Helpful Telephone Numbers

FOR EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Fire Department  508-668-0260 (for regular business)
20 Stone St

Police Department  508-668-1095 (for regular business)
50 South St

Stormwater Hotline  508-660-7268
Report illicit dumping into storm drains or waterways or surface water concerns

Poison Center  800-682-9211

Norwood Hospital
800 Washington St, Norwood, MA 02062
Phone: (781) 769-4000

Sturdy Memorial Hospital
211 Park St, Attleboro, MA 02703
Phone: (508) 222-5200

Norwood Urgent Care
1210 Providence Highway, Norwood, MA 02062
Phone: 781-255-0500

Town Hall Offices
Main Telephone Number - 508-660-7300

Town Clerk’s Office  508-660-7296
Tax Collector/ Treasurer  508-660-7299
Assessor’s Office  508-660-7315
Accountant’s Office  508-660-6344
Board of Health  508-660-7321
Council on Aging  508-660-3330
Dog Officer  508-660-6356
DPW  508-660-7305
Cemetery Dept.  508-660-7305
Conservation  508-660-7268
Building Inspector  508-660-7324
Planning Board  508-660-7251

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Elizabeth Gaffey, Town Clerk
135 School Street
508-660-7296
townclerk@walpole-ma.gov

Town Hall Hours
MON, WED, THURS: 8:00AM - 4:00PM
TUES: 8:00AM - 8:00PM
FRI: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Updated September, 2018

Changes occur frequently and this pamphlet may not reflect all changes.
About Walpole

History
A group of sawmill residents who built along the great Cedar Swamp petitioned the Annual Town meeting of Dedham in 1721 for the privilege of becoming a separate Town with their own minister. Their petition was finally accepted in 1724 and they chose their Town’s name in honor of the Prime Minister of England, Sir Robert Walpole. 293 years later, it is our pleasure to serve our residents, businesses and visitors. Welcome to Walpole!

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
The Town of Walpole is run by a five member Board of Selectmen (BOS), whose members are elected by voters of the town to three year terms. The BOS is the chief policy making body for municipal government.

Current BOS members:
Mark Gallivan, Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice-Chairman
James O’Neil, Clerk
David Salvatore
Ann Ragosta

To contact BOS:
Mail to: 135 School Street, Walpole, MA 02081
Phone: 508-660-7277 Fax: 508-660-7303

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
The Town Administrator is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Walpole and serves under the general direction of the Walpole Board of Selectmen pursuant to the Walpole Charter.

Town Administrator: Jim Johnson
Assistant Town Administrator: Patrick Shield

To contact the Town Administrator
Mail to: 135 School Street, Walpole MA 02081
Phone: 508-660-7289 Fax: 508-660-7303
Schools

Main Telephone Number—508-660-7200

Walpole High School (9-12)
275 Common St, Walpole, MA 02081
Phone: 508-660-7207

Bird Middle School (6-8)
625 Washington Street, East Walpole, MA 02032
Phone: 508-660-7226

Eleanor N. Johnson Middle School (6-8)
111 Robbins Road, Walpole, MA 02081
Phone: 508-660-7242

Boyden Elementary School (K-5)
1852 Washington Street, South Walpole, MA 02071
Phone: 508-660-7216

Elm Street School (K-5)
415 Elm Street, Walpole, MA 02081
Phone: 508-660-7374

Old Post Road School (K-5)
99 Old Post Road, East Walpole, MA 02032
Phone: 508-660-7219

Fisher School (K-5)
65 Gould Street, Walpole, MA 02082
Phone: 508-660-7234

Blessed Sacrament School (Pre-8)
808 East Street, Walpole, MA 02081
Phone: 508-668-2336

Norfolk County Agricultural High School (9-12)
400 Main Street, Walpole, MA 02081
Phone: 508-668-0268

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Town Meeting: Representative Town meetings
Spring - First Monday in May at 7:30 PM
Fall - Third Monday in October at 7:30 PM

Town Election: First Saturday in June

Voter Registration: At Town Hall, By Mail, Online or Other Agencies

Polling Locations
Precincts 1 & 2 Old Post Road School
99 Old Post Road
Precincts 3, 4 & 5 Blackburn Hall
30 Stone Street
Precincts 6, 7 & 8 Fisher School
65 Gould Street

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEMBERS (RTM)

The townspeople elect town meeting members by precinct to represent them and to vote on the issues for them, much like a U.S. Representative votes on behalf of his or her constituents in Congress.

