

TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH



ITEMS OF NOTE

WINTER 2010

PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

There will be a Gubernatorial Primary Election in June 2010. In order to vote for candidates on the ballot voters must declare a party. Currently the State of Maine recognizes 3 parties: Democratic, Green Independent and Republican.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS A person who meets the following requirements may vote in any election in a municipality, including a biennial municipal caucus.

- 1. Citizenship.** The person must be a citizen of the United States.
- 2. Age.** The person must be at least 18 years of age, except that, to vote in a political party's primary election or municipal caucus, the person must be at least 18 years of age as of the date of the next general election.
- 3. Residence.** The person must have established and maintain a voting residence in that municipality.
- 4. Registration.** The person must be registered to vote in that municipality.
- 5. Enrollment.** The person must be enrolled in a party in that municipality to vote at that party's caucus, convention or primary election, unless otherwise permitted by the party pursuant to section 340.

CHANGE OF ENROLLMENT

A voter may change the voter's enrollment anytime after 3 months from the date on which the voter enrolled by filing an application with the registrar personally, by mail or otherwise.



VOTING AGE QUALIFICATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS

A person who has not yet reached 18 years of age but will be 18 years of age at the time of a general election and meets all other qualifications in order to vote in a primary election may vote in the primary election for the selection of candidates to be on the ballot at that general election.

For further information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 730-4020.

PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - 65 YEARS AND OLDER

Applications are now available at Town Hall for the Resident Property Tax Assistance Program - 65 Years and Older. There is a residency requirement of 10 years for this program and you must qualify for the Maine State Property Tax "Circuit Breaker" program. The applications must be returned to the Scarborough Tax Assessor's Office by **September 15th**.

PHONE NUMBERS FOR QUICK REFERENCE

Office	Phone	Fax
Assessor	207.730.4060	207.730.4046
Code Enforcement	207.730.4040	207.730.4046
Community Services	207.730.4150	207.730.4165
Excise Office	207.730.4010	207.730.4015
Finance Office	207.730.4080	207.730.4088
Human Resources	207.730.4025	207.730.4033
Planning Department	207.730.4040	207.730.4046
Purchasing Department	207.730.4083	207.730.4167
Deputy Tax Collector	207.730.4000	207.730.4004

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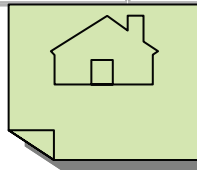
Office	Phone	Fax
Town Manager	207.730.4030	207.730.4033
Town Clerk	207.730.4020	207.730.4033
Fire Non-Emergency	207.883.4542	207.730.4270
Police Non-Emergency	207.883.6361	207.730.4250
Public Works Dept.	207.730.4400	207.730.4405
Sanitary District	207.883.4663	207.883.7083
Scarboro Library	207.883.4723	207.883.9728
SEDCO	207.883.4893	207.883.8172
Superintendent	207.730.4100	207.730.4104

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

VETERANS EXEMPTION

ARE YOU RECEIVING A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?

To qualify property must be your primary residence, and you must have owned the property, or another residence in Maine, for the 12 months prior to April 1 of the taxable year.



DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A VETERANS EXEMPTION?

You may qualify if you served during a recognized wartime period, are age 62 or older as of April 1 of the taxable year, or are 100% service connected disabled.

Applications are available in the Assessor's Office, or online at www.scarborough.me.us on the Assessor's web page.

2010 DOG LICENSES!

DOG LICENSES—NEW & RENEWALS

The 2010 Dog Licenses will be available after **October 15th**. Every dog in the State of Maine is required by State law to be licensed in the town in which you reside. The license period runs January 1st through December 31st and the license must be renewed each year. The fee per dog is \$6.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$11.00 for unaltered dogs.

The State requires proof of rabies vaccination by showing a valid Rabies Certificate and evidence of spaying or neutering, if the dog has been altered.



REGISTER YOUR DOG(S) ON-LINE

Did you know you can license your dog on-line with a credit or debit card? You can use the direct link from our website. www.scarborough.me.us, or by going directly to www.informe.org/dog_license/begin.shtml.

LATE FEES

Unfortunately as of **February 1st** there is a **State mandated** late fee of \$15.00 per dog in addition to the regular licensing fee.

So, please remember to license your dog(s) early.

ONLINE SERVICES AVAILABLE



Did you know that you can renew your vehicle registration, obtain your hunting license or license your dog without leaving the comfort of your own home? For your convenience, several departments now offer secure options for completing transactions on-line. The following is a list of services currently available for on-line processing:

- Vehicle Registration Renewal - www.informe.org/bmv/rapid-renewal/
- Hunting and/or fishing licenses - www5.informe.org/online/moses/
- Dog Licenses - www.informe.org/dog_license/begin.shtml
- Community Services Programs www.scarborough.me.us/townhall/commserv/
- ATV, Snowmobile, Boats' www.maine.gov/ifw

NOTICE CREDIT / DEBIT CARDS

Effective February 15, 2010 The Town of Scarborough will no longer accept credit card payments at the counter.



Debit cards will continue to be accepted. This action is due to reduced spending requirements resulting from reduced state funding and general slowing of revenues. Community Services will

continue to accept ON-LINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

You can also use a debit or credit card when you visit the State's website www.maine.gov to do a number of on-line transactions such as: renew a Driver's License or State I.D. Card, register motor vehicles, do a vanity plate search, purchase dog licenses, and use other services offered by the State of Maine.

You can also use the links from our website, www.scarborough.me.us to go to the State's site.