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League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover

President's Letter

By Stefani Traina

In addition to cooler weather and beautiful fall color, October brings Andover's Special Town Meeting on October 7th, a workshop about trees and threats to our urban forest on October 17th, Andover Days/Know Your Town Fair on October 17, (rain date October 18), and our annual membership/chocolate event on October 25th.

Andover's Special Town Meeting is October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the AHS Collins Field House. Andover residents will be asked to pass a balanced budget that evening so that the tax rate can be set. Difficult economic times are creating challenges for everyone, including our elected officials, and it's likely that no one will emerge from Town Meeting feeling comfortable about the budget decisions made. Promoting civil discourse and mutual respect even when there is fundamental disagreement is a time-honored League tradition. For a copy of the Warrant and more information, go to <http://andoverma.gov/spottlight/39>.

The state League Phonathon/Annual Campaign has begun and I hope you will consider making a donation to the LWVMA as it approaches its 90th year of defending democracy. Our local League receives 15% of all donations from our members. For more information, go to <http://www.lwvma.org/donatenow.shtml>. Members of our League will be making phone calls in mid to late October to those who have not contributed by October 2nd. The state League is busy with many projects, including organizing candidate forums for the U.S. Senate race. If you'd like to be involved, contact steftraina@verizon.net.

The League's Know Your Town Fair, a time-honored tradition in Andover, is being cheerfully coordinated once again by Heather Moody Holman. The newly formed Friends of Andover Community Trees (FACT) will have information available, as well. The date has changed and we'll be looking for staffers for the League table if you can spare some time.

This month's guest column is about The Andover Villages At Home (TAVAH). League member, Nancy Mulvey, has laid out the group's history and philosophy in a very informative article. League members often wear many hats in our communities, and are busy advocating for positive change in a number of different ways.

Plan to join us at our fall membership event at the Andover Historical Society, being organized by Heather Belson and Jennessa Durrani. The event will feature chocolate and socializing and networking, and we will also be treated to League history as told by some of our longtime members in both Andover and North Andover. The Andover League will turn 90 next year, so this will be a kickoff of celebrations to come.

Many thanks to Ann Cobleigh for updating the information in our Members' handbook, now posted online at <http://www.lwv-andovers.org/members.html> so you can download and print it. The list of members will be sent out separately.

Finally, if you haven't sent in your dues yet, there is a renewal form in this *Bulletin*. Thank you to everyone who has renewed. The League's work is more important than ever at the local, state and national level. We appreciate your membership and support.



Join us for a "Look Through the Years" tea with friends as we reflect on the League's involvement in our communities over the past 90 years.

Sunday, October 25th
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Andover Historical Society
97 Main Street, Andover

Kindly respond to Stefani Traina by October 18th at steftraina@verizon.net or 978.470.3110.

The complex block is a vertical rectangular box with a dark brown background and a thin white border. At the top is a black and white photograph of a group of about ten women sitting on a lawn. Below the photo is a paragraph of text in a light-colored serif font. This is followed by the date and time of the event, then the location, and finally a request to RSVP with contact information.

The Andovers Village at Home—what it’s all about.

By Nancy Mulvey

The Andovers Village at Home or TAVAH is a new non-profit corporation formally organized this year to provide a new option for Andover and North Andover residents over the age of 50 who are able to live independently and want to remain in their own homes. A recent AARP survey revealed that 80% of American seniors want to stay in their homes for the rest of their lives, but the reality of aging is that needs for help and support increase. With many older adults living a great distance from their families, a move to a retirement community or re-location to a place nearer their children are often seen as the only options.

The Andovers Village at Home will present another option, forming what is sometimes called an “intentional community” that replicates the worthwhile and supportive qualities of the old-time village. TAVAH services will sustain quality of life, well-being, dignity and independence for our members and ensure that they can remain safely and confidently in their homes, neighborhoods and community as long as possible. It is modeled on the very successful concept pioneered by Beacon Hill Village in Boston, which opened in 2002 and has inspired the creation of over 40 villages across the United States. (In Massachusetts alone, there are other operating villages in Cambridge and on Martha’s Vineyard, and in various stages of start-up in Weston, Wellesley, Melrose, Newton, Worcester, Bedford and Falmouth, but we will be the first in the Merrimack Valley.)

