

# **2022 REFERENDUM, PRIMARY AND NEW ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION**

## **2022 Annual Town Meeting**

**Monday, May 2, 2022 7:30 PM**

Including information about the “ State of the Town” by First Selectman Rudy Marconi; Presentation of the Final BOS and BOE Budgets; and a Vote on some of the proposed Capital Projects.

## **2022 Annual Budget Referendum**

**Tuesday, May 10**

6:00 am – 8:00 pm

Yanity Gym – One voting location only!

## **2022 Voter Registration Deadlines for the Referendum**

**Monday, May 9, 4:30 pm** by Mail, In Person at Town Hall, or Online at

<https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>

**Registered Voters and Property Owners on the most recent certified Grand List, who are 18 years of age and U.S. Citizens may Vote**

**2022 Referendum Absentee Ballots** will be available in the Town Clerk’s Office beginning Tuesday, May 3 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, with special hours on Saturday, May 7 from 9 am to 12 pm. **You must fill out a ballot application to receive an absentee ballot . Neither absentee ballot applications nor absentee ballots will be mailed out by the Town Clerk’s office.** Ballot **applications** must be delivered in person to the **Town Clerk’s office.** They may be downloaded from the Town’s website or picked up and filled out at Town Hall.

Go to: [051022\\_budget\\_ref\\_abs\\_ball\\_app\\_ed-3r\\_rev.2-22.pdf \(ridgefieldct.org\)](#) to download the application or pick up at Town Hall. Ballots may be filled out at Town Hall or later and delivered to Town Hall or the drop box until 8 pm on 5/10/22. Contact the Town Clerk at (203) 431-2783 or [townclerk@ridgefieldct.org](mailto:townclerk@ridgefieldct.org) for more information.

## **Primary Elections: August 9, 2022**

To vote in a CT primary, you must be an active member of either the Republican or Democratic Party.

If you wish to **switch political parties**, you must do so before **MAY 9, 2022**

**Unaffiliated** and wish to **join a party**? **Join a party via mail or online by AUGUST 4, 2022** or **in person** at the Registrars’ office **by AUGUST 8, 2022.**

## **New Law Expanding Eligibility for Absentee Ballots as of April 2022**

**Absentee ballot eligibility has been expanded** to make it more accessible and safer for eligible voters to participate in our elections .

- The law amends state statutory language that was more restrictive than the language in the state constitution.
- Commuters, people concerned about their own health (if they were to go to the polls in person) and caretakers of the disabled or chronically ill now qualify for an absentee ballot for all future elections.
- This bill is not the same as the No-Excuse Absentee Ballot resolution, rather, it expanded the list of qualifying reasons to request an absentee ballot.

### **You may vote by absentee ballot if:**

- You are an active member of the armed forces of the United States.
- You will be out of town on Election Day.
- Illness prevents you from voting in person on Election Day.
- Your religious beliefs prevent you from performing secular activities like voting on Election Day.
- You will be performing duties as an election official at a polling place other than your own during all the hours of voting on Election Day.
- A physical disability prevents you from voting in person on Election Day.