

April 2020

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CALENDAR

Friday, April 24, 2020	Last Day to Register in Town Elections	
Saturday, May 2, 2020 Postponed	Town Meeting Annual Spring Town Meeting for Plymouth town meeting members POSTPONED 30 days	TD Bank Pinehills
Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:15 AM	Monthly Board Meeting Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Martha Vautrain	Zoom
Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:00 PM	What are we doing to our Aquifer Panel discussion on the status and future of the Plymouth Carver aquifer	Great Hall, Plymouth Town Hall
Saturday, May 16, 2020	Local Town Elections – May be postponed	All Precincts
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 all day	Special Election for State Senate vacant seat. Plymouth & Barnstable Senatorial District Election to fill the seat vacated by Vinny deMacedo early by mail ballots can be requested now going to https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/	Local Precincts
Wednesday, August 12, 2020	Last Day to register for State Primary	
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:00 PM	HER FLAG. presentation on HER FLAG - celebration of the ERA amendment	Duxbury Senior Center
Tuesday, September 1, 2020	Massachusetts State Primary	All Precincts
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	Last Day to Register for State/Presidential Election	
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	State and Presidential Election Day	All Precincts

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PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE**

CENSUS

Read Lyle Lawrence's Letter to the Editor about the importance of the census.

February 29, 2020

To the Editor:

Do you want to say “no thanks” to \$5,561 this spring? Well, if you do not fill out the upcoming Federal census, that is just what you will do. That dollar figure is the approximate amount that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will receive annually for every man, woman, child and infant COUNTED in the 2020 Federal Census. If you do not respond, you will not be counted, and our state and town and you will be shortchanged.

What do those dollars cover? The largest amounts go to health care, both Medicare and Medicaid, but there are 314 other census-guided federal spending programs that support items such as mental health services, low-income home energy assistance, special programs for the aging, career and technical education, hazardous waste management, beach monitoring, highway planning and construction, unemployment insurance, veterans housing, and so on.

In addition, the census count will be used to determine:

- The number of representatives Massachusetts will have in Congress and in the Electoral College.
- Redistricting maps that will be drawn in 2021 for the US House of Representatives, the state legislature, local school districts for schools, and city councils. These districts will define our election maps for the next ten years.

Here are some important facts you need to know about this census:

- The Federal Census is required every ten years by the US Constitution.
- The Federal Census is completely separate from the annual Town of Plymouth street census.
- Unlike the town census, Federal Census data is **PRIVATE** (for 72 years).
- There is **NO CITIZENSHIP QUESTION** on the census.

Please note: Census Deadlines have been pushed back one month

- **March 12 - 20:** Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- **April 1:** Census Day is observed nationwide. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.
- **May - July:** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted. Census Deadlines have been pushed back one month.

Sincerely,

Lyle E. Lawrence on behalf of the
Board of the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters

Census Updates

Federal Update on 2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19

<https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html>

Federal Update on 2020 Census Response Rates: Plymouth is 54.2%. To get the town info use the dropdown menu, select State, then Town and Township.

<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> The Census Bureau updates the response rates on the link every day at 3:00p.m.

VOTING BY MAIL

Follow the link for the **Town of Plymouth's 2020 EARLY VOTING / ELECTION CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19** and Early Voting Application. <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/2020-early-voting-election-changes-due-covid-19>

Making sure all citizens are able to exercise their right to vote is essential in these trying times. **Early Voting** or **Voting by Mail** makes a lot of sense. We want to help support voter turnout in every way possible. Read Deb Etzel's letter to Larry Pizer, and volunteer with the **Voter Service Committee** to assist our democracy during this crisis. Even better, Chair the Committee! **Please help if you can.**



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April 2020

Mr. Larry Pizer, Town Clerk
Plymouth Town Hall
26 Court Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

Dear Mr. Pizer,

The League of Women Voters is concerned about the availability and access to voting in the upcoming elections due to the pandemic we are now experiencing. We are especially pleased that there will be no excuses early voting for both the State Senate and the Town elections. We hope that this option and how to access it is advertised as widely as possible and as soon as possible to give voters the ample lead time necessary to acquire the ballots.

