

**TOWN OF NATICK
SEPTEMBER 2011- APRIL 2012
POLITICAL CALENDAR**

The Town Clerk shall not furnish blank forms for nomination of candidates for town office to any person other than a candidate seeking such nomination or a person presenting the signed authorization of a candidate to secure said forms on his behalf. (*G.L. c. 53, §17*)

Tuesday, September 27, 2011	Nomination papers available for presidential candidates
Tuesday, October 18, 2011	Fall Annual Town Meeting 7:30 P.M. Wilson Middle School Auditorium (<i>Town Charter Article 2, Section 2-12 (a)</i>)
Friday, November 4, 2011	5:00 P.M. last day and hour to submit nomination papers to local registrars for certification of signatures.
Thursday, November 10, 2011	5:00 P.M. last day and hour for registrars to complete certification of signatures for town and state committees.
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	5:00 P.M. last day and hour to file papers with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Elections Division
Friday, November 18, 2011	5:00 P.M. last day and hour to file withdrawals of or objections to nomination papers with the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Elections Division.
Tuesday, November 29, 2011	Nomination papers available for all Town elected positions and for Town Meeting from the Town Clerk's office.
Friday, December 23, 2011	5:00 P.M. Last day and hour to submit presidential candidates' nomination papers to Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.
Friday, December 30, 2011	5:00 PM Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete certification of signatures for presidential candidates nomination papers.
Tuesday, January 3, 2012	5:00 PM Last day and hour for presidential candidates to apply to Registrars of Voters for review of non-certified signatures.
Thursday, January 5, 2012	5:00 PM Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to complete review of non-certified signatures for presidential candidates.
Friday, January 6, 2012	5:00 PM Last day and hour to file presidential candidates' nomination

papers with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

- Tuesday, January 10, 2012 5:00 P.M. **Last day and hour for submitting nomination papers for the Town Election with the Registrars of Voters for certification for Town Office Candidates.** Minimum of 25 signatures - 49 days before preliminary election date and 14 days preceding date on which they are to be filed with Town Clerk. (*Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 9d and G.L. c. 53 §61*)
- Friday, January 20, 2012 5:00 P.M. Year-End Campaign Finance Reports due (reporting period April 19, 2011 through December 31, 2012)
- Tuesday, January 24, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour for Registrars of Voters to file certified nomination papers for Town Office Candidates with Town Clerk (35th day preceding the date of preliminary election) (*G.L. c. 53 §10, Town Charter Article 3 Section 3-1(d) (4.)*)
- Thursday, January 26, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour for filing withdrawal of, or objections to, nomination papers for Preliminary Election with Town Clerk. Must be in writing and notarized. (*G.L. c. 55B §7*)
- Tuesday, January 31, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour for **Incumbent Town Meeting Members** to give written notice to Town Clerk for re-election at Town Election. (21 days before filing date of New Town Meeting Members with Town Clerk) (*G.L. c. § 53, 10*)
- Tuesday, February 7, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour for submitting with the Registrars of Voters for certification **NEW Town Meeting Members** nomination papers with minimum 10 signatures from voters in precinct from which the candidate seeks to be elected, submitted 49 days before Town Election, 14 days before filing with Town Clerk. (*Town Charter Article 2 Section 2-4b and G.L. c. 53§7*)
- Wednesday, February 8, 2012 8:00 PM Last day and hour to register new voters for Preliminary Town Election. (*G.L. c. 51 §§ 26, 28*) if there is one. Clerk's office will remain open until 8 PM only if there is a Preliminary Election
- Friday, February 10, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour for submitting Articles for the Spring Annual Town Meeting. (*Town Charter Article 2, Section 11(c)*)
- Tuesday, February 14, 2012 This is the latest date that nomination papers will be available for the 2012 State Election.

- Wednesday, February 15, 2012 8:00 PM Last day and hour to register to vote and change party enrollment for the Presidential Primary. The Town Clerk's office will remain open until 8 PM.
- Monday, February 20, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour to submit Pre-preliminary Campaign Finance reports due for Preliminary candidates. Report all activity from January 1, 2012 through February 10, 2012. **This is only required if there is a preliminary election.**
- Tuesday, February 21, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour to submit Ballot Questions to be placed on Annual Town Election Ballot. (*G.L. c 54 § 42C*)
- 5:00 P.M. Last day and hour for Board of Registrars to file certified nomination papers for **New Town Meeting Members** with Town Clerk, 35th day preceding date of Town Election (*G.L. c. 53 §10, G.L. 50§4.*)
- Thursday, February 23, 2012 5:00 P.M. Last Day and hour for filing withdrawals of and/or objections to New Town Meeting Members nomination papers for Town Election with Town Clerk (within two (2) working days of last day fixed for filing such nomination papers) *G.L. c 53§11 & §13.*
- Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Preliminary election for any Town offices if necessary.
- Last day for a person running in a state primary for **district or county offices** to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to un-enroll from a party.
- Monday, March 5, 2012 12 noon – Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Presidential Primary.
- Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Presidential Primary. The polls will be open from 7AM until 8 PM.**
- Last day for a person running in a state primary for a **federal or state-wide office** to enroll in a party or for a person running only in a state election to un-enroll from a party.
- Wednesday, March 7, 2012 8:00 PM Last day and hour to register new voters for Town Election. (*G.L. c. 51 §§ 26, 28*). Clerk's office will remain open until 8 PM.
- Monday, March 19, 2012 5:00 PM Last day and hour to submit pre-election Campaign Finance Reports due for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from January 1, 2012 through March 9, 2012.

Monday, March 26, 2012	12 noon – Last day and hour to file an absentee ballot request for the Annual Town Election
Tuesday, March 27, 2012	Annual Town Election – Polls open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.
Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Spring Annual Town Meeting 7:30 P.M. Wilson Middle School Auditorium. <i>(Town Charter Article 2, Section 12(a) and Town By-Laws Article 1, section1)</i>
Thursday, April 26, 2012	5:00 P.M. Last day and hour to submit post election Campaign Finance report for Annual Town Election Candidates. Report all activity from March 10, 2012 through April 16, 2012.