Membership in TAVAH will be open to residents of Andover and North Andover over the age of 50. Annual membership dues will provide access to a wide array of benefits, including personal consultation regarding needs, weekly grocery shopping trip, other transportation, daily check-in if desired, home safety assessment, member social activities and interest groups, and information and help coordinating needed services. Through the latter function, staff will conduct a “vetting” process of fee-for-service providers so that members will have access to lists of approved providers, who will deliver quality, prompt service at predictable and often discounted costs. With one phone call or e-mail to the office, a member can identify a need and set in motion a timely response whether the request is for help finding a contractor for home repair/maintenance or someone to hang a picture or change a light bulb. The organization will use volunteers as “first responders” when available and appropriate, and will develop alliances with schools and colleges to add an intergenerational aspect to its volunteer corps. Strategic partnerships will also be established with hospitals, medical practices and home health services to assure that members have access to these services, if needed and desired.

Our time frame is that we are currently applying for start-up funding and hope to begin operations in September, 2010. Once we are operational, we will seek ongoing funding from individual and

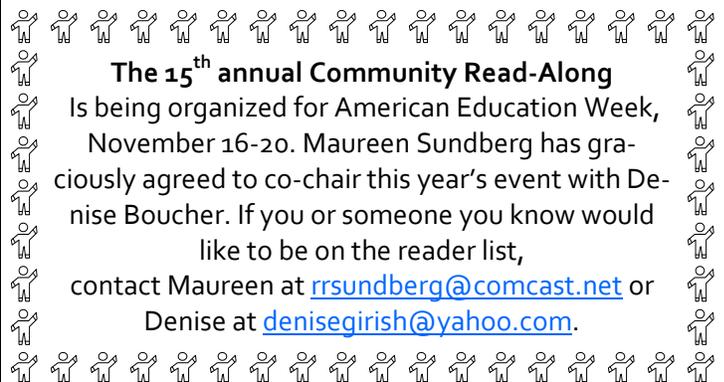
corporate donors and foundations to subsidize membership dues for those with financial need.

It is key to our operation and philosophy that we will not duplicate existing services. We will utilize what is currently available and concentrate our development efforts on filling in the gaps—either by extending services or creating new service options for needs where nothing is available. A concrete example of this would be transportation—a huge need given the geographic size of both towns and only minimal public transportation. While some service is available through the MVRTA, bus routes and E-Z Trans, and the senior centers utilize volunteers to meet many needs for transport to medical appointments, rides to a hairdresser, to shopping or simply to visit a friend are dependent on private taxi service. It is our intent to use Village volunteers to provide our members with more flexible and personal transportation on their own schedule.

An added benefit for both towns is that supporting older adults to stay longer in their homes reduces the turnover of homes to young families with the resulting impact on each school system and tax base. It will also enable the towns to become more senior-friendly (a dissatisfaction noted in a recent Andover town survey!) as well as to keep pace with the needs of over one-third of our population base that is increasingly “aging up”.

Our task force originated with the Andover Council on Aging, but now includes community professionals in the fields of law, real estate, business, financial planning and home health care, as well as other interested residents of both towns. Four members of the League are on the task force and its sub-committees: Molly Bicking, Nancy Gump, Joanna Hiss Hoople and I. Please feel free to contact any of us directly if you are interested in receiving more information, or in becoming involved in the planning and implementation process. Our web site, www.tavah.org, telephone 978-623-0070 and P.O. Box 665, Andover 01810 are additional ways to reach the organization.

We would welcome additional volunteers who can give even a little time to making TAVAH, “your home, your community... your way”, a reality.



The 15th annual Community Read-Along
 Is being organized for American Education Week,
 November 16-20. Maureen Sundberg has graciously agreed to co-chair this year’s event with Denise Boucher. If you or someone you know would like to be on the reader list, contact Maureen at rrsundberg@comcast.net or Denise at deniseqirish@yahoo.com.

Legislative Action

By Diana Walsh

The LWVMA is supporting two bills in the state legislature that are of interest to our League. The first, S.476 relates to the percentage of the premiums paid by the Commonwealth to cover low and moderate income residents that can be used for costs other than direct care, such as advertising and other administrative costs. The second is bill H.833. It requires producers of electronic products to provide collection sites for the disposal of items. This would shift the costs from municipalities and consumers to the producers. It is anticipated that such a system would reduce the amount of toxins that end up in the environment because they would be more likely to dispose of electronic products properly. The bill also calls on producers to seek ways to reduce the amount of toxic material in these products.

