Welcome

To Wrentham

From the Town Clerk’s Office

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Wrentham’s Early History

Wrentham was settled in response to a vote by Dedham selectmen who, in the early 1660s, 'deputed men to search and view Indian lands around Wollomonopoag' - as the area was then known. After viewing the land 'near about the pond' now known as Lake Pearl the men recommended to Dedham town meeting that a settlement be located here.

Shortly thereafter Dedham general town meeting voted to establish a plantation on the 6 sq. miles purchased from King Philip for L20, 10 S. Settlers drew lots for parcels of land in the Plantation. And after a rough start, Wrentham was actually incorporated in 1673. And thus Wrentham was born.

It is interesting to note that at various times throughout her history Wrentham has been known by a number of names including: Wollomonopoag, Sheldonville, Lake Pearl Station, and Wampum Station.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

NOTE: All forms and applications, as well as additional information on each of the topics below, may be found on the Town’s website > Departments > Town Clerk. (All checks shall be payable to “The Town of Wrentham”.) Most of the Town Clerk’s transactions (and Recreation and Tax Collector) may be done on-line at: http://www.wrentham.ma.us/live-in-town-of-wrentham/make-payments-pay-taxes.

How and When Do I License My Dog?

- Dog licenses are issued for a calendar year (owner must be over the age of 18).
- Dog licensing period begins on January 1st and ends on the last day in February.
- Dogs must have updated rabies information.
- All dogs six (6) months or older or new dogs moving to Town must be licensed with 60 days or late fees will apply.
- Dog licenses obtained after the last day in February are subject to a late fine of $50.00 per dog (per Mass. General Law, Chapter 40, Section 21D)
- Dog licenses obtained after April 30th are subject to an additional late fine $100.00 per dog (per Wrentham General Bylaws 4.10, Section 7C).

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- Licenses may be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office (Mon./Wed./Thurs., 8 AM to 4 PM; Tuesday, 8 AM to 7 PM and Friday till 8 AM to 12 Noon).
- Licenses may also be obtained on-line (http://www.wrentham.ma.us/live-in-town-of-wrentham/make-payments-pay-taxes) or via USPS mail (enclose application, rabies certificate, self-addressed stamped envelope, and check made out to the “Town of Wrentham”, 79 South Street).
Where Can I Find Posted Meetings?

All Boards / Committees / Commissions meetings are posted on the Town’s website and on the Bulletin Board on the 2nd Floor of Town Hall.

How do I Obtain a Certified Copy of a Birth, Marriage, or Death Certificate?

Certified copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates are $10.00 each.

- **Birth Certificates**: Parents must have been living in Wrentham at time of your birth.
- **Marriage Certificates**: Available if Marriage Intentions were filed in Wrentham.
- **Death Certificates**: Individual is resident of Wrentham or passed away in Wrentham.

How Do I Apply for a Marriage License?

- Both parties must be present and apply together and getting married in MA.
- There is a three (3) day waiting period after you file your intentions.
- The cost to file the intention is $25.00.
- You cannot apply more than 60 days prior to marriage.

How Do I Obtain a Business Certificate?

- Business Certificates are $35.00 and are active for four (4) years.
- You and any co-owners must appear in person to sign the business certificate.

How Do I Obtain a Raffle Permit?

- Non-profit organizations having been in existence for two years or more are eligible.
- If applying for the first time, a statement of organization must be presented.
- The Raffle Permit fee is $20.00.

How Do I Register to Vote?

- You must be 18 years old and a U.S. citizen (or 16 years old to pre-register)
- You can register in person, by mail, at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, or on-line at [www.sec.state.ma.us](http://www.sec.state.ma.us). You will receive verification by mail after registering. Voter registration forms are on the Town’s website, under Town Clerk tab.
- If you move within Town, please re-register at your new address.

Where Do I Vote?

All Wrentham voters cast their ballots at the Wrentham Elementary School (Janelli Annex) 120 Taunton Street, Wrentham, MA 02093.
Are there any Elections in 2020?

Presidential Primary – March 3, 2020  
State Primary – September 1, 2020  
State Election – November 3, 2020

When is the Annual Town Election?

The Annual Town Election is held on the first Monday in April.

When are the Spring/Fall Town Meetings?

