

EARLY VOTING PRESS RELEASE

We are excited to once again announce that all registered voters will be able to early vote before Election Day in Massachusetts. Early voting will begin on October 22nd and continue through November 2nd, 2018. Prior to the enactment of this new law, the only way a registered voter was allowed to vote prior to Election Day was through absentee voting. Although absentee voting will still be available for registered voters who qualify, only those who will be absent from their city or town on Election Day, or have a disability that prevents them from going to the polls, or have a religious belief preventing the same, are legally allowed to vote by absentee ballot.

Unlike absentee voting, early voting is for every registered voter. Registered voters do not need an excuse or reason to vote early. Regardless of whether a voter wants to take advantage of early voting, vote absentee or vote on Election Day, the first step is making sure you are registered. To check to see if you are registered to vote, and to find information on how to register to vote, you may visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm> . If you need to register to vote, you may do it online by visiting: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/> . All you need is a license or an I.D. issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles to apply online. To be eligible to vote in the November 6th State Election, you must register to vote or make any necessary changes to your voter registration by Wednesday, October 17th, 2018.

Early voting can be done in person or by mail. **PEABODY EARLY VOTING CENTER** locations, dates and times are as follows:

PEABODY CITY HALL, 24 LOWELL STREET

DAY	DATE	HOURS
Monday	October 22, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 23, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 24, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 25, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday	October 26, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 27, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Monday	October 29, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 30, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 31, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 1, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday	November 2, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WEST BRANCH LIBRARY, 603 LOWELL STREET

DAY	DATE	HOURS
Monday	October 22, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 23, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 24, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 25, 2018	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 27, 2018	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Monday	October 29, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 30, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 31, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 1, 2018	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED FRIDAYS

PETER A. TORIGIAN SENIOR CENTER, 75R CENTRAL STREET

DAY	DATE	HOURS
Monday	October 22, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 24, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 25, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday	October 29, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 30, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 1, 2018	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Also, registered voters have the option to request an early voting ballot by mail. Simply fill out an application and mail it to **PEABODY CITY CLERK, 24 LOWELL STREET, PEABODY, MA**. You can find the application on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2018-Early-Ballot-Application.pdf>

Please note, however, once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day.