

## SIGN ME UP!

If you or your group is interested in joining in the fun, visit the League website to register for the event [www.lwv-needham.org/2018-civics-bee](http://www.lwv-needham.org/2018-civics-bee).

Register on-line from January 15 to February 28.

If you are interested in participating but don't have a group, no problem! Register using the link above, and we will help you to put together a team.

Each team will consist of 3 participants.

A team name is not required to register.

There will be no more than 24 teams, first come-first served.

Door prizes from local businesses.

Links to reference materials are posted at [www.lwv-needham.org/2018-civics-bee](http://www.lwv-needham.org/2018-civics-bee).



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## CIVICS BEE RESOURCES

The links below may be accessed through [www.lwv-needham.org/2018-civics-bee](http://www.lwv-needham.org/2018-civics-bee)

### Local

**Local Government Committee Member Handbook**

<http://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11692>

Pages 1-3, 5-7

**Thirty-minute video about Needham Town Meeting**

YouTube.com; search Needham Town Meeting "Needham Town Meeting—Making Your Voice Count" or visit [lwv-needham.org](http://www.lwv-needham.org)

**The League of Women of Needham**

<http://www.lwv-needham.org>  
Needham government, voting, elections

### State

**The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts**

<http://www.lwvma.org>  
Check out Your Government and Voting.

**Wikipedia: Massachusetts Government**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government\\_of\\_Massachusetts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_Massachusetts)

### National/Constitution

**The National Constitution Center**

<http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution>

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – study materials for the Civics Test**

<http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/-study-test/study-materials-civics-test>

### BOOKS

**U.S. Constitution for Dummies**, by Michael Arnheim

**The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution**, by Linda R. Monk

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEEDHAM AND NEEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**CIVICS BEE**

**2018**

**Sunday, March 11**

**2 PM**

**Broadmeadow  
School**

**Snow Date Sunday, March 25**

### What's the buzz?

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A friendly team competition  
to test civics knowledge.



## WHAT IS A CIVICS BEE?

A Civics Bee is a fun, community-building event to encourage knowledge of government and increase civic engagement. Teams of three (adults, high school students and/or eighth graders) answer questions on our local, state and federal governments.

## WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

- To encourage civic interest and participation
- To join together students, civic leaders, and interested community members
- To support a catalyst for learning and community spirit
- To have fun on a Sunday afternoon!

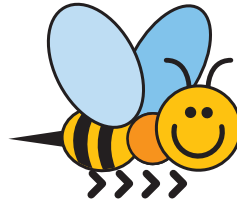


The League of Women Voters of Needham, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

To **join** LWV Needham, visit [lww-needham.org](http://lww-needham.org) or email [membership@lww-needham.org](mailto:membership@lww-needham.org).

To **donate** to the League of Women Voters Education Fund (tax-deductible contribution) to support programs like the Civics Bee, visit [www.lww-needham.org](http://www.lww-needham.org).

## GET THE BUZZ!



Find out how much we all know about our Government, the Constitution, and our elected officials. Join your neighbors and friends for this fun community-building event, and friendly competition.

Form a team with your colleagues, family or group, or contact us and we will help you put one together.

Use the resources listed in this brochure to brush up on your Civics. Questions will cover federal, state, and local government and current affairs. Teams will compete in elimination rounds, until only the winning team remains.

Bring an audience - Encourage your friends to come cheer you on and join the fun!

The League of Women Voters of Needham thanks the Needham Public Schools for co-sponsoring the Civics Bee, Representative Denise Garlick, and the League of Women Voters of Needham Education Fund for financial support.



## TEST YOURSELF

1. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
2. What is Needham's legislative body called?
3. How many U.S. Supreme Court justices are there?
4. What is the length of the term of office for the Governor of Massachusetts?
5. True or False--One can register to vote at a MA Registry of Motor Vehicles.
6. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. Which one of these is NOT a federal government power? A. Print money, B. provide schooling and education, C. declare war, D. make treaties, E. create an army.
7. What is one right or freedom from the First Amendment?
8. How many Town Meeting Members per precinct does Needham have?

### Answers

1. We the People
2. Needham Town Meeting
3. Nine
4. Four years
5. True
6. B
7. press, speech, religion, assembly, petition for redress of grievances
8. 24