



Office of the Town Clerk - Susan M. Galvin

2020 Annual Newsletter

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ANNUAL TOWN CENSUS/STREET LISTING IS IMPORTANT

Responding to the annual census is important for many reasons:

- ✓ To maintain a voter's "active" voter status;
- ✓ To maintain accurate population information;
- ✓ To provide the public safety divisions with current safety requirements;
- ✓ For the allocation of State and Federal Funds and grants to the Town;
- ✓ To provide proof of residency for numerous personal and/or legal matters;
- ✓ Such as:
 - in-state tuition at State colleges or universities
 - housing benefits for the elderly or other eligible persons
 - veterans' benefits
 - insurance benefits
 - school enrollment



ARE YOU
ELECTION READY?

Voter Registration

The Town Clerk maintains the voter list for Milton. The list is continually updated.

Verify Voter Registration

Make sure you are an active current voter in Milton.

What are the qualifications to be a registered voter?

- A U.S. citizen, and
- A resident of Massachusetts,
- 18 years old on or before the next election

How may I register to Vote?

- ✓ Mail
- ✓ In Office
- ✓ Registry of Motor Vehicles
- ✓ On-line

Register Online: To register to vote online, you must have a signature on file with the Registry of Motor Vehicles. In addition to registering, you can update your address, or change your party affiliation. Voter registration forms submitted online must be submitted by midnight on the date of the voter registration deadline.
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

Register by Mail: If you do not qualify to register to vote online, or if you would prefer to register by mail, you may download a voter registration form on the Office of the Town Clerk's website, www.townofmilton.org/TownClerk. The form must be completed, signed, and returned to the Office of the Town Clerk.

Coming Soon!

United States[®]
**Census
2020**

- WHO?** Everyone
- WHAT?** Gets counted
- WHERE?** Everywhere in the U.S.
- WHEN?** Every 10 years
- HOW?** Online, phone, or mail
- WHY?** It's important

2020 FEDERAL CENSUS WILL BE OUT IN MARCH!

It is important to return both your annual street listing and the United States Census in 2020. The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that Milton and Massachusetts get our fair share of federal money and political representation for the next 10 years. Representation in the United States Congress and Electoral College is based on the United State Census responses.

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency.



- March 3** PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
- April 28** ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
- September 1** STATE PRIMARY
- November 3** PRESIDENTIAL/STATE ELECTION



Town Wide Office Candidate Election

Town Officer Positions available for election/re-election in 2020.

- Board of Selectmen – 3 Year Term (2 Positions)
- Town Treasurer – 1 Year Term
- Board of Assessors – 3 Year Term
- School Committee – 3 Year Term (2 Positions)
- Park Commissioner– 3 Year Term
- Board of Health– 3 Year Term
- Trustees of the Public Library–3 Yr. Term (3 Positions)
- Trustee of the Cemetery – 5 Year Term
- Housing Authority – 5 Year Term
- Planning Board – 3 Year Term

The number of seats available and length of term varies by position, but most boards and committees have at least one position up for election each year.

Residents interested in serving the community in one of these essential governmental roles may contact Town Clerk Susan M. Galvin for more information.

Town Meeting Member Candidate Election

Approximately six to ten Town Meeting Member seats are available in each of the ten precincts for election/re-election in 2020.

Town Meeting Members serve as the Town of Milton’s legislative body.

Town Meeting Members are responsible for taking all action normally associated with that of a legislative body in the American system of democracy.

Representative Town Meeting consists of 279 elected Town Meeting Members distributed fairly evenly among the ten (10) precincts based on population.

Residents interested in serving the community in this very important capacity may contact Town Clerk Susan M. Galvin for more information.

Candidate Procedure

To have your name placed on the April 28th 2020 Annual Town Election Ballot, you must obtain nomination papers from the Office of the Town Clerk.

Candidates must obtain signatures of registered voters in the Town of Milton on the nomination papers. Officer candidates need to obtain signatures from 50 registered voters Town wide. We advise candidates to obtain at least 60 signatures. Town Meeting Members need to obtain signatures from 10 registered voters within their **OWN** precinct. We advise candidates to obtain at least 15 signatures.

Nomination papers are available from the Office of the Town Clerk beginning January 13, 2020.

All completed nomination papers must be delivered to the Office of the Town Clerk on or before **March 10, 2020 by 5:00 pm.**

Any person who is 18 years old and a registered voter in the Town of Milton is eligible to run for Town Meeting or any elected town-wide office.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Voters who are unable to vote on Election Day because of physical disability, religious beliefs or absence from the town may vote by absentee ballot. If you meet any of the conditions listed above, you may apply for an Absentee Ballot.

Applications for Absentee Ballots may be obtained in person from the Office of the Town Clerk or via our website. If you wish to receive a ballot by mail, a signed written request is required.

DOG OWNERS we need your help to keep Milton’s water clean!



When dog waste is left on the ground, rain and snow melt washes the bacteria from the waste into storm drains, which lead directly to our local streams and ponds. This causes water quality problems that affect drinking water resources, recreation and wildlife.

You can help prevent this public health issue by always picking up after your pet and throwing the waste into a trash can.