

NCE and League of Women Voters of Needham Civics Series

NCE, in collaboration with the League of Women Voters of Needham, is pleased to present the following Civics Series. Sessions are open to all who want to be more engaged and informed about the various levels of government. The final three sessions will use Zoom with registrants participating remotely.

Town Government 101

Kate Fitzpatrick

Spend an evening learning about local government. Kate Fitzpatrick, Needham Town Manager, will provide an overview of the various forms of local government that are found in the U.S. and Massachusetts. She will then focus in on the structure of Needham's town government and the roles of the Town Manager, Select Board, elected and appointment committees, and Town Meeting. Town services, critical issues that the Town will be addressing in 2020, and resources for further investigation will be discussed, followed by time for questions and answers. Limited to 40.

Date: Wednesday, March 4 Time: 6:30-8:00PM
Watch this session at www.lwv-needham.org.

Overview of Regional Government in MA

Dan Matthews

Many functions of government are managed on a county or regional basis. In this informative program, Needham Select Board Member and Former Director of Norfolk County Operations, Dan Matthews, will provide an overview of regional government in Massachusetts, including county governments, state agencies using county district boundaries, regional planning agencies, regional authorities, and others. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Limited to 40.

Date: Thursday, October 8 Time: 6:30-8:00PM
Fee: \$15

State Government

Jay Gonzalez

Jay Gonzalez, 2018 Democratic gubernatorial nominee and Secretary of Administration and Finance in the Deval Patrick administration, will lead an informative, interactive class on MA state government. Learn the State government basics: how MA government is structured, what it is responsible for, who your elected representatives are, etc. Then, spend time on how public policy and legislation get developed and how decisions get made. Most importantly, explore the ways in which you can engage and influence public policy and legislation at the state level. You will get an inside view of how state government works, and current issues will be used to illustrate the dynamics that drive state policymaking. Limited to 40.

Date: Wednesday, October 21 Time: 6:30-8:00PM
Fee: \$15

Federal Government

Bob Baker

You probably studied Federal government in high school, and maybe in college as well, but how much do you remember? Bob Baker, Government and Politics Professor, will help refresh your knowledge. He will cover topics such as our representatives, the three branches of government, the legislative process, the cabinet and federal judicial appointments. There will be ample time for questions. Limited to 40.

Date: Wednesday, October 28 Time: 7:00-9:00PM
Fee: \$15

Register online <http://www.schoolpay.com/link/nceadultfy21>, or by phone with NCE, 781-455-0400 x5. Questions? Contact Amy Goldman, NCE Program Director, amy_goldman@needham.k12.ma.us or 781-455-0400 x11214.