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Dear Current and Future Registered Voters,

I just wanted to take a moment to update everyone on the upcoming State (Presidential) Election. At this time, we have 6723 requests for ballots to be sent through the mail, and are receiving more every day. We will begin processing and mailing the ballots as soon as we receive all the necessary items from the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The Secretary is required to deliver everything to us by October 9th. It will likely take a little over two weeks to mail them all out. Please be patient. Once we have them we will get them out as fast as we are able to.

If you are wondering whether you are in our system to receive a ballot through the mail, you can check here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>. If your status for the 11/3/2020 State Election says, "Pending," you are scheduled to receive a ballot. If there is no State Election info, or if "No records found" comes up, check back in a couple of days. If there is still no record, please give my office a call.

The deadline to register to vote is October 24th. Anyone who was registered to vote by September 1st (who had not already applied for a State Election Ballot) should have already received a vote-by-mail application sent to them by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Those who register(ed) to vote between September 1st and October 24th will have a vote-by-mail application sent to them by my office. Applications for mail-in ballots may be returned by mail, in person at the Town Clerk's Office, or in a secured drop box, which is located in the foyer of Town Hall, to your immediate left when you enter. The foyer is open 24/7. Applications may also be submitted by fax (781) 784-1518 or by email to vote@townofsharon.org. The signature must be visible and signed in substantially the same manner as a handwritten signature (signed by mouse, stylus, or finger). Applications with typed signatures will not be accepted. All applications must be received in the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00pm on October 28th. If you need an application or need to register to vote, both forms can be found here: <https://www.townofsharon.net/town-clerk>.

Mail-in ballots may be returned by mail, in-person, or in our secured drop box. Early mail-in ballots must be received by the close of the polls on Election Day at the Town Clerk's Office or be postmarked by November 3rd and be received by 5:00pm on November 6th. Once you receive your ballot, please return it as soon as possible to ensure that it arrives in time to be counted.

With COVID-19 still a part of our daily lives, I encourage you to take advantage of early mail-in voting. There will also be early in-person voting, as well as in-person voting on the State Election Day itself. The timeline below contains information on all these options.

If you have any inquires about the upcoming elections, please send my office an email at: vote@townofsharon.org, and we will be more than happy to help you.

Sincerely,

Mark Hogan
Sharon Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION INFORMATION:

- 09/02 The Sharon Town Clerk's office will begin mailing a vote-by-mail application to anyone who registered to vote or changed their address between September 1st and October 24th.
- 09/14 By this date, the Secretary of the Commonwealth will send a vote-by-mail application to anyone who was registered to vote by September 1st, and had not already applied for a State Election ballot.
- 10/09 By this date, the Secretary of the Commonwealth must deliver the ballots and necessary items to all cities and towns in the Commonwealth. We will begin processing and mailing ballots as soon as we have received these materials.
- 10/17 **10/30 Early In-Person Voting**
The Town Clerk's Office will be available for Early Voting at the following times:
Saturday: 10/17 – 9:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday: 10/18 – 9:00am – 1:00pm
Monday: 10/19 – 8:30am – 5:00pm
Tuesday: 10/20 – 8:30am – 5:00pm
Wednesday: 10/21 – 8:30am – 5:00pm
Thursday: 10/22 – 8:30am – 6:00pm
Friday: 10/23 – 8:30am – 12:30pm
Saturday: 10/24 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Sunday: 10/25 – 9:00am – 1:00pm
Monday: 10/26 – 8:30am – 5:00pm
Tuesday: 10/27 – 8:30am – 5:00pm
Wednesday: 10/28 – 8:30am – 5:00pm
Thursday: 10/29 – 8:30am – 6:00pm
Friday: 10/30 – 8:30am – 12:30pm
- 10/24 **Deadline to register to vote for the November 1st State Election**
The Town Clerk's office will be open for in-person voter registration from 2:00pm – 4:00pm and 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
- 10/27 Voters who are admitted to a healthcare facility or who have been instructed by a medical professional or public health official to self-quarantine after noon on October 27th through the close of the State Election may request a hand delivered absentee ballot.
- 10/28 Last day to submit a vote-by-mail application or an absentee ballot application for a mailed ballot for the State Election, by 5:00pm.
- 11/03 **State Election Day: 7:00am – 8:00pm, In-Person voting at Sharon High School**
In order to be counted, early ballots that are not being returned through the mail must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8:00pm.
- 11/06 In order to be counted, early mail-in ballots with a postmark of 11/03 must be received by 5:00pm.