

HOLLISTON HOMETOWN UPDATE: JANUARY 2024

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A Message From the Desk of the Town Clerk...

Please help us complete the 2024 Annual Census - check your mailbox in the coming weeks. Compliance with this State Statute provides proof of residence to protect voting rights, veterans' bonus, housing for the elderly and related benefits as well as providing information for the selection of jurors. The census form **DOES NOT REGISTER YOU TO VOTE**. If you are a registered voter, failure to answer the Annual Town Census for two consecutive years shall result in the voter's name being removed from the voter registration rolls. A full and accurate resident count is very important and is the basis for allocation of State and Federal Funds.

- Statistics on children are taken for the School Committee providing data on current enrollment and future school population, and space needs. Parents review the form carefully to ensure each child is reported and all dates of birth are accurate.
- The Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Technicians also use the Street list as an aid in the daily performance of their duties as well as other municipal departments.
- Also important is the U.S. Veteran category, please respond with Yes or No in the column.

As you can see, it is essential that the forms be returned within 10 days, or as soon as possible, in order to update the census data and compile the annual census reports. Even a few late returns hold up completion of the new street list, as well as the up-to-date voting list. Follow-up is costly and may include a second mailing, telephone and/or police visitation. **Please help us to avoid these additional census costs! Forms may be returned by mail to Town Hall, or hand delivered to the Town Clerk's office or placed in the lockbox outside Town Hall.**

DOG OWNERS: Dog Licenses for 2024 are now available in the Town Clerk's Office. Spayed/neutered dogs are \$15 each and unspayed/unneutered dogs are \$20. Rabies vaccination must be up-to-date, if not we will need a certificate. You may license in person, or by mail with [this application](#), or online at [this link](#) if the rabies info is current. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 429 - 0601 with any questions.

Annual Town Meeting is Monday, May 13, 2024 - Deadline to submit articles is Monday, March 11, 2024 by 4pm. Any questions about how to submit an

article for consideration should be directed to Travis Ahern, Town Administrator at ahernt@holliston.k12.ma.us or to Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk at greendalee@holliston.k12.ma.us.

Your Year To Volunteer? The Town of Holliston has many exciting opportunities for residents to participate in local government through an appointment to a Board, Committee or Commission. If you are interested in serving please fill out [THIS FORM](#) or send a letter of interest to the Holliston Select Board by email (muzzyd@holliston.k12.ma.us) or mail to Holliston Select Board, 703 Washington St., Holliston, MA 01746. For a LIST, [CLICK HERE](#), or see below. For more information on a specific committee, [CLICK HERE](#).

Blair Square (1 Alternate)

Cable Advisory Committee (2 Vacancies)

Community Farm (2 Vacancies for a 1 Yr, 2 Yr, 1 Associate, non-voting member)

Community Preservation Committee (1 Vacancy)

Conservation Commission (1 Associate, non-voting member)

Council on Aging (1 Vacancy)

Cultural Council (2 Vacancies for 1 Yr)

Golf Course Advisory (1 Associate Vacancy, non-voting member)

Historical Commission (1 Vacancy for 3 Yrs)

Housing Trust (1 Vacancy)

Open Space Committee (1 Vacancy)

Sustainable Waste Committee (5 Vacancies)

Youth Advisory (1 Vacancy)

Zoning Board of Appeals (1 Associate, non-voting member)

Run for Elected Office in 2024 - Nomination Papers Available February 1st.

Running for a Town office can be a rewarding experience. The following is a list of available offices, and Town elections are non-partisan. To qualify as a candidate you must be a registered voter, at least 18 years old, and collect 50 signatures from Holliston registered voters by **April 2, 2024**. The Town Election is **May 21, 2024**. If you would like to discuss the possibilities or prepare your nomination papers with the Town Clerk, please call 508-429-0601 or stop by during business hours. Elected positions include Town Moderator, Town Clerk, Select Board, Board of Assessors, Finance Committee, Board of Health, Housing Authority, Trustee of Public Library, Park Commissioner, Planning Board, School Committee.

HOURS OF THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:
ELIZABETH T. GREENDALE, CMC/CMMC, TOWN CLERK
TOWN HALL, 703 WASHINGTON ST., HOLLISTON
MON, WED, THURS 8:30AM - 4:30PM
TUES 8:30AM - 7PM FRI 8:30AM - 1:00PM