Hello Grafton!

Election day is fast approaching and we at the Town Office want to clear up some confusion about how voting is working this year.

Firstly, Absentee Ballots will be mailed out to every active registered voter in Vermont. The state is doing this for every person who registered to vote before Thursday September 3rd, 2020. If you registered after this date you will get a ballot from us at the town office. This means you do not need to request an absentee ballot to receive one. To reiterate, every active registered voter will receive an absentee ballot. The ballots are being mailed this week. If for some reason you do not receive a ballot at some point in the coming week, you can contact us at (802) 843-2419.

If you are unsure if you are registered to vote or have any questions about your voter information (for example, you aren't sure your address is correct) you can check your "my voter page" at [https://mvp.vermont.gov/](http://sp.frontporchforum.com/f/a/7RHt0jwTevn7aTq844kwHA~~/AAQuHwA~/RgRhVNDwP0QYaHR0cHM6Ly9tdnAudmVybW9udC5nb3YvVwNzcGNCCgAh8EtyX2RSbFpSFWNqZW5uZUBoYXJ0bGFuZHZ0Lm9yZ1gEAAAAAA~~). This site allows you to submit changes and register to vote online.

You can also check if you are registered to vote by reading one of the notices that has been put up at the Town Hall. The notices have the election warning, the voter checklist, and a sample ballot with general election and justice of the peace.

We are highly recommending you vote absentee rather than in person on election day as we want to keep Grafton as safe and healthy as possible in lieu of Covid-19. However, we will be at the polls and you may bring your absentee ballot in and fill it out in person. We will also have ballots available if you forget or would like to register same day.

We understand that there has been concern about the speed of the mail, and we want to assure you that as long as you fill out and mail your ballot as soon as possible, there won't be an issue. If you are worried about this, you can drop your ballot of at the Town Hall during our regular hours or in our door slot instead of using the mail. Note: Your ballot must be received by me, the Clerk, before the polls close November 3, 2020.

Finally, PLEASE remember to READ THE INSTRUCTIONS that are with your ballots. The number one reason ballots do not get counted is because the voter forgets to sign the envelope. This is easily avoided if you take the time to read the instructions carefully.

To recap:
1.Every active registered voter will receive an absentee ballot
2.Check your my voter page [https://mvp.vermont.gov/](http://sp.frontporchforum.com/f/a/7RHt0jwTevn7aTq844kwHA~~/AAQuHwA~/RgRhVNDwP0QYaHR0cHM6Ly9tdnAudmVybW9udC5nb3YvVwNzcGNCCgAh8EtyX2RSbFpSFWNqZW5uZUBoYXJ0bGFuZHZ0Lm9yZ1gEAAAAAA~~)
3.Read the instructions
4.Send or drop of your ballot as soon as possible

Please feel free to email me at (krecord@graftonvt.org) or call 843-2419

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