The text of the League's submissions in support of these two bills is printed below. In addition, the entire language of the proposed bills can be found on the web site for the Massachusetts Legislature: www.mass.gov/legis/.

S.476 An Act to Promote Efficient Revenue Use by Certain Healthcare Providers

Proposed by Senator Pat Jehlen
Testimony submitted to the Joint Committee on Financial Services in Support of S. 476 ; September 15, 2009

By Judith Deutsch, LWVMA Specialist on Health Care

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA) strongly urges that you vote S. 476, "An Act to Promote Efficient Revenue Use by Certain Healthcare Providers" out of your Committee and support its passage by the entire General Court of Massachusetts.

We do so because the Commonwealth pays premiums, in whole or in part, to health insurance companies who provide healthcare coverage to low and moderate-income residents. Requiring that 90% of these premiums be used for actual health care, rather than for advertising, marketing, CEO salaries, and other administrative costs, will be a significant service to Massachusetts taxpayers through lowered premiums. Many of these insurers work well within this margin, so we know it can be done.

Massachusetts health reform has been successful in decreasing the number of uninsured residents from approximately 10% to approximately 2.6%. Now we must begin to tackle the next, more difficult, stage of this reform. Without cost controls, subsidizing health-care coverage will become unaffordable, and Massachusetts will have to abandon its efforts to insure that all its residents have access to adequate, affordable health care.

The LWVMA believes that the people of Massachusetts deserve the efficient and economical delivery of health care, which the cost control measures in this bill will help to achieve. Please do everything in your power to see that this bill is passed and implemented as written.

H. 833 An Act Relative to Producer Responsibility for Discarded Electronic Products

Testimony submitted to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resource and Agriculture ; August 31, 2009

By Lynn Wolbarst, LWVMA Environment and Natural Resources Specialist, and Launa Zimmaro

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts urges that you support H. 833, "An Act Relative to Producer Responsibility for Discarded Electronic Products."

The League of Women Voters of the United States began working on the issues of solid waste management and disposal of hazardous waste in the 1970's. League efforts resulted in the passage of significant federal legislation, such as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 and the Toxic Substance Control Act of 1976. In the 1990's the League embraced a "reduce, reuse, recycle hierarchy and has continued to support programs and legislation that promote the reduction and safe disposal of waste. H. 833 is consistent with League policies and principles regarding the need to reduce and dispose of waste safely and responsibly.

Discarded electronics constitute a growing percentage of the municipal solid waste stream in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Municipal Association estimates that less than 20% of the 183,000 tons of electronic waste (e-waste) generated in the commonwealth is recycled², resulting in a polluted stream of toxic contaminants such as lead, mercury, PVC and cadmium flowing into our soil, waterways, and atmosphere when e-waste is buried in landfills or incinerated³.

In addition to the environmental harm caused by e-waste, municipalities bear the financial burden of its collection and disposal. The Department of Environmental Protection estimates that Massachusetts communities spend between \$2 and \$4 million annually on e-waste processing and disposal in addition to unreported costs related to transportation, collection and administration of e-waste programs. These costs would be higher if the class of banned products was expanded beyond cathode ray tubes (CRTs) to include other electronic equipment. Passage of H. 833 would relieve municipalities of this expense.

The associated costs and challenges of recycling e-waste discourage residents from recycling and contribute to the tonnage of discarded equipment making its way into the waste stream. H. 833 will require producers to provide easily accessible collection sites at no cost to the consumer, thereby increasing safe recycling of electronic equipment and decreasing e-waste disposal.

Recycling of e-waste is further complicated by the amount of dangerous elements embedded in them. Materials such as lead and mercury are not easily reclaimed, and are difficult to retrieve due to the physical design of many electronic products. For example, CRT monitors alone can contain from 4 to 8 pounds of lead, a

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N. Andover Board of Selectman & Finance Committee Reports

By Sandy Gleed, VP/North Andover

North Andover Board of Selectmen

North Andover's Board of Selectmen have been busy welcoming several new businesses to town and encouraging new and existing merchants to join the new North Andover Merchants' Association.

A recent agenda item of note was the unanimous vote of board members to recommend to the Essex Regional Retirement Board that they move all retirement funds to the State's Pension Reserves Investment Trust. Although a move could bring greater investment risk, improved investment returns could result in lower annual contribution assessments for our community. Fire Chief Martineau, a member of the Essex Regional Retirement Board, explained that the decision to move the assets is an "all or nothing" decision; current participating communities must vote to recommend the switch. Individual communities can not withdraw from the current system by themselves.

