

National Voter Registration Day

*Everything you always
wanted to know about voting...
but were afraid to ask*



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Welcome!

The League of Women Voters of Norwalk and the Norwalk Registrars of Voters welcome you to the South Norwalk Branch Library to celebrate National Voter Registration Day 2018.

Started in 2012 for the presidential election, National Voter Registration Day is designed to create an annual moment when the entire nation focuses on registering Americans to exercise their most basic right – the right to vote.

Take this passport and visit 12 stations, each focusing on different aspects of the voting process. Ask questions and learn more about what to expect on Election Day. Get your passport stamped and volunteers will help you with your voter registration.

**Our next election is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
You must be registered in order to vote!**



Voter Registration

You are eligible to register to vote if you are:

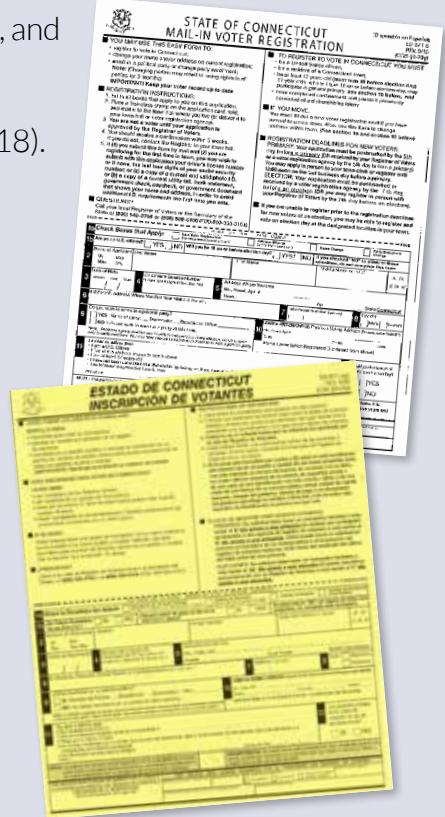
- a U.S. citizen living in Connecticut, and
- at least 17 years old and you will be 18 by Election Day (Nov. 6, 2018).

If you answered “yes” to any of the following questions, it’s time to update your registration!

- Have you moved since the last time you voted?
- Have you changed your name (for example, by getting married)?
- Have you been convicted of a felony and completed your time served and parole?

If you hold a valid Connecticut driver’s license or non-driver ID card, you can also register to vote online at

<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>



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Absentee Voting

What if you want to vote absentee?
Absentee ballot applications
are available from the Town Clerk.

- Are you an active member of the armed forces of the United States?
- Will you be out of town during all the hours of voting (6 a.m. to 8 p.m.) on Election Day?
- Does illness prevent you from voting in person on Election Day?
- Do your religious beliefs prevent you from performing secular activities like voting on Election Day?
- Will you be performing duties as an election official at a polling place other than your own during all the hours of voting on Election Day?
- Do you have a physical disability that prevents you from voting in person on Election Day?



If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you are eligible to vote absentee.

Source: <https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting>

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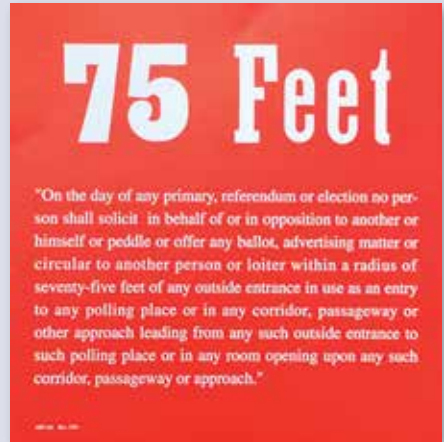
75-Foot Boundary

When voters arrive at the polls, they may be approached by people campaigning for a candidate or a party. Voters may be offered a sample ballot or a campaign flyer.

Campaigning is allowed outside the polls, just like any other free speech — but not inside, and not within 75 feet of the entrance to the building.

Poll workers set up the 75-foot limit signs before the polls open at 6 a.m.

Children up to age 15 are allowed inside the polling place when their parent or guardian comes to vote.