We realize that the volume of early voting and voting by mail will increase the demands for the necessary assistance with ballots. Therefore, our local League is offering to volunteer our assistance, however and whenever you think it is needed.

The League is also looking forward to the fall elections as well and hopes that similar accommodations can be made as well. Again, if we can volunteer to assist either at polling places or prior to election day, please contact us.

Signed,

Plymouth Area League of Women Voters

CC: Melissa Arigghi
Ken Tavares
Patrick Flaherty
Betty Cavacco
John Mahoney Jr.
Shelagh Joyce

2020 Special State Election Early Ballot Application



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Voter Information

1

Name: _____

Legal Voting Residence:

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ballot Information

2

Mail Ballot to: _____

Special Circumstances (If applicable)

3

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

Assisting person's name: _____

Assisting person's address: _____

Signed (under penalty of perjury): _____ Date: _____

Eligibility

Any registered voter in the **2nd Hampden & Hampshire Senate District or the Plymouth & Barnstable Senate District** may use this application to request an early ballot by mail for the **May 19, 2020 Special State Election** to be held in those districts.

Any registered voter in the **3rd Bristol Representative District or 37th Middlesex Representative District** may use this application to request an early ballot for the **June 2, 2020 Special State Election** to be held in those districts.

Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
2. Ballot Information – Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed.
3. Special Circumstances – If you are assisting a voter in completing this application, complete this section.
4. Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the local election official at your city or town hall.

Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible.

Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election official by Election Day.

Find contact information for local election officials at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: The Plymouth 400th opening ceremonies for April 24th have been postponed to the end of June,. When it happens, Leaguers are invited to join the Antiquarian Society Suffragist marchers. If interested contact Executive Director Anne Mason at director@plymouthantiquarian.org or 508-746-0012 for details. PLEASE JOIN TO MAKE 100 STRONG in celebration of THE 100 ANNIVERSARY OF THE signing of the 19TH Amendment allowing Women To Vote.

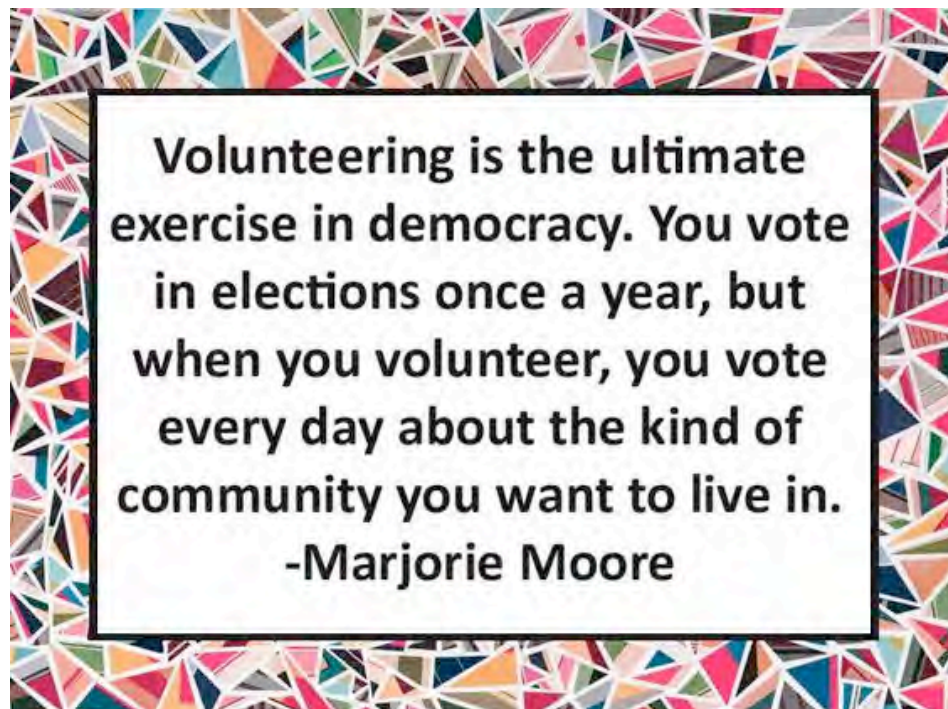


**Thank you to all who
volunteered to help with the
Civics Bee.**



Stay tuned for further information...

