



The November Election - Tuesday, November 3rd

The National Election will all take place at the **Hardwick Elementary School**.

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If you are looking to avoid lines at the polls on Election Day, Early Voting for the November 3, 2020 State Election will take place at the following location:

**Myron E. Richardson Municipal Office Building
Selectmen's Meeting Room
307 Main St. Gilbertville, MA 01031**

PLEASE DO NOT GO TO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. THE ENTRANCE WILL BE OFF TO THE SIDE FACING THE STONE CHURCH.

* Weekend times are TBD but will be posted on the Town's website no later than October 2, 2020.

Saturday, October 17, 2020: TBD*	Saturday, October 24, 2020: TBD*
Sunday, October 18, 2020: TBD*	Sunday, October 25, 2020: TBD*
Monday, October 19, 2020: 9 am-6 pm	Monday, October 26, 2020: 9 am-6 pm
Tuesday, October 20, 2020: 9 am-3 pm	Tuesday, October 27, 2020: 9 am-3 pm

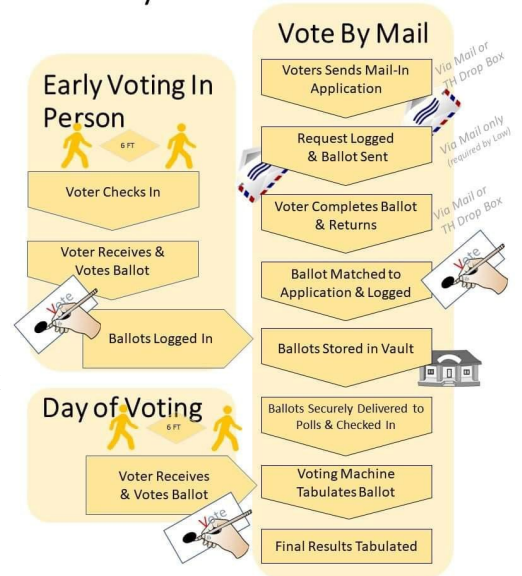
Do you want to avoid the polls all together? You can download and print a 2020 Vote by Mail Application from www.townofhardwick.com/PDF/2020-Vote-by-Mail-Application.pdf

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is also launching a website for those wishing to vote by mail. www.MailmyBallotMA.com is a portal where the voter must provide their name, date of birth, and zip code (ALWAYS 01037 for Hardwick) to verify their voter registration. Once it has been verified, the voter can enter an optional mailing address, phone number, and email address. Only those who are registered voters can use this application.

Are you wondering how the process works for Early Voting, Mail-In and Election Day voting? Amy Warfield, Town Clerk in Burlington created this graphic showing how the process works.

As always, if there are any questions please feel free to contact Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos at 413-477-6700

How Do you Want to Vote this Fall?



Created by Amy Warfield - Burlington Town Clerk

Hardwick Board of Health

The Town of Hardwick is to be congratulated for helping each one of us stay safe from this virus affecting all of us. By maintaining the simple rules of washing your hands, maintaining a six foot distance, wearing a mask, not gathering in large groups and staying outdoors as much as possible you have made this possible.

Our last case of the Covid was on the 26th of May and the Town has remained clean! Everyone of the essential personnel is working as a team and hopefully no one else will be affected by this virus. Stay healthy and safe.

Hardwick Board of Health

Hardwick & New Braintree Food Grant

Hardwick and New Braintree has received a grant for food due to the connection to the food pantry and the guideline of the Worcester County Food Bank.

The Tri-Parish Church has received a grant to buy very significant amounts of food for Hardwick and New Braintree residents, if your income has been directly affected by the Covid virus. This is a six-month program, and you would receive a monthly allotment of funds for purchasing food. The food would be from a grocery list you write up.

Income guidelines apply and funds are limited. Please contact Liz Reilly ASAP if you or someone you know might qualify for this grant, as first distribution of funds is this month (September). Call Liz at 413-477-6635 or call/text 508-868-6811.

The Gilbertville Public Library

The knitting group will be putting out hats and scarves for children to help themselves starting Oct 1, 2020

The library is open and will be going by it's winter hours until further notice.