The RTMs are elected at the Local Election and hold a term of three years.

RTM Contact Info can by found on the Town Clerk’s page of the Town Website.
Governor/Senators/Representatives

**Governor**
Charlie Baker 617-725-4005
Office of the Governor, Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

**Senators in Congress**
Elizabeth Warren 202-224-4543
317 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510
Edward J. Markey 202-224-2742
255 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

**Congressional Representative, 8th District**
Stephen Lynch 208-225-8273
2268 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

**State Senator**
Paul Feeney - Bristol and Norfolk County
State House, Room 507
Boston, MA 02133 617-722-1222

**State Representatives**
Precincts 1,2, 6 & 7
John Rogers
State House, Room 162 617-722-2092
Boston, MA 02133

Precincts 3 & 4
Louis Kafka
State House, Room 185 617-722-2960
Boston, MA 02133

Precincts 5
Shawn Dooley
State House, Room 167 617-722-2810
Boston, MA 02133

Precincts 8
Paul McMurty
State House, Room 448 617-722-2582
Boston, MA 02133

Walking Trails

**Adams Farm** - North Street parking. Various trails.

**The Endean Trail** - About 1 mile. Trail head at Bird Street, Endean Road, and Plimpton Street. Runs along Bird Pond and the Neponset River. Small parking area at Washington and Bird Streets or on Endean.

**The Pinnacle** - About 2 miles. Trail head at Rose Court Way, end of Pinnacle Drive or Plimpton Street. Parking at Ellis soccer field lot. Walk along Bird Pond and the Neponset River.

**Walpole Town Forest** - Various Trails. Trail heads at Washington Street (across from DPW) and South Street - Rail train and Whites Bridge.

REGIONAL TRAIL

**Bay Circuit Trail** - Spans 200 miles from Plum Island to Kingston. The Walpole stretch is 8.3 miles long. Go to www.baycircuit.org for map. Trail heads at Robbins Road, School Street, Washington Street and South Street.

Limited maps prepared by Trails Committee can be obtained at Conservation Department for the trails above.

**FISHING SPOTS**

**Clarks Pond** - Stone Street. Parking at parking lot on Stone Street

**Turner Pond** - Elm Street. Parking at parking lot on Elm Street
**Walpole Recreation**

Blackburn Memorial Hall
Physical Address: 30 Stone Street
Mailing Address: 135 School Street
508-660-6353

[www.walpolerec.com](http://www.walpolerec.com)
recreation@walpole-ma.gov

The Recreation Department offers hundreds of programs for Walpole residents each year, each contributing toward our mission of improving the quality of life in the community for residents of every age group and interest level. Our programs range from special community events to youth and teen programs, aquatics, adult enrichment courses, field trips for senior residents and more.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Youth Athletics**

Athletics for school age children are run by volunteer organizations for each individual sport.

