

## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS: M-T-TH 7:30-4:30 –W-7:30-5:30-WED. EVE. 6:30-8:00 F-CLOSED

### **CONTACT THE DEPARTMENTS BELOW FOR OFFICE HOURS**

Assessors	508-669-5043	Dighton Water District:	508-824-9390	Police Non-Emergency:	508-669-6711
Accountant:	508-669-6011	Dog Officer:	774-218-5340	Prime Time:	508-669-6272
Building Inspector:	508-669-4524	Fire Non-Emergency:	508-669-6611	Selectmen:	508-669-6431
Cable:	508-669-4502	Health:	508-659-4159	Sewer:	508-669-5111
Council on Aging:	508-823-0095	Highway:	508-669-5461	Town Clerk:	508-669-5411
Conservation:	508-669-6431	Library/Passports	508-669-6421	Treasurer/Collector:	508-669-5411
Dighton Fire District:	508-822-1820	Planning Board:	508-669-6636	Veteran Agent:	508-669-4524

### **PLEASE CALL THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR REAL ESTATE/EXCISE TAX BILL**

### **FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE A DROP BOX IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR TAX PAYMENTS (CHECKS ONLY NO CASH)**

#### **Real Estate:**

- Quarterly bills due Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, & May 1<sup>st</sup>. Fiscal Tax Year (July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>).
- Tax bills will be mailed twice a year, normally by July 1<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Each bill will contain Two Payment Coupons, one for each quarter.
- Request for previous years tax information: Mail in a request form or forms are available at the Tax Collector's Office (Information will be available within 10 days)
- Real Estate abatements are accepted only during the month of January in the Assessor's Office

#### **Excise Tax:**

- The first mailing occurs in the middle of February. Additional mailings occur throughout the year.
- When transferring or canceling plates please notify the Assessor's Office. Anyone transferring or cancelling a registration must have proof of conveying title from the vehicle before receiving an abatement.

#### **Sewer Bills:**

- Mailed out twice a year (February & August) payments can be made at the Tax Collector's Office.

#### **Town Census:**

- Mailed in late December. Complete form & return to the Town Clerk's Office. 979 Somerset Ave. Dighton, MA 02715.
- It is very important to respond to the Census, as sending 2<sup>nd</sup> notices is an added expense to the residents of Dighton.
- Completing the census form **does not register you to vote.**

#### **Town Meetings:**

- Please monitor Channel 9, local newspaper, sign in front of Town Hall, Town Website and local Post Offices for Town Meeting dates
- Annual Town Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May. (The Annual Town Meeting may be delayed by the Board of Selectmen to a date which would still allow completion of the Town Meeting prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Special Town Meeting – Check postings at Town Hall, Dighton & North Dighton Post Offices or Fire Station for date, time and location.
- Selectmen's Office Meetings – Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM at Dighton Town Hall per meeting schedule posted at Town Hall and online.

#### **Voter Registration:**

- Voter Registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Library, On-Line, RMV and the Police Station.
- If you are a Registered Voter and move out of Dighton, it is very important to notify the Clerk's office.

#### **Elections:**

- All Elections for both Precinct 1 and 2 are held in the gym at the Dighton Elementary School.
- Annual Town Election - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

#### **Dog Licenses:**

- Available January 2<sup>nd</sup> t each year. Proof of rabies certificate is required in order to obtain a license. **FEES: M - \$5.00, F - \$10.00, S/N- \$5.00**
- Late Fees: After April 1<sup>st</sup> Add: Five (\$5.00) Dollars After June 1<sup>st</sup> Add: Fifteen (\$15.00) Dog Owners: (Seventy And Older Free)

#### **Business Certificates:**

- Anyone operating a Business in the Town should contact the Town Clerk's Office and the Building Department to obtain a Business Certificate.

#### **Recycling & Landfill:**

- Contact Health Department for information: 508-659-4159
  - When there is a holiday, trash will be delayed by one day.
  - Trash bags available at: Old Town Hall – Board of Health, Dighton Gulf, Hannaford's, Mendoza's Liquors, Mt. Hope Village Liquors, Rt. 44 Liquors, Fast Mart, Value Gas, Somerset Country Store and Under the Sun
  - Transfer station stickers - \$15.00 (check only) Available only at Transfer Station
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| <b>Landfill Hours</b> | <b>Tues. 9AM – 11AM</b> | <b>Sat. 9AM – 3PM</b>          |
| <b>Large</b>          | <b>\$20.00</b>          | <b>Small \$10.00</b>           |
|                       |                         | <b>Recycle Stickers-No Fee</b> |

#### **Local Cable:**

- Please monitor Channel 9 for Town Meeting dates local information and current events.
- To advertise on our Local Cable Station, there are forms available in the Selectmen's Office.

#### **Veterans Services:**

- Assistance with obtaining Veteran Services is available at Old Town Hall. Tel: 508-669-4524. E-mail dhirschy@dighton-ma.gov
- Veterans should send their DD214 to Veterans Services to the Old Town Hall, 1111 Somerset Ave. Dighton, MA 02715

#### **Passports Applications Processed at Dighton Public Library 395 Main St. Dighton, MA 02715**

- For appointments and questions, please call 508-669-6421