- The Spring Town Meeting is held on the first Monday in June.  
- The Fall Town Meeting is held between the months of October and December.  
- Special Town Meetings may be held periodically during the year.  
- All Warrants and Minutes of the Town Meetings are posted on the Town’s website under the Board of Selectmen’s page.  
- All Town Meetings are held at King Philip Regional High School, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Why do I Need to Answer to the Annual Census?

It is the law. The Annual Census is mailed to every household during the month of January. Per Massachusetts General Law, Town Registrars are obliged to prepare lists of pertinent information on every residence in Wrentham. The census is used to certify your residency and aids in the calculation of the amount of state aid for the schools. In addition, if not returned, voters in the household will become Inactive and may be deleted after two state elections.

Where May I find Notary Public Services?

Notary public services are available in the Town Clerk’s office during business hours for a nominal fee. Additional notaries are available by appointment at the Senior Center and the Fiske Public Library, as well as local banks, insurance companies, or Wrentham District Court.

Passports?

Passport Applications may be obtained at the Fiske Public Library, 110 Randall Road. Contact (508) 384-5440 for office hours and fees.

What are Town Hall Hours?

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<td>Housing Authority</td>
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<td>Wrentham Elementary School</td>
<td>508-384-5430</td>
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<td>King Philip Regional Middle School</td>
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<td>Zoning Board of Appeals</td>
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Toll-Free Numbers – State Services

Blind, Commission for the ............................................................................................. 1-800-392-6450
Deaf, Commission for the ............................................................................................. 1-800-882-1155
Disability Determination (Mass. Rehab. Commission) .................................................. 1-800-882-2040
Elder Affairs Hotline ..................................................................................................... 1-800-882-2003
Food Stamps .................................................................................................................. 1-800-645-8333
Medicaid ....................................................................................................................... 1-800-841-2900
Medicare ....................................................................................................................... 1-800-882-1228
Medical Security for Uninsured .................................................................................... 1-800-914-4455
Public Safety .................................................................................................................. 1-800-223-0933
Registry of Deeds (Norfolk) ....................................................................................... 1-781-461-6101
Registry of Motor Vehicles ......................................................................................... 1-617-351-4500
Revenue, Department of .............................................................................................. 1-800-392-6089
Securities Division ......................................................................................................... 1-800-269-5428
Social Security .............................................................................................................. 1-800-772-1213
Welfare ......................................................................................................................... 1-800-249-2007
Workers Compensation ............................................................................................... 1-800-323-3249

Utility Companies

National Grid (Electric) ................................................................................................. 1-800-322-3223
Columbia Gas .............................................................................................................. 1-800-688-6160
Verizon ........................................................................................................................... 1-800-870-9999
Comcast ....................................................................................................................... 1-800-266-2278

Miscellaneous

Wrentham Food Pantry ................................................................................................. 508-384-3110
Wrentham District Court ............................................................................................. 508-384-3106
Fuel Assistance (Council on Aging) ............................................................................ 508-384-5425
Trash (E.L. Harvey) ..................................................................................................... 1-800-321-3002

Our office is happy to serve Wrentham residents, please feel free to contact the office at (508) 384-5415 with any questions or concerns.

Cynthia L. Thompson, CMC/CMMC, Town Clerk
cthompson@wrentham.ma.us
Ellen Wojcik, CMC, Assistant Town Clerk
ellen@wrentham.ma.us
Trash

Weekly Pickup - Curbside by 7:00 a.m.

- One 35 Gallon trash bin (weekly) – must face the street.
- Bulky items collected **once a month** by appointment ONLY **1-800-321-3002**.
  - Large trash items and electronics, metals, appliances, couches, TV’s, etc.
  - Don’t put fluorescent or compact fluorescent bulbs in the trash. They may be brought to your local home improvement store to be recycled.
  - Rechargeable batteries can be brought to the Fiske Public Library or Town Hall.
- If household exceeds the barrel limit, excess trash must be placed in a purple bag.
- Purple bags may be purchased (qty. of 5) for $10.00 at the following locations:

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<td>Mobil Service Center</td>
<td>165 South Street, Wrentham, MA 02093</td>
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<td>Wampum Corner Shell Station</td>
<td>Route 1A - South Street, Wrentham, MA 02093</td>
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<td>Super Stop &amp; Shop</td>
<td>Taunton Street, Plainville, MA 02762</td>
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<td>141 Main Street, Foxboro, MA 02035</td>
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<td>40 Franklin Village Drive, Franklin, MA 02038</td>
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<td>Shaw's Franklin</td>
<td>255 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038</td>
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<td>Big Y</td>
<td>348 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038</td>
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**Note:** Purple bags are NOT available at Town Hall

Recycling

Bi-Weekly Pickup - Curbside by 7:00 a.m.