And Selectman Bill Gordon raised the following question during public comment session of the September 21, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting: Should North Andover's Land Use Boards, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, have term limits imposed and/or should these appointed-volunteer positions be elected positions? BOS Chair Tracy Watson suggested that this is a topic that could be referred to the Government Review Committee because changes could require Charter Bylaw amendments. The Selectmen requested that Mark Rees, the Town Manager, explore whether the Board of Selectmen have the legal right to impose term limits as a policy decision, rather than as a charter change. The Board of Selectmen will discuss the matter further as a future agenda item.

North Andover Finance Committee

North Andover's Finance Committee resumed its FY2010 schedule with Mark Rodgers as the new Chairman and Peter Besen serving as Vice-Chairman. The Finance Committee welcomed new members Carlos Bielicki, Bonnie Wilkinson, and Thomas Dugan.

Town Moderator Charles Salisbury, who has the authority to appoint Finance Committee members, attended the Fincom's meeting on September 17, 2009 to review the Fincom's rights and obligations to review and make recommendations on warrant articles under both Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting scenarios.

The Finance Committee is focusing on improved communication between their board and the Board of Selectmen and School Committee this year, and Chair Mark Rodgers reported that the three board chairs are now meeting on a monthly basis. The Fincom is also focusing on a standardized budget format to facilitate the Fincom's review of budget requests and recommendations during budget season.

And finally, Town Manager Mark Rees informed the Finance Committee that reductions in municipal state aid, announced after North Andover's annual Town Meeting, have knocked our FY10 budget out of balance to the tune of \$280,000. Mr. Rees is working to identify reductions to the FY10 budget allocations on both the municipal and school sides of the budget. By law, North Andover must have a balanced budget before it can submit its FY10 tax rates to the Department of Revenue.

N. Andover School Committee Report

By Heather McNeil

Our North Andover Public Schools have welcomed a new superintendent, Mr. Christopher Hottel and a new Business Administrator, James Mealey. The town has also opened a new pre-school, and the high school is instituting a trimester schedule this year to offer more flexibility for students to meet graduation requirements, as well as to take courses of interest and Advanced Placement courses.

The major discussions that have taken place at recent School Committee meetings focus on the MCAS results and much of the news I have seen unfortunately focuses on several schools that are not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) throughout the district. However, as has been brought up at these meetings, there are several things people should take into account when hearing MCAS news, only some of which are listed below.

- MCAS tests students' mastery of the standards put forth in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. You can find what your child is expected to learn at different grade levels at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/current.html>.
- Many academic initiatives have been put into place across the district to address the academic needs of students whether they are performing well or need to be challenged.
- One question on the exam can mean the difference between the different levels – proficient/advanced, needs improvement, and warning/failing.
- A very small number of students not doing well at a particular school can determine whether or not that school made AYP.
- The School Committee and administration are not making any excuses and are continually discussing best practices, how to improve the technology available to students and teachers, curriculum resources, parent outreach, teacher training and support, daily scheduling options, and the use of multiple assessments to drive instruction of students so that all students are moving towards proficiency in all subject areas.

There are so many other things that have been discussed regarding MCAS. I would encourage people to attend School Committee meetings. The schedule can be found on the town's website as well as on the school district's website at <http://www.northandoverpublicschools.com/index.php/calendar.html>. There is also much more information posted on the school district's website including videos such as the discussion of the H1N1 flu and other health issues. Also, School Committee meetings now have time for public comment at the beginning and end of each session. Keep informed and stay engaged.

I-93/Lowell Junction Project Critical Dates & Public Meetings

Listening Sessions:

October 6; 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Andover Public Safety Center, 32 North Main Street
October 7; 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wilmington Town Hall, 122 Glen Road Room 9

October 8; 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street

Charrette Presentations:

October 22; 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Charrette 1: The Vision
Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street

November 19; 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Charrette 2: Vision Plan Development
Old Town Hall, 20 Main Street

Public Presentation on the Draft Code TBD - Mid February 2010
Public Presentation on the Final Code TBD - Mid May 2010
(via a Joint Planning Board Hearing)
Fall Town Meetings TBD - Early-Mid October

Find Out More About

N. ANDOVER / ANDOVER STAND FOR CHILDREN

Stand for Children is a grassroots education advocacy group working locally and at the state level to address issues facing our schools. Closing the achievement gap and improving the quality of education for *all* of our students will be a big part of our fall discussions and actions while we continue to stay involved with keeping the services and funding we have, finding sustainable, long-term funding for schools, and finding cost efficiencies so that more dollars are going toward direct instruction of children.

