

10/9/2020 Updated General Presidential Election Information

Maryland Board of Elections Releases Video Guidance; County Board of Elections Issues Vote-by-Mail and Drop-Box Info.

This week the Montgomery County Board of Elections issued a Press Release featuring the latest information on voting by mail and at ballot drop box locations. Click on the below link to view the press release:

<https://www.chevy Chase Villagemd.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=837>

The Maryland Board of Elections has released a video (see the below link) produced by the Bi-Partisan Policy Center, which provides an overview of how to request a mail-in ballot using the state's online application or by downloading the PDF application. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 20, 2020.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3SEja6u6xg>

Over 40 ballot drop box sites are confirmed at locations across the county, including one outside the main entrance to the Friendship Heights Village Center at 4433 North Park Avenue, which will be the closest drop-off location to the Village, within walking distance to many Village households. Deposited ballots are retrieved twice daily by the county and the drop-boxes at all approved are under video surveillance. As of October 1, 25 boxes had been installed throughout the county.

The state's vendor has begun to mail ballots to voters who have requested mail-in ballots. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 20, 2020.

The Chevy Chase **Village Hall will NOT serve as an in-person polling site** for the November 3 election; however, Village residents will be able to access early voting between October 26 and November 2 at the nearby Jane E. Lawton Center in the Town of Chevy Chase or vote by mail by requesting a mail-in ballot that can be dropped off at any of the over 40 drop-off boxes.

Voting PRIOR to Election Day

- **Early Voting Centers Available
Monday, October 26 –
Monday, November 2.**

Eleven Early Voting Centers will be open throughout the county from Monday, October 26 through Monday, November 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day. Any registered voter may vote at ANY early voting center regardless of assigned precinct. Early voting results are tallied on Election Night, just like votes cast on Election Day. If you vote early, you may not vote by mail or on Election Day.



Visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/EarlyVoting/index.html> for a list of early voting sites and for more information. Voters may go to ANY early voting site in the county to cast a ballot. The closest location to the Village is the Jane E. Lawton Center at 4301 Willow Lane in the Town of Chevy Chase.

- **Voting by Mail – Request a Mail-In Ballot (deadline October 20, 2020)**

Registered voters may **vote by mail**, by requesting a mail-in ballot. Voters requesting a mail-in ballot will not be required to state a reason for voting 'absentee' and all mail-in ballots will be counted. The State Board of Elections mailed all registered voters a Mail-In Ballot application in late August; however, voters can also request a mail-in ballot now in one of the following three ways:

1. **Online:** Access the online application [here](#). You must have a Maryland driver's license or other MVA issued card to apply online. The online process is also used for voter registration so by using it you will make sure your voter registration is correct. **The online application can also be accessed by texting VBM to 77788.**
2. **By Mail:** Print out the form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#), fill it out, and return by mail, email, fax or in person to the Board of Elections.
3. **By Phone:** Call the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 240-777-8550.

The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 20, 2020. Completed ballots can be returned via USPS or hand delivered to ballot drop boxes, Early Voting Centers and Election Day polling places. **The closest confirmed location for a planned drop-box will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center (4433 South Park Avenue) and at the Jane E. Lawton Center (4301 Willow Lane).** To view the complete list of drop-box sites, visit:

https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/PG20_Drop%20Box%20Locations.pdf

NOTE: Voters who request that their mail-in ballot be delivered by email, must print the ballot, complete the ballot and **return the ballot via USPS or hand delivered to ballot drop boxes, Early Voting Centers and Election Day polling places.** Mail-in ballots provided to voters by email will need to be duplicated at the Board of Elections before it can be scanned/counted. Mail-in ballots delivered to voters by regular mail do not need to be duplicated. Therefore, emailed ballots can slow the process.

Voting ON Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The county's Board of Elections voted on August 17 to use 25 MCPS High Schools and 3 additional locations as Vote Centers on Election Day in lieu of the traditional precinct polling places. Therefore, Chevy Chase Village Hall **will not** be serving as a polling location for the November 3 election.

Voters may go to ANY Vote Center location in the county to cast a ballot on Election Day. The closest locations to the Village are the Jane E. Lawton Center at 4301 Willow Lane in the Town of Chevy Chase and Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC) High School at 4301 East-West Highway in Bethesda.

Still Need to Register?

The voter registration deadline to participate in the 2020 General Election is Tuesday, October 13. To register, visit: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/>

For more information regarding the 2020 General Presidential Election, visit: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections