate. Upcoming Webinars: Oct. 30 [Register](#); Nov. 21 [Register](#); and Dec. 19 [Register](#). Recordings and resources from previous webinars are on the [League Management Site](#).

**Our member Vedna Heywood is very active on this committee, lets be sure we support this activity!**

## **March 2020 – PALWV does Women's History Month Proud!**

Deanna Nealey has been very busy working our plans with the Plymouth Library to celebrate Women's History Month next March. Here is a brief outline of what's being planned:

- A display at the Library of books pertaining to Women's History
- Two screenings of "Iron Jawed Angels" March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> both at 2 pm
- Timeline display of National suffrage events and research into the Old Colony Memorial from 1890-1920 to show what was happening in Plymouth at that time
- Books & Brunch (a regular Library event) will be reading "The Women's Hour" by Elaine Weiss – we all need to ask for that book as a holiday gift and make good use of a librarian lead discussion. Date will be forthcoming.
- Community Tea with a panel discussion on "Iron Jawed Angels" and "The Women's Hour"

**STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES**

## VIEW FROM THE HILL: The importance of the census

By state Rep. Kathy LaNatra

Posted Oct 2, 2019 at 6:00 AM Wicked Local Plymouth

**The turn of the decade is fast approaching. One thing that should be on our minds is the 2020 U.S. census.**

The turn of the decade is fast approaching. Many in the 12th Plymouth district have many different things on their mind, whether it be the election or the Plymouth 400 celebration, or the Summer Olympics in Tokyo. One thing that should be on our minds, however, is the 2020 U.S. census.

The census has been in the news a lot recently. There has been debate around the current administration attempting to add a citizenship question to the census. However, the court system has ruled that there will not be a citizenship question. While the census has been a hot topic, it is important to know the basics of the U.S. Census. The census is conducted every 10 years, as required in Article I, Section II of the U.S. Constitution. Since 1790, the United States has conducted a census every 10 years without fail. The census provides us with data about the population, as well as age, sex, and race, as well as housing statistics. All answers given remain confidential by the Census Bureau.

It is crucial to participate in the census and answer all questions truthfully. Participation benefits Massachusetts in two ways. For one, the census determines our congressional representation. The U.S. House of Representatives has a fixed number of 435 total voting members. The population count from the census determines the proportion that goes to each state. After the 2010 census, Massachusetts lost a congressional district due to slow population growth between 2000 and 2010.

The data the census collects is routinely used in formulas to determine how much federal funding is allocated to municipalities and states. Grants provide money to states to use for transportation, education and agriculture based on population and housing data derived from the decennial census. For instance, to be eligible for a Community Development block grant, an area must be a central city or a satellite city with at least 50,000 people. Title I grants given to localities are determined by the number of school-age children in the community. An accurate census allows Massachusetts to be given the correct amount of federal funding we need to ensure that our children are properly educated, our businesses are supported, and our infrastructure and transportation are properly funded and kept up to date.

The census is an important event that must be taken seriously by all citizens. Responding to the census fully and truthfully will ensure that Massachusetts is awarded the federal funding and the representation it deserves based on our population. If you have any questions about the census, feel free to contact my office, visit Secretary of State Bill Galvin's website or visit the 2020 Census website.

*Kathy LaNatra is the state representative for the 12th Plymouth District of Massachusetts.*

<https://plymouth.wickedlocal.com/news/20191002/view-from-hill-importance-of-census>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### NUCLEAR

**Betrayed by the NRC.** In late August, the NRC formalized its decision to transfer Pilgrim's license from Entergy to Holtec without having responded to any of the urgent concerns voiced by state and town officials and citizens, including legal petitions to intervene and subsequent "contentions" filed by the AGO and the Duxbury-based citizens' group Pilgrim Watch. The NRC decision upended the Attorney General's delicate negotiations with Holtec and ignored questions raised by Senators Markey and Warren and Congressman Keating, our local legislators, the Select Board of Plymouth, the Nuclear Decommissioning Citizen's Advisory Panel (NDCAP), and dozens of other citizens groups not just in Massachusetts but throughout the country. The day following the NRC's announcement, new "Holtec-Pilgrim" signs appeared at the entrance to the plant, suggesting that the decision was not transparent and was made long ago—though state & town officials and the public were out of the loop. See local coverage in the Wicked Local and the Globe:

<https://plymouth.wickedlocal.com/news/20190826/entergy-has-sold-pilgrim-station>

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2019/08/26/sale-pilgrim-nuclear-plant-completed/4QcDfr5hv8PPCUeCC5rLFO/story.html>