- Baseball: [www.walpolelittleleague.com](http://www.walpolelittleleague.com)
- Basketball: [www.wyba.org](http://www.wyba.org)
- Football: [www.walpoleyouthfootball.org](http://www.walpoleyouthfootball.org)
- Hockey: [www.kpwhockey.org](http://www.kpwhockey.org)
- Lacrosse (boys): [www.wyll.leag1.com](http://www.wyll.leag1.com)
- Lacrosse (girls): [www.walpolegirlslacrosse.org](http://www.walpolegirlslacrosse.org)
- Softball: [www.walpolesoftball.com](http://www.walpolesoftball.com)
- Soccer: [www.walpoleyouthsoccer.com](http://www.walpoleyouthsoccer.com)

Public Playgrounds:
- Francis William Bird Park 75 Wolcott Ave
- Carolyn Woodward Memorial Playground 100 - 164 Stone St

**Voter Registration**

**Deadlines for Voter Registration**

In order to be eligible to vote in an election, primary or preliminary, your voter registration form must be hand-delivered or postmarked to the local board of registrars or election commission by the deadlines below:

- At least 20 days prior for State Primary, State Election, City/Town Preliminary or City/Town Elections

**How to Register to Vote**

You can register to vote in several ways:

- **In Person:** Come to the Town Clerk’s Office and complete the affidavit of registration.
- **By Mail:** Complete a mail in registration and mail or deliver to the Town Clerk’s Office.
- **At the Registry of Motor Vehicles:** You can register to vote or change your registration at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.
- **Online:** register at [https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/](https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/) or follow link from town website ([www.walpole-ma.gov](http://www.walpole-ma.gov)) town clerk’s page under election information

**Understanding Your Voter Rights and Your Obligations**

Your Voter Registration does not follow you if you move
- You must re-register in your new community to continue to be a voter.
- If moving to another community in Massachusetts, once you register in your new community you will be removed from the voting list in Walpole.
- If you move out of State, please notify the Walpole Town Clerk’s Office in writing.
- If moving within Walpole you must notify the Town Clerk to change your voting address.
Understanding Your Voter Status

Complete your Annual Census Form to Maintain your Active Voter Status

- Annually, in January, you will be sent a street list census form.
- You must complete this form and return within 10 days of receipt.
- Failure to complete the annual street listing form shall result in removal from the active voting list and may result in removal from the voter registration rolls.

Inactive Voters
Registered voters who do not respond to the annual street listing by June 1st are considered inactive. Inactive voters are required to complete additional forms and show an ID at elections in order to vote. Completing these forms at an election does not update your census — you must return a census form to remain active and avoid completing these forms at future elections.

Deleted Voters
Inactive voters who do not respond to the census confirmation mailing and do not vote for 2 consecutive federal elections are deleted from the voting list.

Walpole Public Library
143 School Street
www.walpolelibrary.org
508-660-7340

Hours:
Mon: 10am - 9pm
Tues: 10am - 9pm
Wed: 10am - 9pm
Thurs: 10am - 9pm
Fri: 10am - 5pm
Sat: (Sept—May) 10am - 3pm
(Sun: Closed
(June—Aug) Closed

Trash/Recycling
Trash/Recycle Collection
Collection is provided by the Town of Walpole, through our contract with Russell Disposal. The Town provides trash/recycle collection to 1, 2, and 3 family homes. Trash is collected weekly, recycle collection bi-weekly. Contact Board of Health at 508-660-7321 for day your street is collected.

Robbins Road Compost Site:
In order to drop off leaves, grass clippings ad brush and limbs (up to 4-foot sections not greater than 4 inches in diameter), you must be a Walpole Resident and have a Town of Walpole Compost Sticker on your vehicle. If you do not have a sticker, you will be turned away.

Compost Stickers can be purchased at the Town of Walpole Collector’s office during normal business hours. The Regular Annual Fee for the First Vehicle is $10.00 and the sticker is valid September - August.
**Dog Licensing**

All dogs over the age of six months, must be licensed according to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, Section 137.

The dog licensing period is from January 1st to December 31st.

**Annual Fees:**

- Spayed/Neutered: $15.00
- **NOT** Spayed/Neutered: $20.00

Late fees are incurred as of March 1st:

$25.00 late fee assessed per owner

After June 1st, owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to possible citation in the amount of $50.00.

To license your dog, you must provide an up to date rabies certificate as well as proof of spaying or neutering.