It is easy to become involved and can take as little or as much time as you are able to give. With tight budgets and a statewide achievement gap that is one of the worst in our country, now is the time to join us. Being a member of Stand is very rewarding as we are regularly informed, engaged, and taking action on behalf of our schools and our children.

Find out more about Stand for Children,
visit www.stand.org/ma or
join us at our Informational Coffee!

Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 PM at 13 Union Street ,N. Andover
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h_mcneil@hotmail.com

Your League Needs You! Board Opportunities Available

The League depends on volunteers to do all of its work. We are committed to delivering high quality programs and services to our communities. But we need more people to help share the workload. Please consider leading or joining a committee. We promise we won't waste your time.

Secretary: The position of League secretary is still open. It entails attending board meetings, taking notes and distributing minutes by email. It's a great way to stay in touch with what's going on without making a big time commitment.

Environmental Action: The Environmental Action Committee needs a chair or co-chairs.

Voter Service/Andover: Voter Service needs a chair/committee to help organize the Andover Candidate forum in March. You must be nonpartisan to hold this position. Training, support and guidance provided.

Nominating: The Nominating Committee has not been formed yet. The time commitment is small, and we could use some of our seasoned members to help recruit board members for next year.

Contact stefraina@verizon.net to volunteer. Thank you!

Patriots Memorial Park

By Phila Slade

Patriots Memorial Park in North Andover has a nice definition of "patriot" - one that will resonate with us all. The park was given to the town by the Stevens family in 1922 as a memorial to honor, "those who served in the World War..." and, to quote the deed of gift, "to honor the men and women who, during the two hundred and seventy years of its existence have rendered the State or Nation patriotic service of a civic or military nature." The park is situated on Main Street next to the Stevens Memorial Library, and is on the National Register of Historic Places as part of Tavern Acres, a National Register District, and is a beautiful place to stroll or sit on a bench and enjoy a quiet time.

Note: Phila Slade mentioned this at our September Panera lunch and was asked to submit an article about this North Andover gem



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DEALING WITH THREATS TO OUR URBAN FOREST



Saturday, October 17

10 am

Memorial Hall Library

2 North Main St.

Andover

**Presented by
Friends of Andover
Community Trees (FACT) &
LWV of Andover/N. Andover**

Learn about how to handle threats to our urban forest with Melissa LeVangie, arborist and owner of Trees New England. Bring pictures of your problem trees, and ask Melissa for recommendations on how to handle a variety of threats. Q&A to follow presentation.

**Co-sponsored by FACT, LWV of Andover/N. Andover,
Andover Garden Club, Andover Village Garden Club,
Spade and Trowel Garden Club, and Memorial Hall Library.**

Let an expert solve your tree Problems: Melissa LeVangie to speak at Memorial Hall Library

By Chris Young, FACT

Noted arborist and lecturer, Melissa LeVangie will address the issue of environmental threats to our town's urban forest and the trees in our own backyards when she speaks at Memorial Hall Library on Oct. 17 at 10:00 a.m.

LeVangie's talk, entitled, Dealing with Threats to Our Urban Forest, is sponsored by Andover's newly formed Friends of Andover Community Trees (FACT), an offshoot of the LWV of Andover/North Andover, and Andover's three garden clubs. The garden clubs are generously funding the talk.

LeVangie will show us how to look for danger signs of tree problems and what to do if we find them. In fact, the audience is encouraged to bring pictures of troubled trees on their own property for Melissa's attention.

LeVangie is owner of Trees of New England, a consulting arborist firm specializing in tree management planning and educational workshops. She is a native of Kingston, is the deputy tree warden of Duxbury and serves on the Tree Committee in Petersham.

