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Ballots Being Mailed for May 16, 2023 Election

(Astoria, OR) — Election ballots for the May 16 Regular District Election will begin arriving in Clatsop County voters' mailboxes this week.

The election features county and local ballot measures and special district elections.

Voter pamphlets were sent out to county voters beginning April 19. Pamphlets are also available online at <u>ClatsopCounty.gov</u>.

If you are registered to vote in Clatsop County but do not receive your ballot by May 3, contact the Clerk and Elections Office at 503-325-8511.

BALLOT PROCESS LIVE-STREAM

In the spirit of transparency, the Clatsop County Clerk's Office will again provide live, online video streaming of its processing of local ballots, from the verifying of signatures through to the actual count. The streaming will be available to view at ClatsopCounty.gov.

Sorting and signature verification will begin on or around April 28. Actual opening and counting of ballots will begin May 15.

BALLOT DEADLINE CHANGE

Voters are reminded that last year the Oregon Legislature changed the deadline to submit mail-in ballots.

Previously all ballots, whether mailed or hand-delivered, were required to be received by their local election's offices by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Now, ballots that are *postmarked* by Election Day will be counted.

However, voters should note that a ballot dropped into a mailbox after the last pickup time stated on the mailbox on Election Day might not be postmarked until the next day, and as a result, would not be counted. To ensure that their ballots are counted, the Clerk's Office recommends that voters mail their ballots early, or use one of the seven drop boxes located around the county:

Clatsop County Clerk & Elections Office

820 Exchange St., Suite 220, Astoria Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Election Day: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Astoria

24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of County Office 9th & Exchange St., Astoria Election Day: Up to 8 p.m.

Cannon Beach City Hall 24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of City Hall at entrance of parking lot 163 E. Gower, Cannon Beach Election Day: Up to 8 p.m.

Gearhart City Hall 24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of City Hall 698 Pacific Way, Gearhart Election Day: Up to 8 p.m.

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Seaside City Hall 24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of City Hall 989 Broadway, Seaside Election Day: Up to 8 p.m.

Warrenton City Hall 24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of City Hall in back parking lot off SW Main Ct. 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton Election Day: Up to 8 p.m.

Knappa High School 24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of High School 41535 Old Highway 30, Astoria Election Day: Up to 8 p.m.

Jewell School 24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box

Located outside of High School 83874 Highway 30, Seaside Election Day: Up to 8 p.m.

ELECTION RESULTS

As a result of the changed ballot deadline, some ballots might not be received in time to be counted on Election Day. That means complete election results may not be available that night. Please watch the county website for the results update schedule.

For more information, visit the <u>Clatsop County Clerk and Elections web page</u> or call 503-325-8511.