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What's Happening Now at the Town Clerk's Office:

Dog Licenses:

Dog licenses can still be obtained after June 30th for 2017 but the cost includes a \$10.00 late fee. Male and Female dogs are now \$35.00, Spayed and Neutered dogs are \$16.00. Please provide our office with a current rabies certificate from the Vet and also proof of spay/neutering (if this is new from the previous year). If you order a dog license online, please email your rabies vaccination and proof of spay/neutering information to mclaughlin@townofmilford.com.

All payments can be made by cash, money order, cashier's check, business check, debit/credit cards (note that a convenience fee will be charged by Unibank to use the card). We do not accept personal checks.

Special Election:

The Town of Milford will be holding a Special Election on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. The wording of the ballot was amended by the Board of Selectmen and voted on at their August 7th meeting to comply with the applicable MA General Law c.94G that was changed and approved by the legislature and the Governor.

The purpose of this election is to either vote in favor or not in favor to the following question:

Shall the Town of Milford adopt the Amendments to the Zoning By-Laws as set forth below which Amendments would prohibit the operation of all types of recreational Marijuana Establishments as defined in G.L. c.94G, § 1, including Marijuana Cultivation, Marijuana Testing Facilities, Marijuana Product Manufacturing, Marijuana Retailers or other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses within the Town of Milford, the text of which, and a summary of which, appears below?

TEXT OF BY-LAW:

BY AMENDING Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule to provide in relation to Marijuana Establishments as follows:

Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule

DISTRICT

ACTIVITY OR USE RA RB RC RD OR BP CA CB CC IA IB IC

OTHER PRINCIPAL USES

Marijuana Establishments	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
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AND BY STRIKING footnote 29 from Section 2.3 of the By-Law

SUMMARY:

General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 3, allows cities and towns in the Commonwealth to approve By-Laws or Ordinances prohibiting certain Marijuana establishments to operate. The above question, if voted in the affirmative, would authorize the Town Meeting to enact a Zoning By-Law Amendments which would prohibit the establishment of Marijuana Establishments in Milford, such establishment being defined in Chapter 94G, § 1 as "...a marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturing, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business." An affirmative vote would not prohibit Medical Marijuana Establishments. Further, no ban or prohibition would be in effect until the Town Meeting should pass the By-Law, the text of which is above, establishing a ban on such establishments.

Absentee Ballots:

Absentee Ballots were originally mailed out with the original text in July. The Board of Selectmen voted to amend the wording on August 7th to read as stated above.

If you had applied to receive an absentee ballot for the September 19th election, you would have been sent a letter and also a "new" ballot with the amended wording (the ballot with the amended wording is salmon colored). Please return only the salmon colored ballot to be counted on Election Day (September 19th).

Absentee Ballots for the Special Election will be available at the Town Clerk's Office. If you will be physically unable to vote at your polling location during normal polling hours (8am until 8pm) on September 19th, you will be eligible to apply for and vote by absentee ballot. Please apply for an absentee application at the Town Clerk's Office or download an application from the Town's website (<https://www.milfordma.gov/>).

It is possible to either vote by absentee at the Town Clerk's Office or by mail. The deadline to apply for an Absentee Ballot is 12:00 noon on Monday September 18th. If you require an absentee application or ballot to be mailed to you, please call us as soon as possible and allow at least a week for the mailing process. Please know that if you apply for a ballot to be mailed on or close to the deadline date, you may not receive the ballot in time for the Election. Family members can also complete an application for other family members at the same address to receive an absentee ballot. If you are voting by absentee, please return your ballot to the Town Clerk's Office before 8:00 pm on Election Day for your ballot to be delivered and cast at your polling location. If you require additional information regarding Absentee Voting, please call our office at (508) 634-2307.

How Do I Become a Permanent Absentee Voters?

If you are physically unable to go to your polling location to vote at any of our elections, you could request to be placed on our "permanent" absentee list each year by providing us a letter from your physician's office stating that you are unable to vote at your polling location due to illness or physical disability. Applications for permanent absentee voters would be automatically sent to you each year to ensure you still intend to vote by permanent absentee. If you do not return the application we would remove you from the permanent list.

Registering to Vote:

If you are 18 years of age or older and a U.S. Citizen and wish to vote in the Special Election or any elections in Milford and have not already registered to vote, please come to our office on or before 8:00 pm on August 30th to register to vote. You do not have to register again if you are already a registered voter, but if you have changed your address at the RMV or Post Office and not with us, please do so before the deadline. If you wish to change your enrollment in a political party, this can also be done before any voter registration deadlines (which would be 20 days before any election).

Where Can I Check My Voting Information?

You can find out if you are registered and also where you go vote if you follow this link:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>

or you can call or visit the Town Clerk's Office and we would be glad to help you.

Why Do I Need to Answer My Annual Street Listing (Annual Census)?

If you have not answered your Annual Street Listing (Annual Census) this year or in past years this may cause your Voting Status to be changed to Inactive. Please know that Inactive Voters will still be allowed to vote at the polls after they show a valid photo I.D. and complete an Affidavit of Continuous Residence with the Warden in their Voting Precinct. It is very important to keep your information current for voting and residency required purposes.

Registering Children for School in Milford:

To register children for school or if your family has had a change of address you are required to provide the Milford School System an Affidavit of Proof of Residence from the Town Clerk's Office. You will need the following information to do so:

Families that Rent: Would need to show our office a lease or rental agreement with all family members names listed, or a notarized letter from the landlord/homeowner that would include the address, names & dates of birth of everyone in the household, a contact phone number for the family and also the contact information of the landlord/homeowner. Please have a valid photo ID available.

Families that are the Homeowners: Would need to obtain a copy of your field card from the Assessor's Office and complete the Affidavit of Proof of Residency for all occupants in your household. Please have a valid photo ID available.

Please note that after you are placed in our computer system, you will then receive an Annual Street Listing (Annual Census) that is to be completed and returned to our office each year to keep your information up to date and voter information current (if applicable).

Our Website:

The Town's website was upgraded in August, so it may look a little different than in the past. We will provide links to most of our forms online and also offer a link to order Vital Records so customers have access even when we are closed. Our website information is below.

<https://www.milfordma.gov/> (Main page)

<https://www.milfordma.gov/town-clerk> (Town Clerk's page)

Blackboard Connect Messages:

If you wish to have your phone numbers or email addresses registered to receive important notices about upcoming Town Elections, Voter Registration Deadlines, Dog licensing, etc. you can go to www.milfordpolice.org or <https://milfordpublicsafety.bbcportal.com/Entry> and add your information. If you are currently receiving notices and you no longer live in Milford, please contact the Police Department at (508) 473-1113 to have your information removed.