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June 9, 2020

Brookline Annual Town Election

On **Tuesday, June 9, 2020**, Brookline will hold its Annual Town Election to fill townwide offices and precinct Town Meeting seats.

Friday, May 29, 2020, is now the last day to register to vote for the June 9th election. See <https://www.brooklinema.gov/139/Voter-Registration> for information on how to register.

The election was postponed from May 5 in response to the health risks posed by the COVID-19 virus and the need to maintain social distance. Many details of how the election will be held are under study to ensure the election can proceed securely with appropriate procedures to minimize public health risks.

To avoid exposure to the COVID virus, voters should plan to cast mail-in ballots from home.

Requesting a Mail-In Ballot

Voters can request either an Absentee or Early Voting mail-in ballot for the June 9th election. Early voting is similar to absentee voting, but unlike absentee voting, early voting does not require an excuse for not voting at the polls.

Applications for early voting ballots are available by download:

<https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21643/2020-Municipal-Early-Ballot-Application>.

If you prefer, you may also request an early voting (or absentee) ballot by writing a letter to the Town Clerk's office.

Be sure to include your name and address, the election(s) for which you are requesting a ballot, and your signature. If you need the ballot mailed somewhere other than your home, be sure to provide that address.

The unprecedented demand for mail-in ballots expected this year may result in longer than usual turnaround times. Please send in your absentee and early voting ballot applications **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

Applications may be:

- **Mailed** to the Town Clerk's office at PO Box 470860, Brookline, MA 02447
- **Faxed** to 617-730-2043, or
- **Emailed** to townclerk@brooklinema.gov.

If you email your application, you must be able to send an image of the application as an attachment, either by scanning it or by taking a picture of it. A hand-written signature must be visible.

Do Not Try to Leave Your Application at Town Hall — Town Hall is closed and locked until further notice because of the COVID-19 outbreak

Mail-in Ballot

You will receive your precinct's ballot by mail. All completed mail-in ballots must arrive back to the Town Clerk's office by the close of polls on or, preferably before, June 9th – a postmark is not sufficient. **Please fill out and return** your completed ballot **AS SOON AS YOU CAN** in order to allow ample time for your ballot to arrive and be processed by the Town Clerk's office.

A Work in Progress

Every effort has been made to provide information accurate as of Thursday, April 30, 2020 based on the [Massachusetts Secretary of State's website](#) and the Brookline [Town Clerk's web pages](#) on brooklinema.gov.

However, the Town is still at work on the processes and procedures needed to hold a fair, secure and safe election during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some information may be subject to change. Visit <https://www.brooklnema.gov/131/Town-Clerk> periodically for updates.

Town Clerk's Office telephone number: 617-730-2010