

**VOTER REGISTRATION & PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGE DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2016  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**

**The Swampscott Town Clerk's Office at 22 Monument Avenue in TOWN HALL will remain open until 5PM on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.** Anyone wishing to vote in the upcoming September 8, 2016 State Primary Election must register no later than this deadline. Registrations and Party affiliation changes can be done in person at the Town Clerk's Office, online or by mail. In order to qualify for voter registration you must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Massachusetts, 18 years old on or before Election Day or not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction. For additional voter information visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howreg.htm>

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**ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FOR THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 STATE PRIMARY  
ELECTION**

All applications for absentee ballots must be made in writing. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered and you may use any form of written communication (letter or postcard) or the official application form. A family member may apply in the same manner for you. You may vote Absentee ballot if you will be absent from the town on Election Day, have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling location or cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs. You may vote at the Clerk's office or request the ballot be mailed to you. **The deadline for applying for an Absentee ballot is no later than noon Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.** Absentee ballots must be received in the Clerk's Office no later than 8PM on Election Day. An Official Absentee ballot application may also be downloaded on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howabs.htm>

**\*\*View the sample 9/8/16 State Primary ballots plus additional voter information by visiting the Town's "Elections Dept." website page\*\*:**  
<http://www.town.swampscott.ma.us/Public Documents/SwampscottMA Elections/index>

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**INACTIVE VOTERS**

**As required by law last July Inactivation/Confirmation postcard notices were mailed to all registered voters in Swampscott who did not respond to their 2016 Annual Census. As a result those voters were changed to an Inactive status. If you received one of these postcards and plan on voting in the September & November Elections, all postcards must be signed & returned to the Town Clerk's Office ASAP. Massachusetts Election laws require that all Inactive voters must show identification and complete a proof of residency affidavit before obtaining a ballot.**

**Thank you,  
Sue Duplin, Swampscott Town Clerk**