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Polling Place Lookup

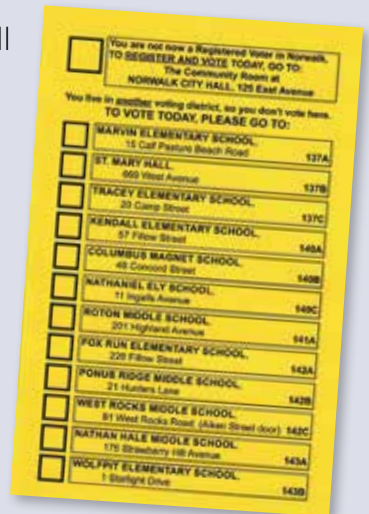


Not sure where to vote? Save time and avoid confusion by looking up your polling place by address on the Registrar of Voters section of the City of Norwalk website.

Note: Many Norwalk voters vote at a different polling place for State and Federal Elections (even-numbered years) versus Municipal Elections (odd-numbered years). This is because the State legislative districts and the Municipal (Common Council) districts have different boundaries.

See www.norwalkct.org/346/Where-Do-I-Vote

If you arrive at the wrong polling place, poll workers will provide you with information on your correct polling place.



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Voter List

How do people's names get into the voter rolls? How do the Registrars know if a voter has moved away or died? Did you know that when you visit the DMV, you may be asked if you want register to vote?

If your name is not found on the voter list, you may still be able to register and vote on Election Day at Norwalk City Hall. You will need ID(s) to prove your identity and Norwalk residential address. Election Day Registration is available for general (November) elections only – not for primary elections.



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Voter ID

What forms of ID are acceptable at the polls in Connecticut?
If you are already registered to vote, you must prove your identity at the polls with either:

- Your Social Security card, **or**
- Any pre-printed form of identification that shows your:
 - ◆ name and address, **or**
 - ◆ name and signature, **or**
 - ◆ name and photograph.



Or you may swear to your identity by filling out a form.

If you are a first-time voter, you may need to prove your Norwalk residency by showing:

- A copy of a current and valid photo identification that shows your name and address; **or**
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address.

Voters lacking the required identification may be able to vote with a Provisional Ballot (for Federal offices only).

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Check-In at the Checker Table for Your Street

When you arrive at the polls and show your ID, the poll workers will look you up by the street where you live. Voter lists are organized alphabetically by street name and check-in lines are for a range of streets, such as “A to K.” For example, if you live on 1st Street, you’ll check in under “F” for “First Street.”



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Ballot Clerk Table

State of Connecticut Official Ballot		Norwalk, Connecticut		State Election		November 6, 2016		District 137A		
Be sure to read the instructions on the reverse side of this ballot, it will help you in voting.										
PARTY	OFFICE	1	2	3	4	5	VOTE ON THE QUESTIONS			
		Presidential Election Ballot for One	United States Senator Ballot for One	Representative in Congress Ballot for One	State Senator Ballot for One	State Representative Ballot for One	Mayor of Norwalk	Question #1	Question #2	Question #3
DEMOCRATIC PARTY	1A Clare and Edith	2A Richard Blumenthal	3A John Staben	4A John Staben	5A Gegory Ehlers	6A Dorine Perone	7A Shirley Wells III	"Shall the term of Mayor and Town Clerk be changed from 2 to 4 years?" <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
REPUBLICAN PARTY	1B Dan Carter	2B Dan Carter	3B John Staben	4B Gegory Ehlers	5B Dorine Perone	6B Shirley Wells III	"Shall the offices of City Treasurer, City Sheriff, and Selectmen be eliminated?" <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
WORKING FAMILIES PARTY	1C Richard Blumenthal	2C Richard Blumenthal	3C John Staben	4C Gegory Ehlers	5C Dorine Perone	6C Shirley Wells III	"Shall the annual salary of each Common Council member be set at two percent (2%) of the base salary of the Mayor?" <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
INDEPENDENT PARTY	1D Richard Blumenthal	2D Richard Blumenthal	3D John Staben	4D Gegory Ehlers	5D Dorine Perone	6D Shirley Wells III	"Shall all Charter references to members of the Common Council be gender-neutral?" <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO			
LIBERTARIAN PARTY	1E Richard Blumenthal	2E Richard Blumenthal	3E John Staben	4E Gegory Ehlers	5E Dorine Perone	6E Shirley Wells III				
GREEN PARTY	1F John Staben	2F John Staben	3F John Staben	4F John Staben	5F John Staben	6F John Staben				
WRITE-IN VOTES	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G				

Once you have checked in at the checker table and your name is marked, you may be given a ticket to exchange for a ballot. Proceed to the Ballot Clerk’s table and hand your ticket to the poll worker, who will hand you a ballot and a privacy folder.

