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Fall River’s primary election guide

Here’s what you need to know

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FALL RIVER — It’s 2025, and another election season is closing in on the city as candidates running for mayor, City Council, and the School Committee have gathered signatures, are in the opening act of launching campaigns and have begun to set the stage when it comes to their vision for Fall River.

Election Day on Nov. 4 may still seem far away, but the time is quickly approaching for citizens to narrow the selection of mayoral candidates and make their voices heard in September’s preliminary election.

Absentee and early voting-by-mail ballots have been making their way to registered voters since Aug. 22. They aren’t due back to the city’s Elections De-



Early morning voting at Bristol Community College in Fall River on Sept. 3, 2024. COLIN FURZE/HERALD NEWS

partment until the day of the preliminary election, Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Curious about where to vote and who’s on the ballot? Here’s everything you need to know about the Sept. 16 primary, how, and where, to cast your vote.

When is the deadline to register to vote in the primary election?

Saturday, Sept. 6, was the deadline to register to vote in the preliminary election, and the deadline to apply to vote by

mail or to receive an absentee ballot is Tuesday, Sept. 9.

When is the deadline to cast a mail-in vote?

The last day to vote in-person with an absentee ballot for registered voters who legally qualify for one is Sept. 15.

All early voting mail-in and absentee ballots must be returned to the Office of Elections by 8 p.m. on Sept. 16, the day of the preliminary election.

How to return a mail-in or absentee ballot

Registered voters are reminded to re-view instructions enclosed with all ballots received in the mail before marking it.

According to Chapter 54 of Massachusetts General Law, all voters must sign the affidavit on the ballot envelope before returning it to the Elections

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Volunteer Diane Pavao replaces votive candles at St. Anne’s Shrine in Fall River on Aug. 13. COLIN FURZE/HERALD NEWS

‘Let the fun commence’

Swansea castle announces 2025 opening date

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SWANSEA — The SouthCoast has been anxiously waiting since what seems like the Middle Ages for the debut of Swansea’s massive fortress of family fun.

Route 6 passersby have watched Silver Stone Castle and Family Entertainment take shape slowly, stone by stone and turret by turret, as hype built via social media over the past six years.

Since acquiring the 358 G.A.R. Highway property in April 2019 — with an initial target opening date of July 2020 — the project has been plagued by “setback after setback,” according to owner Joe Estrela.

But now there is finally a light at the end of the drawbridge, as the 87,000-square-foot, medieval-themed entertainment complex summons the public to its official grand opening this fall.

When can we visit Silver Stone Castle?

“Let the fun commence” on

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