



# TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TOWN MANAGER

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Dear Framingham Taxpayer:

## **City Election – November 7<sup>th</sup>**

The City Election will take place on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The precincts and polling locations have not changed. Voters will still vote in their precincts; however the city will have 9 districts with two precincts in each district as follows:

| <u>City District</u> | <u>Includes Precincts</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1                    | 1 and 2                   |
| 2                    | 3 and 5                   |
| 3                    | 4 and 7                   |
| 4                    | 6 and 9                   |
| 5                    | 8 and 12                  |
| 6                    | 10 and 11                 |
| 7                    | 13 and 14                 |
| 8                    | 15 and 18                 |
| 9                    | 16 and 17                 |

You may use your residential address to locate your district at the following site:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch/myvoterregstatus.aspx>

The final candidates for each office appearing on the ballot are listed on the Town Clerk's website. The voter registration deadline for the City Election is Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.

## **Team Framingham 2018 - Opportunity for Residents to Run the 2018 Boston Marathon**

The Boston Athletic Association provides the Town of Framingham with 20 - 25 invitational entries to the Boston Marathon due to our "host community" status. The Team Framingham program was established to provide town residents and town and school employees an opportunity to participate in a random selection process to receive one of these invitational entries.

***The application period for inclusion in the random selection drawing for Team Framingham 2018 will begin 10/2/17 and run through 11/27/17.*** Final selection of Team Framingham 2018 runners will be held on 12/4/2017.

Team Framingham 2018 program guidelines and application forms will soon be available on the Town website or by emailing: [MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov](mailto:MarathonBibs@framinghamma.gov).

## **Skate Park**

After years of planning with an extensive public input process, the Town's new Skate Park is anticipated to begin construction this September. The Skate Park Advisory Committee (SAC) has reviewed and approved the updated final skate park design. The skate park will be located at Farm Pond Park, adjacent to the existing children's playground area. The approved concept is designed to blend with existing surroundings and provide park users of all levels and abilities with a unique recreation experience.



**Plastic Bag Reduction By-law takes effect January 1, 2018**

As you are hopefully aware, in May of 2016, the Framingham Town Meeting enacted a local Plastic Bag Reduction By-law. The new by-law will effectively eliminate the use of thin film, single-use plastic bags in Framingham as of January 1, 2018. Needless to say the accumulation of plastic waste material in our environment is a significant threat to our quality of life and this by-law seeks to eliminate thin film bags as a major source of that plastic and hopefully replace them with more sustainable, reusable bags.

The Town is working closely with a group of local residents who have formed the Bring Your Own Bag Coalition. The coalition is working hard to promote the use of reusable bags as the most sustainable approach to replacing thin film plastic bags. They plan to work with local retailers and restaurateurs to reinforce this message. See the enclosed flyer. A copy of the by-law is available at <http://www.framinghamma.gov/documentcenter/view/271> as Article VIII, Section 8 of the Town Bylaws.

Sincerely,

Robert Halpin  
Town Manager