Adding insult to injury, the NRC held a public meeting on September 11th, purportedly to engage citizens in discussing of "best practices" for citizen's advisory boards. Citizens from South Plymouth and the Six Ponds area, joined by some Cape Downwinders, showed up to protest before going in to witness the meeting. A host of speakers excoriated the NRC not only for the substance of the decision, but for a process they stated was "a travesty and a sham...rigged." The remarks delivered by Sean Mullin, chair of NDCAP, were especially damning. See local coverage: <https://plymouth.wickedlocal.com/news/20190913/video-nrc-gets-earful-as-angry-citizens-air-grievances-in-plymouth>

**WHAT TO DO? Act to protect family, children, home, town, future, all you hold dear. None of this is acceptable. Be angry. Then get active. We'll reach the tipping point but only with a real citizen outpouring. Do at least one small thing. It will make a difference. Remember, our silence is their victory.**

**(1) Support the petitions to Intervene:** The AGO and Pilgrim Watch motions filed in February have yet to be acknowledged. Demand the NRC hold hearings on the issues. *Write/call the NRC.* **(2) Radiological Cleanup.** The Mass Department of Public Health (MDPH) already requires other radiological waste sites to meet the standard of less than 10 mrem residual radiation per person per year for a site with unrestricted use, and no more than 4 mrem exposure for all drinking water pathways, consistent with the US EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act (SOWA). The Plymouth League sent a letter to the MDPH last year on this subject. So far the MDPH has not changed regulations to include Pilgrim in these standards. *Time for more letters from concerned citizens. Write or call MaryLou Sudders, Sec'y of Health & Human Services.* **(3) Follow the money: Urge the state to audit expenditures.** Holtec-Pilgrim LLC will funnel the Decommissioning Trust Fund into two other LLCs (CDI and HDI), both beyond the reach of the NRC's regulations. Unless the Commonwealth finds a way to audit them, we will have no idea what happens to the money. Each of these LLCs serves to buffer the parents (Holtec Intl and SNC-Lavalin) from liability. That doesn't pass the smell test. *Write/call Vinny & Matt. Write the AGO.* **(4) Support Pilgrim-related bills in legislature:** No hearings are

currently scheduled but stay tuned here for details. (5) **Demand federal hearings on the NRC:** Markey's statement (read by Jim Cantwell) at the NRC meeting on 9/11 mentioned this possibility. *Write Markey, thank him and urge him to pursue hearings.* (6) **Letters to the editor.** Sound off on any of the above! (*Wicked Local, Globe, whatever*)

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## JOIN A COMMITTEE!

## Plymouth Area LWV Committees

### We encourage each of you to at least one committee.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Follow Local efforts to provide Affordable Housing and encourage local government to do so.

**Chair** Kathy Dunn ([gordod1@comcast.net](mailto:gordod1@comcast.net) or 508-747-0039)

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Focus on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Event being planned in conjunction with other Plymouth organization for late winter

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**Bulletin:** Monthly(ish) publication to keep membership informed. Sent by email and posted on the website. Heidi [Mayo, Editor \(LWVBulletin@heidimayo.com\)](mailto:LWVBulletin@heidimayo.com) or 508-747-5467)

**Website:** Maintain the PlymouthLWV.org website. Deb [Etzel, Editor \(daetzel@gmail.com\)](mailto:daetzel@gmail.com) or 508- 224-1667)

**Facebook Page** – Maintain the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters Facebook page Deb Etzel, [Editor \(daetzel@gmail.com\)](mailto:daetzel@gmail.com) or 508-224-1667)

#### EDUCATION

**Civics Bee:** Organizes the annual high school competition based on civics questions. March 29, 2020 is the next Bee. Next meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm – contact Erin if you are interested.

**Chair** [Erin Palladino \(esutherland@hotmail.com\)](mailto:esutherland@hotmail.com) or 617-827-8255)

#### HEALTH & WELL BEING - Currently inactive

#### MEMBERSHIP

Finding and welcoming new members.

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#### NATIONAL OR STATE STUDIES

Currently inactive as there are no studies ongoing

#### NUCLEAR

Follows what is current regarding the Pilgrim Energy Plant and reports to the membership

and suggests action to local government

**Chair** Henrietta Cosentino ([Henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com](mailto:Henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com) or 508-224-3251)

## OBSERVER CORPS

Currently inactive

## SUSTAINABILITY

**Water:** Studies topic area of interest related to Sustainability, currently Water. Other topics are encouraged. Offers local education in the topic area and/or community/governmental action.

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## VOTER SERVICES

**Chair is VACANT – Please volunteer for this position!**

**All of our committees are very important, and support the work of the League. Voters Services is the MOST important, so please consider it.**  
**A committee exists that needs a leader, and they will guide anyone who is new to the activity.**  
**Everyone should be on at least one committee!**

Please contact the chair(s) listed above to loan your time and talents to these important issues OR VOLUNTEER to lead the VOTER SERVICES committee!

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