Licenses can be done either at the Town Clerk’s Office or by mail (licensing form can be found on our website).

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**Town Website**

www.walpole-ma.gov

The Town of Walpole website is a valuable resource whether you are new to the area or have been here all your life.

Example of items you can find on the website are:

- Walpole Town By-Laws / Walpole Zoning By-Laws/Town Charter
- Election Information
- Voter Registration Link
- Town Meeting Schedules / Warrants / Minutes
- Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings Schedule/Agendas/Minutes
- Dog Licensing Renewal/Request Form
- Assessors Online Database
- And much, much more……

**Stay Connected…..**

We have implemented a system to keep our residents informed of events and meetings that are occurring in town. Whenever a new event or document is posted you have an opportunity to receive a copy in your personal email box automatically. It won’t be necessary to visit the webpage, although we encourage you to do so, since not all folders can be subscribed to.

**To Subscribe:**

1. Go to our home page at www.walpole-ma.gov and click on the button that states **SUBSCRIBE TO NEWS** near the bottom of the page.
2. Provide and Confirm Email Address
3. Choose which items you would like to receive.
4. Click on **Subscribe me**

**Emergency Notifications**

Walpole has a telephone Emergency Notification System to notify residents and business owners in emergency situations. If you wish to add cell phone and/or email, go to www.walpole-ma.gov, then subscribe to news and follow instructions for SWIFT 911.
Electricity/Gas

**Eversource:**
Customer Info: 800-322-3223
Outages and Emergencies: 800-465-1212

**Columbia Gas:**
Customer Info: 800-688-6160
Emergencies: 800-525-8222

Public Transportation

**MBTA**
Commuter Rail Station - 275 West St, Walpole, MA 02081
www.mbta.com/ stops/walpole
Bus 34E - For schedules and stops refer to www.mbta.com/
    schedules/34E/line

THE RIDE - If unable to utilize MBTA subway, trolley or bus due
to disability, this may be an option. To access, must
apply and be approved by THE RIDE Eligibility Center

Payment of Town Bills

**Real Estate/ Personal Property/ Excise/ Sewer & Water:**
3 Ways to Pay:

1) **Online:** Link to pay online by ACH or credit card can
    be found on Collector’s page of the Town website
    (www.walpole-ma.gov)

2) **By Mail:**
   - **With Tax Bill:** Mail to Town of Walpole,
     PO Box 30
     Medford, MA 02155
   - **Without Tax Bill:** Mail to Town of Walpole
     135 School Street
     Walpole, MA 02081

3) **In Person:** Bills may be paid at the Tax Collector's
    Window at the Town Hall

Walpole Veterans Services

**135 School St**
Walpole, MA 02081
508-660-7325
jcogan@walpole-ma.gov

Walpole Veterans Service Officer - SFC Jon Cogan (RET)

The Walpole Veterans Service Officer supports veterans, their wid-
ows and dependents under Chap. 115 of the General Laws of Mas-
sachusetts and through funds of emergency nature.

Many requests are received for other services to include

- Assistance with claims for disability compensation and pensions
- Aid in application for State Wartime Bonuses and annuities
- Counseling and referrals to other VA agencies
- Flags and Holders for Veteran Gravesites
- Information on Education Benefits (GI-Bill, Post 911 GI-Bill)
- Provide Outreach support to veterans unable to travel
- Copies of Military records and Citations to include DD-214
- Assist in care packages for Deployed U.S. Servicemen and Women
- Responsible for Town of Walpole U.S. and POW flags Half Staff
    Notifications
- Responsible for organizing Veterans events for the Town of Walpole

As burial agent, this department will officiate at graveside veteran services
and present flag to widows or next of kin.