Tues and Thurs 2-6pm and Fri 4-7 pm

Hardwick **Christmas for Kids** is ramping up for another Christmas season.

Christmas for Kids Program - This year due to COVID-19 Pandemic will be a little different.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to collect or accept toys due to COVID-19. So, we will only be accepting monetary donations.

Donations can be made payable to: **Hardwick Police – Christmas for Kids**

All Donation please mail to: Christmas for Kids Program, Attn: Hardwick Police Dept. 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531

Or can be dropped off in the blue box outside our Police Station at the above address. Any questions, please contact the station at: 413-477-6708 x 103

Applications for this program will be located at the town US Post offices or on the Town of Hardwick website the third week in November.

Applicants must be Town of Hardwick residence and applications are due no later than December 1st.

Any questions, please contact the station at: 413-477-6708 x 103

Paige Memorial Library News

The Paige Memorial Library will continue curbside service for as long as our patrons request it. All those who use it are pleased with the convenience.

Pick-up times are Tuesdays and Thursdays 3 to 6 pm, Wednesdays 11 am to 3 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm.

For those who like to use the computers or to browse, please call to make arrangements since we are not yet open for full service. Staff is on duty Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 to 7 pm, Wednesdays 10 am to 4 pm Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm. Entrance to the library at this point is limited.

The wearing of masks, social distancing and other safety precautions are required.

The return to full service will be contingent upon further directions from the State, the Hardwick Select Board, and the Paige Memorial Library Trustees.

Please check both our web site <http://www.paigelibrary.com/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/> for the newest books added to our collection. There you will also find free offers for things such as virtual tours of museums, aquariums, and parks. There are connections to children's books read by the authors who penned them and there are e-books for the adults. Check it out and let us know what you think.

We miss you and hope to be open in full force for you soon.

Regards, Julie Bullock

HESPTO's Drive Boo Trick-or-Treat



Saturday, October 24th, 2020
5:00-6:30pm
Hardwick Elementary School

HESPTO's Drive Boo Trick-or-Treat
Time: Saturday, October 24th, 2020, 5:00-6:30pm
Location: Hardwick Elementary School

Due to safety and social distancing guidelines this event is DRIVE THRU ONLY!

\$2 per child / \$5 max per car. Each child will receive a pre-packaged bag of Halloween Treats!
Candy donations are welcomed!

Halloween displays wanted! The HESPTO cannot hold this event without the help of our community! Spaces are available to decorate! No set up fees! Decorate your vehicle's trunk. No trunk setup? No problem! Bring your Halloween displays! Be creative! Small spaces and large spaces are available! We will even have an area for Halloween Inflatables! Contact Emily at 413-324-6565 to reserve your spot!

Jack-o-lantern display – Students and community members are encouraged to decorate their own jack-o-lanterns to display. Drop off will be Saturday, October 24th, 2-4pm. Please bring your own battery-operated tea lights, no candles.

Rain date: Sunday, October 25th, 2020, 5:00-6:30pm

Any question, please contact the Hardwick Elementary School PTO

Regards,
Emily Cartier

TOWN EVENTS

October

1-11 Station Loop Ramble
East Quabbin Land Trust

24 Halloween Program
5-6:30PM at the Hardwick
Elementary School

November

2 Quarterly Tax Bill Due

3 VOTE

December

Stone Church

A family Christmas Program TBA

Organ Concert

The Sunday September 27, 2020 program presenting Boston organist Jonathan Wessler on the historic Johnson & Son organ at the Stone Church will be available on You Tube for you to watch in November. Due to Covid this could not be a public event.

FOSC is planning a Christmas Concert. For information go to friendsofthestonechurch.org



Station Loop Ramble

Thursday, October 1 - Sunday, October 11, 2020
Introducing a Kids One Mile, Mile Classic, and 5K Run/Walk
We know you want to run, so let's Ramble virtually together!

For information go to: https://eqlt.org/?page_id=3827

if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please submit your request and email address to hwklet@gmail.com.

Some of the events announced here are not sponsored or approved by the Town of Hardwick or the Quabbin Regional School District. They are offered by other town organizations and are listed here in an attempt to show the range of opportunities occurring in town.

WE WILL BE ON THE WEB
CHECK THE TOWN WEB SITE