

*From the Town of Southborough Clerk's Office:*

*Trivia question:*

One of the earliest elected positions in Southborough was a person who was authorized to gently tap men on the head and to tickle women. What was that position called?

*2024 will be a very busy year for elections with 4 elections:*

- Presidential Primary - March 5, 2024
- Town Election - May 14, 2024
- State Primary Election - (September - date not set yet)
- \*State Election - November 5, 2024

*Voters will have three voting options for the*

*Presidential Primary on Tuesday March 5:*

1. Vote in person from 6:30AM to 8:00PM at the Trottier Middle School gym.
2. Early Vote in person at the Town House from February 17 to March 3.

Any voter can request that a Vote by Mail ballot be mailed to the voter. Voters can complete and return the Vote by Mail application now and we'll mail the ballot as soon as receive them which will be approximately February 7. Voters can complete the online request for a Vote by Mail ballot at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/MailInRequestWeb/MailInBallot.aspx> or download an application from the Town Clerk's website.

Please call us at the Town Clerk's office at (508) 485-0710 x 3005 if you have any questions!

*More On the Back*

**Answer to the trivia question:**

At Southborough's very first town meeting held on July 24, 1727, Timothy Johnson and Benjamin Newton were elected as Tything-men and they had much of the authority of later police officers. In church, they watched the congregation to awaken anyone who had fallen asleep. They used a long staff to rap boys and men on the head with the brass end of their staff while women and children were awakened with a feather or foxtail on the other end of the staff.

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**Business Hours**

**Mon/Wed/Thur 8:00 am – 5:00 pm | Tues 8:00 am - 7:00 pm | Fri 8:00 – 12:00**

**VOTER INFORMATION**

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

*No Fall elections in odd-numbered years*

**March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary**

**February 24, 2024 Voter Registration Deadline**

***Register to Vote!***