Click here for an informative Smithsonian article about
How the 1918 Flu Pandemic Helped Advance Women's Rights
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-1918-flu-pandemic-helped-advance-womens-rights-180968311/>



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From the Board

Report of Board Meeting Thursday April 2 on-line via Zoom at 9:30am

Pilgrim Power Station Decommissioning – Holtec is still planning to transfer spent fuel rods into the storage casks, bringing to Plymouth workers from out of State, who will need to stay in local hotels. Board members discussed their concern that this activity is not essential and does not appear to follow COVID-19 precautions. Board member Henrietta Cosentino will draft a letter to authorities to express our concerns.

Annual Meeting – Due to lack of information, discussion was tabled until next meeting, as to when to hold Annual Meeting 2020.

Census Committee – Sharon Ferraguto will lead this committee of members Henrietta Cosentino, Deb Etzel, Vedna Heywood, Lyle Lawrence, Deanna Nealey, and Martha Vautrain

Sharon will contact Town clerk Larry Pizer and Martha will contact PACTV about including a Census Update during the Daily Plymouth Briefing Show. This has already been done, comprehensively, by Michael Jackman from Rep. Keating's office, on Sat. April 4th show.

Voting during COVID-19 Precautions time – Deb Etzel will contact town Clerk Larry Pizer to offer the League's assistance, if necessary, to process the expected increase volume of early voting and vote by mail ballots.

Next meeting will be Saturday May 2 9:15am On-Line via Zoom again. Submitted by Martha Vautrain, facilitator.

Remember to submit your CENSUS FORM NOW to minimize the need for door-to-door canvassing and please remind everyone you know.

Election and Town Meeting changes:

Special Election for State Senator – Tuesday May 19, but may be changed.

Plymouth Town Meeting – Sat. May 30

Plymouth Town Election - Saturday June 20

For both elections, voters may Vote Early by Mail. For details, go EARLY/NOW to Plymouth Town Clerk Website, to allow time for USPS mailing.



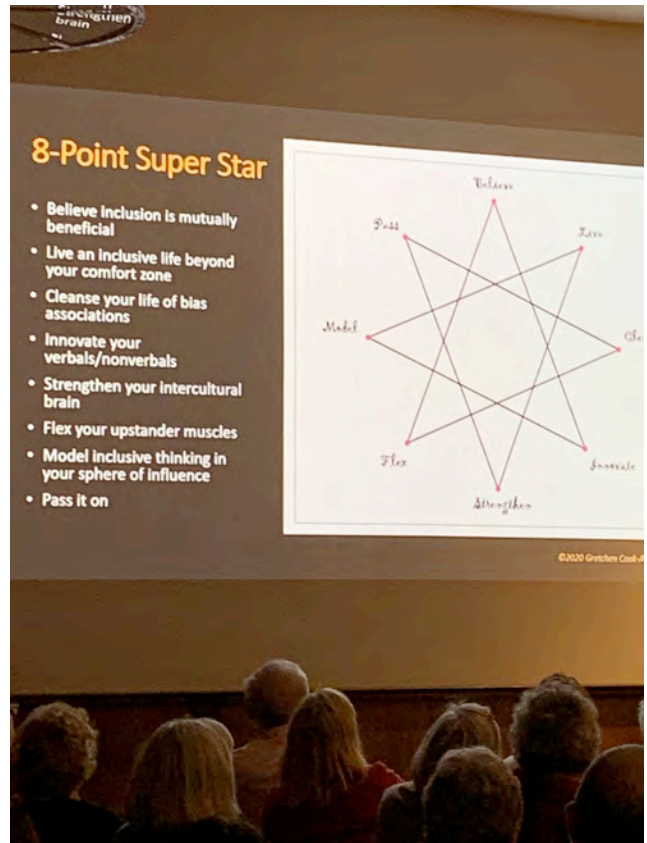
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Beyond the Board

Enjoy these photos of back in the day when humans could congregate, and LWW and No Place for Hate presented a program on **“Implicit Bias and It’s Effect on Communities”** February 27, 2020.





