



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are my voting options?

1. You may vote by mail by requesting a ballot online at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/preface.aspx>
2. **OR** You may Early Vote in-person through October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Tolles Parsons Center/Council on Aging at 500 Washington Street. Early Voting is available Monday through Friday 9 am to 4 pm or on Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to 1 pm.
3. **OR** You may vote in-person on Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at your precinct. The Polls are open 7 AM to 8 PM.

### When will the votes be counted?

- We will be counting both the Vote by Mail and Early Voting In-Person ballots October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- All ballots returned prior to November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM will be counted before the end of the day on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and included in the first announced results on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- All ballots postmarked November 3<sup>rd</sup> and delivered to Town Hall by 5:00 PM on November 6<sup>th</sup>, will be counted on Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Ballots mailed in from overseas that are postmarked November 3<sup>rd</sup> and delivered to Town Hall by 5:00 PM on November 13<sup>th</sup> will be counted on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Final official results will be available by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### What is the difference between Vote by Mail ballots and Early Voting In-Person?

- The ballots and the processing of the ballots are exactly the same.
- Both require the voter to complete their ballot and place it in a security envelope and sign it.
- Both types of ballots will be securely stored at Town Hall until the ballots are counted.
- The difference between the two is that one is mailed to you. The other, you go and fill out your ballot at the Tolles Parsons Center.

### Where do I vote?

- The Election Day/November 3<sup>rd</sup> school-based polling places have moved due to students returning to school. Your voting location is determined by precinct. To find your voting location for Election Day on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, go to <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema//bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx>
- Any and all Wellesley registered voters may vote early at the Tolles Parsons Center/Council on Aging at 500 Washington Street between now and October 30<sup>th</sup>.

### I requested a vote by mail ballot. What if I change my mind and want to vote in-person?

- You may change your mind and vote in-person. However, only 1 ballot per person will be counted. If you decide to vote in-person, please destroy your mail in ballot afterwards.

### I requested a vote by mail ballot but haven't seen it. I'm at my vacation home and the Post Office is supposed to forward my mail.

- The post office does not forward ballots. They are returned to the Town Clerk's office. Please contact the Town Clerk's office to request that your ballot be mailed to your other house.

**I would like to vote in the Presidential Election but I received a State Ballot.**

- The State runs our election for the President. Therefore, the State Ballot includes the Federal or General Election candidates as well as State candidates.

**Why did I receive another ballot in the mail?**

- If you did not sign the security envelope, your ballot is rejected for a missing signature. We will notify you and send you another ballot.

**Where should I drop off my Vote by Mail ballot?**

- There is a drop box outside of Town Hall, across from the entrance on Washington St. opposite the bell. This is the same box where payments are accepted. Drop Box ballots are due by 8 PM on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. No postage stamps are required.
- Ballots may be dropped off at the Tolles Parsons Center only when Early Voting In-Person is open to voters.
- Ballots may be mailed to Town Hall in the white postage pre-paid envelope.
- Vote by Mail ballots may NOT be returned to the polling place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**I didn't receive a ballot and I thought I requested one.**

- You can track your ballot at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/track/trackmyballot.aspx>
- If your application wasn't received, please contact Town Hall to request another one.

**I need to request a Vote by Mail ballot how do I do this?**

- You can request a ballot on-line <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/e/elev/early-voting-by-mail.htm>

**Does my voter registration follow me if I move from one community to another?**

- No, your voter registration does not follow you. If you move within Wellesley or another community you must register from your new address within 6 months. You may update your address online <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

**What if I have more questions?**

- Email your questions to [Elections@Wellesleyma.gov](mailto:Elections@Wellesleyma.gov) or contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-431-1019, extension 2252.

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