

VOTER'S GUIDE

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In Virginia, there are numerous ways to vote. One option is to simply head to the polls on Election Day, Nov. 2, between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. with a valid voter identification card to cast a ballot in-person.

REGISTERING

The last day to register to vote in Virginia is Tuesday, Oct. 12. Mailed voter registration applications must be sent to the Rappahannock County Voter Registration Office postmarked on or before that deadline. Would-be voters can register online at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> or at the Voter Registration Office.

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

Early voting began Sept. 17 and can be done Monday through Friday until Oct. 29 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Voter Registration Office. It can also be done between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 23 and Saturday Oct. 30, the last day to vote early in person.

MAIL VOTING

Voters can also submit their ballots by mail, or absentee, which is recommended by Rappahannock County amid the pandemic. To do so, ballots must be requested from the Virginia Department of Elections, and once received, delivered back either by hand to the Voter Registration Office, located 262A Gay St. in Washington, or mailed to the office's mailing address, PO Box 236 Washington, Virginia 22747-0236. Friday, Oct. 22 is the last day to request a mail ballot.

HOW TO VOTE IN RAPPAHANNOCK



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Voting at the Washington Firehall in 2020.

Absentee applications can be obtained either at the Voter Registration Office or downloaded online and printed off at <https://bit.ly/3a74Mq5>

Absentee or mail ballots must be returned (sealed in Envelope B which is to be signed by the voter and sealed in a provided return envelope) to the Voter Registration Office or their polling place by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Those who were mailed a ballot, but change their minds and wish to vote in-person on Election Day must bring their ballot to their polling place, according to Rappahannock County Registrar and Director of Elections Kim McKiernan.

All Absentee voted ballots that are returned via mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received in the Voter Registration Office by noon on Friday, Nov. 5 to be counted. Absentee

ballots can also be placed in a drop-box at the Voter Registration Office door before 7 p.m. on Election Day. If voting by mail, the return mailing address can't be listed as a PO Box, McKiernan said.

IN-PERSON VOTING

Below is a list of all precincts and their corresponding voting locations. Voters who are unsure which district they live in should consult their state issued voter ID card or the Voter Registration Office (540-675-5380). It can also be found online at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/polling-place-lookup/>.

- ▶ **Hampton District:** *Precinct 101* — Washington Volunteer Fire and Rescue, located 10 Firehouse Ln.
- ▶ **Jackson District:** *Precinct 201* — Amissville Fire and Rescue, located 14711 Lee Hwy.
- ▶ **Piedmont District:** *Precinct 301* — Sperryville Volunteer Fire Department, located 11871 Lee Hwy.
- ▶ **Stonewall-Hawthorne District:** *Precinct 401* — Castleton Community Volunteer Fire Company, located 593 Castleton View Rd.

- ▶ **Wakefield District:** *Precinct 501* — Flint Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue, located 945 Fodderstack Rd. *Precinct 502* — Chester Gap Volunteer Fire Department, located 42 Waterfall Rd.

Election officials request that voters wear a mask to the polls. Election officials will sit behind plexiglass with PPE and voters will be socially distanced.

*Notes about the following pages: Candidates are listed in alphabetical order; * Incumbent*