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Early Voting in Westfield

We are excited to announce that all registered voters will be able to vote before Election Day for the second time in Massachusetts! Early voting will begin on Monday, October 22nd and continue through Friday, November 2nd, 2018. The only way a registered voter was allowed to vote prior to Election Day was through absentee voting. Absentee voting will still be legally allowed and available for registered voters who will be absent from Westfield on Election Day, or have a disability that prevents them from going to the polls, or have a religious belief preventing the same.

Early Voting is for every registered voter; no reason necessary. The first step in taking advantage of Early Voting or Absentee Voting is making sure you are registered. To check voter status please visit www.sec.state.ma.us/ele. If you need to register to vote, please visit www.RegisterToVoteMA.com. All you need is a license or an I.D. issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles to apply online. You may also come into the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 59 Court Street, Westfield to register to vote.

The deadline to register to vote for the November 6th, 2018 Election is October 17th, 2018. On October 17th, 2018 the City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM or register to vote online until midnight.

In Westfield, early voting may be done in person at the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 59 Court Street, 2nd Floor, from October 22nd through November 2nd, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Westfield will be offering additional hours on Saturday, October 27th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Also, a registered voter may request an early voting ballot through the mail. Simply fill out an application and mail it to the City Clerk's Office, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA 01085. You can find the application on the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele>. or on the City of Westfield's webpage at www.cityofwestfield.org/vote . The deadline for applying for a mailed early ballot is November 2nd, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Please note, once a voter has cast an early voting ballot, the voter may no longer vote at the polls on Election Day. For any further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (413) 572-6266.hoot