



Office of the Town Clerk - Susan M. Galvin

2026 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

2026 Election Schedule

Election	Date	Last day to Apply for Early Voting by Mail	Last Day to Register to Vote
Annual Town	April 28, 2026	April 21, 2026	April 17, 2026
State Primary	September 1, 2026	August 25, 2026	August 22, 2026
State Election	November 3, 2026	October 27, 2026	October 24, 2026

Planning to Vote by Mail?

Don't forget – Vote by Mail applications do not carry over year to year. A new application is required annually. Stop by the Town Clerk's Office or visit our website to complete yours.

A Vote by Mail application must be made in writing and signed. You may submit your Vote by Mail application by mail, email or fax (617) 696-6995.

You can also submit a Vote by Mail application online, through the Secretary of State Mail-in Ballot Application System website:

(<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/vote-by-mail.htm>).

Typed signatures on applications cannot be accepted, unless you are a voter who requires accommodations due to physical disability. If you are unable to sign your application or mark your ballot by hand due to a disability, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk for information on requesting an accommodation.



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.miltonma.gov/1039/Voter-Registration form must be completed, signed, and returned to the Office of the Town Clerk.



Town Wide Office Candidate Election

Town Officer Positions available for election/re-election in 2026.

- Select Board – 3 Year Term
(2 Positions)
- 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
- Planning Board – 3 Year Term
(2 Positions)

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 2026.

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 evenly among the 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, 2026, 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 will be available from the Office of the Town Clerk beginning Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

All completed nomination papers must be delivered to the Office of the Town Clerk on or before **March 10, 2026, 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.

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.