

## **TOWN OF WELLESLEY**

### **Early Voting Information** **For the November 6, 2018 State Election**

Early Voting was offered for the first time for the Presidential Election in 2016. In Wellesley, 6,659 (45%) of all voters, voted early. In 2016, total voter turn-out was 14,749 (86%) of all registered voters. Presidential elections typically have a higher turn-out than non-presidential elections. However, given the higher than typical turn-out at the September Primary, we expect to have significant turn-out.

#### **What is early voting?**

Any registered voter can vote prior to a scheduled election by vote of the State Legislature. Voters can vote early or in-person or by mail and the ballot will be cast on Election Day.

#### **Why is early voting being offered?**

To encourage voters to VOTE!

#### **When will the early voting period begin and end?**

Monday, October 22<sup>th</sup> until Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Where will early voting be offered?**

Early voting will be at the Warren Recreation Building at 90 Washington Street. Due to a lack of parking at Town Hall, Town Hall will not be an official early voting location.

#### **Who is eligible to vote early?**

All residents who are registered voters on or before the deadline (October 17, 2018) to register to vote for the November 6, 2018, State/Presidential Election. No reason required. Voters may vote only at locations within the municipality where the voter is registered.

#### **Where do I vote early?**

All eligible voters may vote in-person at Warren Recreation Building 90 Washington St.

### **What time is early voting available?**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
OCT 22 8am-5pm	OCT 23 8am-5pm	OCT 24 8am-5pm	OCT 25 8am-5pm 5pm-8pm	OCT 26 8am-5pm	OCT 27 8am-2pm
OCT 29 8am-5pm	OCT 30 8am-5pm	OCT 31 8am-5pm	NOV 1 8am-5pm 5pm-8pm	NOV 2 8am-5pm	

- Elizabeth Seton Residence/Sisters of Charity at 125 Oakland Street on Sunday October 28 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.
- Waterstone at 27 Washington Street on Monday October 29 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

### **How do I get an early voting ballot?**

You can get an early voting ballot in person or by mail.

#### **IN PERSON-**

Voters voting in person do not need to complete an application, but will fill out an information envelope as part of the early voting process. A voter may request a ballot at any early voting location by providing their address and name. Early voting ballots cannot be removed from an early voting location.

#### **BY MAIL**

Voters voting by mail must complete an application or provide a request in writing. Early ballots will not be mailed until October 22. (Absentee ballots may be mailed early if available.)

### **How do I return my early voting ballot?**

If voting in person the voter will return the sealed affidavit envelope containing his/her early voting ballot to the election official.

If voting by mail the voter may return it by mail to the Town Clerk in the envelope provided by the Town Clerk or the voter may deliver the ballot in person to the Town Clerk. A family member is NOT authorized to deliver any early voting ballots.

### **Can I pick up an early voting ballot for a family member or friend?**

No. The Early Voting does not provide for the application or delivery of ballots by anyone other than the voter personally.

**I requested an early voting ballot but did not receive it, what should I do?**

If you requested an early voting ballot but did not receive it, please call Town Clerk at 781-431-1091 ext 2258 (Diane)

**If I vote early can I also vote at the polls on Election Day?**

No. Your ballot will be considered cast and you will not be eligible to vote by mail, in person or at the polls on Election Day. Early Voters may NOT retrieve a cast ballot if the voter changes their mind.

**Is absentee voting still available?**

Yes. If you are qualified to vote by absentee ballot you may still do so. To apply for an absentee ballot you must be:

A registered voter who will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day due to:

- absence from the Town of Wellesley during normal polling hours; or
- physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place; or
- religious beliefs

Applications for absentee ballot must be in writing with a signature. The voter or a family member may request and absentee ballot. Absentee Voters may also vote in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

Applications may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Town Clerk. The deadline for all absentee applications is NOON November 5. However, for mailed ballots there is no likelihood of mailing success after noon on Friday November 2. Please allow up to 10 days for mailing of the ballot to the voter and return of the ballot by mail. All absentee ballots must be received by the close of the polls on November 6, or postmarked by Nov 6 and received within 5 days of the election.

For any additional information please contact the Town Clerk at 781-431-1019 ext 2250 or 2258.