

Questions and Answers/Information for Fall Elections:

The Importance of Voting:

It is our right and privilege as citizens of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to participate in this fair and just process. To do so enables us to elect officials who will act on our behalf for the general good of the people. It is up to us to protect our democracy by exercising our fundamental right to vote.

2017 Election for the City of Framingham

On April 4, 2017 the Town of Framingham voted by charter to become a city. The election on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 requires the establishment of a Mayor and an 11-Member City Council (two Councilors-at-Large and nine District City Councilors) as well a nine-member District School Committee. This election is particularly important because these individuals will become our leaders in the City of Framingham.

**Every vote counts, mark your calendars:
Preliminary Election on Tuesday, September 26, 2017
City Election, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

1. Voter registration and Polling Precincts

- ❖ Voter registration deadline for the Preliminary City Election has closed.
- ❖ Voter registration deadline for the Final City Election: Wednesday, October 18, 2017, by 8pm.
- ❖ Go to <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/>
See *Where Do I Vote?* and *Am I Registered to Vote?*
Direct link is:
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch/myvoterregstatus.aspx>
You can register online or in person at the Town Clerk's office Room 105 in the Memorial Building. If you have moved into Framingham or within Framingham since the last election, it is more efficient to change your address at the Town Clerk's office.

2. Preliminary City Election

- ❖ Tuesday, September 26, 2017
- ❖ Polls open 7am-8pm
- ❖ Go to <http://www.framinghamma.gov/215/Town-Clerk>
See *Polling Location/Voter Registration Status*

Voting in Framingham will be at the normal Precinct Polling places even though the city election is by districts made by combining two precincts. All contests that have more than two candidates for each slot available will appear on the Preliminary Election ballot.

3. Final City Election

- ❖ Voter registration deadline: Wednesday, October 18, 2017, by 8pm
- ❖ Final City Election is Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the designated precinct polling places. Polls are open 7am-8pm.

4. Absentee Ballots

- ❖ Go to <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/>
See *Voter Resources/Absentee Ballot Application*

Additionally, you may file an application in person at the Town Clerk's office or vote there until September 25, 2017, for the Preliminary Election. In October, the Town Clerk will have further information regarding availability of absentee ballots for the Final City Election on November 7, 2017.

5. Election Day Concerns

- ❖ Go to <http://www.vote411.org/enter-your-address?dest=voting-dossier>
League of Women Voter hotlines:
1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)
1-888-API-VOTE (Asian multilingual assistance)
1-844-418-1682 (Arabic)

Voting machines are available for those who are visually or hearing impaired.

Respectfully submitted by Rosamond Hooper-Hamersley and Barbara Fontes on Friday, September 8, 2017 on behalf of the Civics Education Sub-Committee of the Framingham Democratic Town Committee.

Unanimously amended and approved at the Civics Education Sub-Committee Meeting on September 11, 2017.