



Moving from summer into fall...

August 26th – Maine Women's Equality Day Rally



People affiliated with many organizations and independents of all stripes walked the Eastern Prom on Saturday, August 26th, in a non-partisan celebration of the 97th anniversary of the certification of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

Of course, the **League of Women Voters of Maine** and the **Portland Area** were well represented at this rally. We staffed a voter information table and proudly marched with banner held high.

Upcoming Dates to Note on Your Calendars

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity and Details</u>
Thursday, 9/14	4:30 pm	Voter Registration Training Martin's Point, Jewell Room RSVP to peg.balano@gmail.com
Thursday, 9/14	5:30 pm	Open Board Meeting Martin's Point, Jewell Room Bring your dinner!
Wednesday, 9/20	5:30–8 pm	Facilitator Training, part 3* Martin's Point, Jewell Room *Open to those who have attended a previous training RSVP to Tiffany: tiffgreco@gmail.com
Week of 9/25		National Voter Reg Day (Week) Various locations in the Portland Area
Wednesday, 10/4	6–8pm	“Reviving Civility: Building Bridges with Civil Discourse”

Adult Ed Workshop facilitated by LWVPA
Scarborough High School
For details, follow this [link](#)

LWVPA Website Highlights Goals and Volunteer Opportunities

Last June, before the summer officially set in, the Portland Area Board held a planning retreat to discuss a program of activities and goals for the coming year. The general goals approved at the May 11th annual meeting were made more specific and modified a bit to ensure that they reflected the overall LWVME goals adopted at the State convention. The result can now be seen here on our updated and expanded website: [PA Goals for 2017-18](#) .

The LWVPA also offers a wide variety of opportunities for volunteer involvement in activities such as providing voter services, fostering community conversations on difficult issues, helping to inform the public through book discussions, and supporting advocacy on issues consistent with LWV positions. Please take a look at these [volunteer opportunities](#) and contact the key people indicated if you want to help out. Most of these activities are not very time-consuming and sharing the work among many members will substantially improve our ability to meet our goals while also making the work of the LWVPA more reflective of its full membership.

Voter Registration

This was a busy summer for Nationalization ceremonies! We registered new citizens to vote at four ceremonies in June, two ceremonies each in July and August, and three are scheduled for September. YTD we have registered 303 new citizens to vote, which is 49% of those who received their citizenship at the ceremonies. There are eight more ceremonies scheduled through the end of the year. If you would like to help with this important (and fun) service, contact Peg at peg.balano@gmail.com.

Are you are looking to get more involved? [Click here for a list of ways to make a difference.](#)