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Voting Booth

At last you have your ballot!
Proceed to the next available
voting booth and vote for the
candidates of your choice.

Do you know how to mark your
ballot? Fill in the oval next to the
name of each candidate you
wish to vote for.

Note: If you make a mistake,
don't try to correct it on the
ballot. Take your "spoiled"
ballot back to the Ballot Clerk
table and exchange it for a
new ballot. You may do this
as many times as necessary.



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Accommodations for Voters with Disabilities

Voters with disabilities have the right to accommodations.

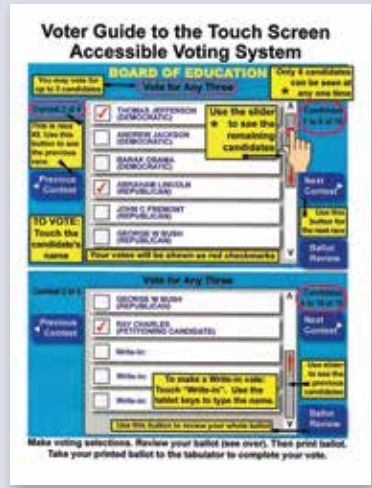
Voters with ambulatory limitations may request curbside voting: poll workers will bring a ballot out to the car and wait while the voter marks the ballot.

Inside each polling place there is an Accessible Voting System that includes:

- a Touch Screen table for voters who have limitations with fine motor movement, and
- an audio / keypad system for voters with vision limitations.

The Accessible Voting System marks your ballot with a laser printer.

Voters with any disability can always bring along a friend to assist them with voting.



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Scanner

Have you ever wondered how your votes get counted? Ballots are scanned by a Tabulator that records your votes – the ovals you filled in.

Insert your ballot in the scanner either face down or face up – either way is fine – just don't try to insert it sideways because it won't fit!



At the lower left of the scanner is an LDC screen showing the number of ballots the Tabulator has read. It also displays a message in case of a ballot that is not accepted. Poll workers use the displayed ballot count to know when the ballot box needs to be emptied.

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Tabulator and Ballot Box



After the polls close at 8 p.m., the Tabulator adds up the votes and produces a printout of the vote totals. Ballots are then stored in secure boxes and transported to lockers under the supervision of the Registrars.

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REPORTS USM 2,221
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COUNTER CHECK 232
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BLANKS 14
BIBBIE RUTH 9
JIM THORPE 5
PETE MURPHY 6
ROCKIE ROBINSON 4
CALVIN COOLIDGE 4
JOHN F. KENNEDY 0
# WRITE-INS 0
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The State of Connecticut mandates a post-election audit of polling places, chosen by lottery after each election.

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Take the Quiz

Find out how much you learned today! Put the letter of the station next to where you found out about the information in the list below.

- What happens to your ballot after the election
- How your name gets onto the voter rolls
- Free speech outside the polling place
- How to fill in your ballot
- How to vote by absentee ballot
- What forms of ID are acceptable at the polls
- How to use your street name to check in to vote
- Where and how to get a ballot
- How your ballot gets counted
- Who is eligible to vote
- Accommodations for voters with disabilities
- How to find out where to vote

- A.** Voter registration
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The Registrars of Voters

The Registrars of Voters work all year long to

- maintain an accurate and up-to-date computerized voter registry,
- conduct all elections and primaries within the City of Norwalk,
- select and train all poll workers and other election officials, and
- increase voter registration and participation.

For more information, visit:

www.norwalkct.org/339/Registrar-of-Voters-Elections-Administra

Or call: **(203) 854-7996**

The League of Women Voters



The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information:



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