Know Your Town Fair

By Heather Moody Holman

On Saturday, October 17th, the League of Women Voters Know Your Town Fair (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) will collaborate with the 6th annual Andover Days again. Once again local volunteers will turn out in force to generously give of their time to represent their organizations. Over 40 non-profits will participate in this year's event. The Andover Business Center Association, ABCA, solicited corporate sponsorship for this event, allowing them to advertise and hire professional bands. Welcome Back to Main Street will be the theme and the town will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the downtown sidewalks and streets. There will be plenty of entertainment, with two stages, one from River 92.5 and the other from the Andover Cultural Council. There will be glass blowing and a psychic fair. There will be a food court and games for children. Don't miss it and keep it in mind for next year when we will have an opportunity again.

Voter Service

U.S. Senate Seat Election Schedule
Primary Tuesday, December 8
Special Election Tuesday, January 19

Legislative Action

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material that is notoriously difficult to recycle⁴. Giving producers responsibility for the full life cycle of electronics, as proposed by H. 833, encourages the design of electronic products that contain fewer toxic chemicals, fewer materials, and are easier to repair, reuse, and recycle.

H. 833 would further reduce the amount of toxic materials released into the environment from the estimated 80% of e-waste in the Commonwealth that is not presently being recycled. The requirement that producers disclose levels of toxins in their products that exceed levels established under the European Union Reduction of Hazardous Substance directive would provide consumers with the information to make cleaner technology choices when buying electronics.

Passage of H. 833 would effectively address each of the issues outlined above. Shifting responsibility for the collection and safe disposal of discarded electronics from local governments to producers would result in the following positive outcomes:

- . Reduction of environmental pollution from improperly disposed e-waste,
- . Relief to cities and towns of the responsibility for the cost of collection and disposal of discarded e-waste, freeing funds for support of essential public services,
- . Encouragement of responsible product design to control waste of resources and energy,
- . Increase in safe recycling of electronics through registered processors.

Eighteen states and New York City have all passed e-waste legislation based on a Producer Responsibility approach. Since 2001, 180 towns and cities in Massachusetts have signed e-waste resolutions calling for the passage of Producer Responsibility legislation. It is time that Massachusetts supported communities struggling to deal with the expense and pollution associated with the annually increasing tonnage of discarded electronics. H. 833 provides a common sense approach to e-waste management.

We ask that you pass this bill out of committee with a positive vote and work to see that it is passed into law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

- 1 Environmental Protection Agency
- 2 Clean Water Action E-Waste Fact Sheet
- 3 Massachusetts Municipal Association
- 4 Electronics Take Back Coalition
(<http://www.electronicstakeback.com/index.htm>) Found on Clean Water Action site

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It's a great way to meet League Members and to keep up with events

We meet at 11:30 on the 14th of every month [or the Friday before if the 14th falls on a weekend] at Panera Bread, corner of Routes 114 & 133 in North Andover.

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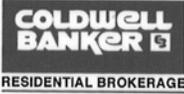
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Schedule of Events

October

November

Date	Time	Place	Description
Wednesday, October 7	9:15am	11 Lavender Hill Lane Andover, MA 01810	Board Meeting. All members welcome.
Wednesday, October 7	7pm	AHS Collins Field House	Andover Special Town Meeting.
Wednesday, October 14	11:30am-1pm	Panera Bread Rt. 133 & Rt 114 N. Andover, MA 01845	Lunch & Conversation. An informal gathering of League members. Everyone welcome. Don't know anyone? No problem, look for LWV logo on tote bag or on card on the table.
Saturday, October 17 Rain date: Oct 18	10:00-2:00pm	Main Street Andover, MA 01810	Know Your Town Fair. Learn about volunteer opportunities in Andover at this Main Street celebration. For information contact Heather@HeatherHolman.com .
Saturday, October 17	10am	Memorial Hall Library	Tree Workshop. Friends of Andover Community Trees (FACT) presents this workshop by arborist Melissa LeVangie. She will discuss current threats to our urban forest. Sponsored by the Andover Garden Club, Spade & Trowel Garden Club and Village Garden Club.
Sunday, October 25	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Andover Historical Society 97 Main Street Andover, MA 01810	Fall Membership Event.
Wednesday, November 4	7:15pm	12 Greybitch Road Andover, MA 01810	Board Meeting. All members welcome.
Friday, November 13	11:30am-1pm	Panera Bread Rt. 133 & Rt 114 N. Andover, MA 01845	Lunch & Conversation. An informal gathering of League members. Everyone welcome. Don't know anyone? No problem, look for LWV logo on tote bag or on card on the table.
Monday, November 16 - Friday, November 20		Andover Schools	Community Read-Along Week.

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