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What's Happening Now at the Town Clerk's Office:

The Annual Town Election is Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Voting in person for all 8 precincts will take place at the Milford High School Gymnasium and not at your regular polling locations for this election.

The Gymnasium is located at the rear of the building at 31 West Fountain Street.

The polling hours for this election will be 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Please note the election date, location changes and polling hours changes were all done by vote of the Board of Selectmen due to the circumstances of COVID-19 and the Governor's Declaration of the State of Emergency

The Deadline to Register to Vote for the June 16th Election is June 5th by 8:00 pm.

Please register to vote by printing a form (the link is below): https://www.milfordma.gov/sites/milfordma/files/uploads/voter-reg-mail-in.pdf

If you need to Register Online to Vote or verify your voting status for any of our upcoming Elections, please use the following link: https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm

You can return your Voter Registration before the deadline to our office by:

- 1. Mailing it to the Town Clerk's Office, 52 Main St. Room 12, Milford, MA 01757
- 2. Fax (508-634-2324)

or

3. Using the Drop Off Box at the top of the stairs at Town Hall on the North Bow St. side of the building

All registered voters can now Vote Early by mail and all ("Active") Registered Voters will be mailed an application to Early Vote by Mail for our Annual Town Election. While we all adhere to social distancing and safety precautions related to COVID-19, we strongly encourage all registered voters to take advantage of the opportunity of Early Voting by Mail. This is the easiest and safest way to vote while maintaining social distancing. Early voting in person is not available at this time.

Please note that "Inactive" voters will need to complete additional paperwork before applying for or receiving an Early Voting ballot and will not be sent an application automatically. If you do not receive an application, you can download one from the Town's website or call our office. If you have already applied for an Early Voting or Absentee Ballot you would not have to do anything further and you can disregard the mailing. If you are unsure of your voting status, you can verify it with this link: https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm.

Because Town Hall is closed to the public, you can return your application by using the mailing address, fax number or email above, or by using the outside drop box at Town Hall.

A ballot will be mailed to you as soon as we received your signed application. The deadline to apply to vote Early by Mail is noon on June 15th, but if you need an application and/or Early Voting ballot mailed to you, we ask you to request and/or complete an application as soon as possible to expedite the mailing process. Please be aware if you wait until the deadline to apply there will not be sufficient time to mail you a ballot.

All ballots need to be returned to the Town Clerk's Office before 8:00 pm on Election day to be counted.

You can return your ballot by mail before June 16th (postage is .65) or by using the Drop off box at Town Hall. Do not return your ballot to the polling location on Election Day.

SAMPLE BALLOTS: (Please note the April 7, 2020 ballots will still be used on June 16, 2020) Sample ballots are available for viewing on the Town website.

<u>https://www.milfordma.gov/town-clerk/pages/sample-ballots</u>. Please view them before voting. Please use a black pen or black felt tip pen to mark your ballot. Please do not use red ink on your ballot. Please read the instructions before voting and do not use "X" marks, check marks or cross outs on your ballot.

Voting in Person:

Please know that any registered voter can still choose to vote in person on Election Day (June 16th) if they wish to do so. All voting in person will be done at Milford High School Gymnasium located at the rear of the building at 31 West Fountain St.

Who are my Candidates?

Find out who is running for Town Offices in Milford this year with this link on Citizens for Milford website: <u>http://citizensformilford.com/meet-milfords-2020-candidates/</u>. All Candidate Forums are currently posted on Citizens for Milford website.

2020 Dog Licensing is Happening now:

Please remember to license your dogs for 2020. You can also take part in our TOP DOG contest if you submit a photo of your dog (email a picture to <u>MLaughlin@townofmilford.com</u>).

Please go to the Town of Milford website to pay for your dog license: <u>www.milfordma.gov</u>. or you can send in your payment by mail:

https://www.milfordma.gov/sites/milfordma/files/uploads/dog_license_form_0.pdf