THE YELLOW ROSE of the SUFFRAGISTS By Deanna P. Nealey



For some a yellow rose represents peace, faithfulness, and even the state of Texas. For the early 20th century Suffragists, it represented support for the passage of the 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote. In the summer of 1920, the U.S. House of Representatives convened to debate the passage of the amendment, which needed a 2/3 majority of the states equaling 36/48 states--a daunting challenge considering the resistance from powerful and vicious opponents from political, business, and religious organizations. Representatives who opposed the amendment wore red roses in their lapels when they entered the House chamber, while supporters wore yellow roses. It was a nail-biting climax of a political battle that had been on going for generations of women. Amazingly, the 19th amendment passed by a single vote cast by a young representative from Tennessee, Harry Burn, who had changed his red rose of resistance to the yellow rose of support, after his mother sent him a note encouraging him to change his vote.

Susan B. Anthony and Cady Stanton had led the first battle fighting for women's right to vote in the late 19th century. Unfortunately, they did not live to see an American woman legally vote in an election. It was the second generation of activist feminists led by Alice Paul, Susan White, and other courageous women of the National Organization of Women, during the early 20th century, who finally made it happen. Through methods of peaceful marches, then protests, and sit ins, they were arrested, imprisoned, and even tortured, until they got the attention of the public. By their persistence, the tide of public sentiment and support turned in their favor.

In August 1920--the 19th amendment was ratified by the House of Representatives of the United States and became the law of the land. In 2020 we celebrate the centennial of one of the greatest battles of civil rights in American history. The yellow rose is symbolic of that victory by the Suffragists.

After the ratification, the League of Women Voters was formed in 1920, for the purpose of registering women to vote and everyone else who was eligible. The League is a non-partisan organization dedicated to voter service, providing information about candidates and issues in order to cast a well-informed vote. The Plymouth area of the LWV is very active and has several Pinehills residents on the Board of Directors. Both women and men now participate in the organization, and we welcome new members. Please refer to our website <http://plymouthlwv.org> for more information.

Now in 2020, as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the First Comers, the Pilgrims, we also will be remembering and honoring the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. The Plymouth Area League of Women Voters collaborated with the Plymouth Public Library to offer programs during March, Women's History month, giving the public an opportunity to learn more about the Suffragists movement, including the showing of the film "Iron Jawed Angels" featuring Hillary Swank as Alice Paul and a presentation of Susan B. Anthony by re-enactor, Jessa Piaia. Due to the Covid-19 shut down and social distancing, the library is closed, and programs are on hold for now. Please check the Plymouth Public Library's website for dates and programs to come. And wear a yellow rose proudly!

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 or 508-747-0039)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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

Chair Kathy Dunn (gordod1@comcast.net or 508-747-0039)

COMUNICATIONS

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

Website: Maintain the PlymouthLWV.org website. Deb Etzel, Editor (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 or 508-224-1667)

EDUCATION

Civics Bee: Organizes the annual high school competition based on civics questions. March 29, 2020 is the next Bee. Contact Erin Palladino if you are interested in helping.

Chair Erin Palladino (epalladino@mpsd.org or 617-827-8285)

HEALTH & WELL BEING - Currently inactive

MEMBERSHIP

Finding and welcoming new members.

Chair Deanna Nealey (deannap-1@verizon.net or 508-224-3797)

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 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.

Chair Mary LeSueur (hclesueur@yahoo.com or 508-746-4252)

VOTER SERVICES

Chair is VACANT – Please volunteer for this position!

Of all of our committees the **Voter Services Committee** is the most important! We need a chair to step up during this critical period in our country's history. We have a strong committee to help you; we just need a chair. Please volunteer!

Everyone should be on at least one committee!

Please contact the chairs above to volunteer for a committee.

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State Rep Precincts 2-8, 10, 12, 14, 15

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TBA (Vinnie's seat)

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