

NOTICE TO VOTERS For Local Elections

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerks Office by 1/30/15. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote. SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by 2/9/15.

REGISTER TO VOTE no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, 2/25/15 at Town Clerk's Office. All Clerk's offices will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 2/25/15. [Note to Clerks: If the Wednesday is a legal state holiday, the filing deadline becomes 5:00 p.m. on Thursday (see 17 V.S.A. §2103(13).]

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone or email. The latest you can request ballots for the March 3, 2015 Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on March 2, 2015.
(Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that your name be added to the checklist today.

- ! The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you swear to an affidavit that you had submitted a timely application and add your name to the checklist or explain why it cannot be added.
- ! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail, you must provide a valid Vermont photo identification, or a copy of a government issued document with your current address, before you vote for the first time.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION: Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683). (Accessible by TDD)

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Accuvote Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

**WARNING
ANNUAL CITY MEETING
CITY OF ST. ALBANS**

March 3, 2015

The legal voters of the City of St. Albans are hereby warned and notified to meet at the City Hall auditorium, located at 100 North Main Street, on Tuesday March 3, 2015, for the purpose of voting upon the articles as herein set forth. The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m. Articles will be voted upon by use of the voter checklist and official printed ballots.

Article 1: Elected Positions

To elect from the legal voters of said City, the following officers:

- City Council Member to represent Ward Five for a term of three years;
- City Council Member to represent Ward Six for a term of three years;
- Two Trustees for the St. Albans Free Library for a term of three years each;
- Any other officer or officers required by law to be elected at said meeting.

Article 2: City Budget

Shall the voters adopt the City Council's proposed budget for FY 2015 totaling \$7,745,736 with an estimated municipal tax rate of \$.8117 on the Grand List?

Article 3: Re-direct Existing TIF Debt

Shall the voters authorize the City to re-direct up to \$1.5 million of TIF funds previously approved for the parking garage for the purpose of making streetscape improvements on Lake and Main Streets and brownfield cleanup at the hotel development site on Lake Street?

Voters are advised that if the tax increment received by the municipality from any property tax source is insufficient to pay the principal and interest on the debt in any year, for whatever reason, including a decrease in property value or repeal of a State property tax source, unless determined otherwise at the time of such repeal, the municipality shall remain liable for the full payment of the principal and interest for the term of indebtedness.

ST. ALBANS CITY

March 3, 2015

ARTICLE I: Elect the following Officers:

City Council Member to Represent Ward 5 for a Term of 3 Years (Vote for One)

- **Katharine Laddison**

City Council Member to Represent Ward 6 for a Term of 3 Years (Vote for One)

- **Chad Spooner**

St. Albans Free Library Trustees – Two Trustees for a term of 3 Years (Vote for 2)

- **Linda Bouffard Lang**
- **Sue B. Wade**

WARNING
FOR THE CITY OF ST. ALBANS SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING: March 3, 2015

The inhabitants of the City of St. Albans who are legal voters in the School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the City Auditorium, 100 North Main Street in said City of St. Albans on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 2015, for the purpose of voting upon Articles I to IV, hereinafter set forth. Said articles are to be voted upon by use of the voter checklist and official printed ballots. The polls will be open at seven o'clock (7:00 a.m.) in the morning and close at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening.

ARTICLE I

To elect from the legal voters of the City of St. Albans, two (2) School Board Commissioners for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE II

Shall the legal voters of the City of St. Albans School District authorize the School Board Commissioners to borrow money in anticipation of payment from the education fund, as necessary, for the next fiscal year pursuant to Title 16 § 562(9)? (The approval of this item will have no effect on the tax rate.)

ARTICLE III

Shall the legal voters of the City of St. Albans School District appropriate \$12,192,110 necessary for the support of the PreK-8 school for the year beginning July 1, 2015?

ARTICLE IV

Shall the legal voters of the City of St. Albans School District approve the use of \$150,000 of the current (June 30, 2014) Fund Balance reserved for Capital Improvements for various building and grounds improvements, etc.? (The approval of this item will have no effect on the tax rate; the funds are presently set aside for this type of use.)

Informational Hearing

The legal voters of the St. Albans City School District are hereby warned and notified to meet in the St. Albans City School Library, 29 Bellows Street, St. Albans, VT, on **Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.**, to conduct an informational meeting on the budget.

ST. ALBANS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 3, 2015

CANDIDATES:

ARTICLE I: Elect two (2) School Board Commissioners for a term of three (3) years

- Write-In

- Write-In

WARNING
FOR THE BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #48
ANNUAL MEETING: March 3, 2015

The legal voters of the Bellows Free Academy Union High School District #48, consisting of the City of St. Albans and the Town of St. Albans, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the respective polling places and times hereinafter named for each of the above referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015**, to vote on the articles herein set forth. Articles I to VI to be voted by the Australian Ballot system. The polls open at seven o'clock (7:00 a.m.) in the morning and close at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening.

ARTICLE I

To elect a clerk.

ARTICLE II

To elect a treasurer.

ARTICLE III

To elect from the legal voters of the City of St. Albans, one (1) School Board Director for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE IV

To elect from the legal voters of the Town of St. Albans, one (1) School Board Director for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE V

Shall the legal voters of the Bellows Free Academy Union High School District #48 authorize the School Board Directors to borrow money in anticipation of payment from the education fund, as necessary, for the next fiscal year pursuant to Title 16 § 562(9)?

ARTICLE VI

Shall the legal voters of the Bellows Free Academy Union High School District #48 consisting of the City of St. Albans and the Town of St. Albans, Vermont, appropriate \$20,955,427.00 which is necessary for the support of the 9-12 school system for the year beginning July 1, 2015?

BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #48

March 3, 2015

CANDIDATES:

ARTICLE I: Elect Clerk

- Marilyn Grunewald

ARTICLE II: Elect Treasurer

- James Matas

ARTICLE III: Elect one (1) School Board Director for a Term of three (3) years

- Nilda Gonnella-French