- One 96 Gallon recycling bin (bi-weekly) – must face the street.
- Paper – newspapers/inserts, magazines, paperboard (remove plastic liners – cereal, cracker boxes), corrugated cardboard, phone books, brown paper bags, junk mail, office paper, milk cartons and juice boxes
  - NO waste paper, plastic coated paper or plastic bags
- Containers – glass bottles (all colors and sizes), aluminum/tin/steel cans and lids, aluminum foil/pie plates, all plastic containers labeled 1-7, aseptic juice boxes
  - NO broken glass or other items (window glass, dishes, glasses, pyrex, ceramics, light bulbs)
  - NO cans/bottles containing paint, aerosol or hazardous materials

**IMPORTANT:** Trash / Recycling may be **delayed by one day** during the months with holiday observances.
Miscellaneous Recycling / Hazardous Waste Information

Plastic Bags

Try not to put ANY plastic bags in with your recycling. They clog up the machinery at the recycling plant and contaminate the recyclable items. Return them to a local store that recycles plastic bags. You may also include clean and dry plastic bags such as the plastic wrapping from paper towels & toilet paper, bread bags & non compostable produce bags.

Household Hazardous Waste and Donation Event

Household Hazardous Waste Day and Wrentham's Donation Event is held during the month of May at the DPW and Senior Center Parking Lots on Taunton Street.

Tires, oil based paint, old pesticides/fertilizers and other chemicals are considered hazardous waste so you cannot dispose of them in the regular trash. Store these items until Household Hazardous Waste Day. You may take these items on that day and dispose of most items for free and others, such as tires, for a nominal fee.

Used Motor Oil

The DPW can no longer accept used oil. Most used oil can be returned to the point of purchase if you save your receipt. Please check with your retailer upon purchase. Used oil can be turned in during Household Hazardous Waste Day at no charge.

Brush Dump

The Brush Dump (located at the DPW, 360 Taunton Street) is where you can bring grass clippings, leaves, brush, Christmas trees. The DPW regularly aerates it so that the compost produced can be used by Wrentham residents for their yards. All yard waste requires a permit ($20.00 per calendar year). Check with the DPW office at (508) 384-5477. The brush dump is open on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- DPW Brush Dump Winter Hours - September through April
- Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (gates close at 3:00 p.m.)
- DPW Brush Dump Summer Hours - April through August
- Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (gates close at 5:00 p.m.)

Burning Season/Burning Permits

Open Burning is allowed from January 15th through May 1st at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Permits are free of charge. Further instructions may be found on the Fire Department’s webpage (http://www.wrentham.ma.us/burn-permits).
## Places of Worship

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<td>Original Congregational Church</td>
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<td>1 East Street</td>
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<td>Trinity Episcopal Church</td>
<td>Reverend Dr. Elise Feyerherm</td>
<td>508 384-3958</td>
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<td>St. Mary’s Parish</td>
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Nixle Alerts

The Town of Wrentham has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.

As a resident, there are several simple ways to register:

1. Text your ZIPCODE to 888777 from your mobile phone
2. Go to www.wrentham.ma.us and sign up via the Nixle Widget

Once registered, residents will receive a confirmation text to their mobile device. Residents may also customize their alert settings by going to www.nixle.com and creating a User Profile.

The service is secure, reliable and easy to use for our residents.

All Alerts will be targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant alerts from the Town of Wrentham. Nixle Alerts can be sent via Text, Email, Voice, Web, Social Media, and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant. Nixle is partnered with NLETS for unmatched data security, as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National Blue Alert Network, and Google for unmatched reach and two-way information exchange.

We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself.
Feedback

The Town Clerk’s office is always looking for ways to improve assistance and better serve the Town residents.

We welcome your suggestions. In addition, feel free to give us input on specific topics you may want added to this Welcome Packet, so the next newest resident will be able to quickly find answers to their common questions.

Send this page to the Town Clerk’s office, 79 South Street, Wrentham, MA 02093.

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Thank you for taking the time to respond and give our office your feedback. 
It is very much appreciated.

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