Hours of Operation: Walpole

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Walpole Council on Aging
135 School St
508-668-3330
www.walpole-ma.gov/council-on-aging
Kerri McNamara - Director COA
Laurel St. Pierre - Outreach

MISSION STATEMENT
To promote social, recreational and educational activities and provide advocacy and assistance to Walpole Seniors and their families

HOURS
MON 8:30 am - 4:30 pm        TUES 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
WED 8:30 am - 4:30 pm        THURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
FRI 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

SERVICES
Community Outreach Services
AARP Tax Program, Farmers Market Coupons, Fuel Assistance, Home Healthcare, Hessco Lunch, Medical Rides, Wellbeing Checks, Veterans Meetings

Exercise
Chair Exercise, Chair Volleyball, Walking Club, WII Bowling, Yoga, Zumba

Health and Safety
Flu Clinics, Foot Care, Nutrition, Nurse Visits, Medical Rides, Medicare Planning, Triad, Walpole VNA Nursing

Social Activities
Bingo, Bridge, Creative Corner, Knitting Club, Mah Jongg, Senior Singing Group, Writing Group

Trips
Day of Beauty, Stop & Shop, Errand Days, Regional Day Excursions

And more……

Real Estate Taxes
The Town of Walpole has a quarterly tax billing schedule for real estate. The tax billing year is based on a fiscal year and not a calendar year. The fiscal year is from July 1st to June 30th. Tax payments are due August 1st, November 1st, February 1st and May 1st.

Property Tax Exemptions
The Walpole Board of Assessors offers property tax exemptions and deferrals of property taxes for those who qualify.

Massachusetts General Law allows certain taxpayers’ exemptions from all or a portion of their property tax bills. These exemptions are allowed to those who qualify under State Law, primarily from among the elderly; disabled veterans, the blind, widows and widowers and minor children of deceased parents. In order to receive an exemption, you must apply at the Assessors Office.

Property Tax Exemptions
Clause 41C Elderly Exemption, Age 65+, Income requirements
Clause 17D Elderly Citizens, 65+, Surviving Spouses & Minors
Clause 37 Blind
Clause 22 Disabled Veterans
Clause 18 Hardship, Aged, Infirm
Clause 41A Tax Deferral, Age 65+, Income requirements

For more information, contact the Board of Assessors at 508-660-7315 or write/visit Board of Assessors, 135 School St., Walpole, MA 02081.
Walpole Elder Services
Property Tax Credit Program

The Town of Walpole has adopted MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K which establishes a program under which eligible senior citizens may acquire up to One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) annually in credit, to apply to the property tax bill by working in municipal departments, augmenting the existing work force. To be eligible, individuals must be at least 60 years of age and reside in the property for which the tax credit is sought. Each owner of the property that meets the eligibility criteria can apply for and participate in the program.

Participants in the program will be credited for service at a rate of $11.00 per hour, effective January 2018 and this credit can be used in conjunction with other personal exemptions. The amount of credit reduction under this program is not considered income or wages for the purposes of state income tax withholding, unemployment compensation or worker’s compensation, however it is considered income relative to federal tax regulations and the Town Treasurer will deduct social security and Medicare taxes from the rate of service ($11.00/hr) and a W-2 form will be issued for federal income tax purposes. Participants are not eligible for employee benefits afforded to Town of Walpole employees.

The Veterans Agent will administer the program, certifying initial eligibility, assigning work-sites and overseeing a smooth process. Participants assigned to specific positions must agree to a CORI check (criminal background) prior to placement. All applicable statutes, regulations and program criteria will be implemented, and Council on Aging Director will make the final determinations relative to program placement and procedures.

Walpole Veterans Property Tax Credit Program

This program is the same as the Elder Services tax credit program with the following exceptions:

1. Veterans need to provide a Valid DD 214 with an Honorable Discharge
2. Veterans can be of any age to participate.

Water and Sewer

The Walpole Sewer and Water Department provides municipal utility services to the Town. Water conservation incentives include free low flow showerheads and faucet aerators, in addition to rebates for water sense washing machines and toilets. For details, contact the Water Department at 508-660-7307.