

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION GUIDELINES

VOTER REGISTRATION

- If you are currently not registered to vote, Tuesday, October 13th is the last day to register to vote. Voter registration forms are available by using this link: <https://nj.gov/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-voter-registration/68-voter-registration-english-bergen.pdf>. You may fill out the form and either put it in the mail to the address listed on the form or bring it to borough hall. In addition to the normal hours, the Borough Clerk's office will remain open until 9:00pm on October 13th to accept your voter registration forms.

SAMPLE BALLOTS

- Sample ballots will not be mailed out. Postcards will be sent from the Bergen County Clerk's office telling you what district you vote in and the voting location. In this case ALL voting districts for November 3rd, 2020 will be at the Ramsey High School. Once you are inside it is important that you know your district. It will be helpful to bring the postcard with you. The postcard will also tell you how you where to find the sample ballot. It will be posted on the county website as well as the borough website.

You may also call the borough to find out. 201-825-3400 X 221

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

- **OBTAINING A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

All registered “active” voters will automatically be mailed a Vote By Mail Ballot. It is not necessary to complete an application to receive a Vote By Mail Ballot. As per the County Clerk, ballots should be mailed out on or before October 5th. Please call the County Clerk at 201-336-7020 or the Borough Clerk at 201-825-3400 X 221 if you do not receive your ballot by then. We will help you get one.

- **SECURE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION IN RAMSEY**

Ramsey has a secure drop box for completed ballots in the rear of the Ramsey Library which is monitored by video cameras and emptied daily by the County Board of Elections, a Democrat, a Republican and Sheriff's officer. This is a very safe alternative for anyone concerned about sending their ballot back through the United States Postal Service (“USPS”). Voters may also mail the completed ballots back through the USPS.

- **DROPPING YOUR MAIL IN BALLOT AT YOUR VOTING DISTRICT ON ELECTION DAY**

The procedure for dropping off Mail In Ballots at your voting district on Election Day is as follows:

1. You must bring the completed ballot to the Ramsey High School Gymnasium and go to the district number where you vote.
2. You must see a poll worker in order to sign in that you’ve dropped your ballot in the secure drop box with the poll worker.
3. Due to having to physically sign in, you can only drop YOUR ballot off. You may NOT drop anyone else’s ballot.

Please note under all the mail in ballot options whether at the secure drop box at library, use of USPS or dropping at polling location, the Mail In Ballots are counted immediately.

VOTING MACHINE USE ON ELECTION DAY

- **Anyone is allowed to go to the polls and vote on election day. However, the only people who will be able to vote on the electronic voting machines will be anyone who is physically disabled, blind or illiterate.**
- **All voters who are NOT disabled, blind or illiterate will not be allowed to use the voting machines and must complete a paper provisional ballot.**
- **Please note provisional ballots are not counted for at least 7 days after the close of polls.**

SUMMARY OF VOTING OPTIONS

Your options are:

- 1. Drop your completed Mail In Ballot in the secure drop box behind the library.**
 - 2. Complete your mail in ballot and drop it in the US Mail postage paid**
 - 3. Drop your completed mail in ballot at your voting location with a poll worker**
 - 4. Vote by paper provisional ballot at your voting district (this may take a minimum of 10 minutes to complete the process without any wait time)**
 - 5. If you are disabled you may vote in your district on an electronic voting machine**
- **All ballots are counted no matter which method of voting you choose.**
 - **The County starts counting the mail in ballots ten days before election day. The provisional ballots are not touched for seven days once they are delivered to the county and safely locked up.**
 - **Dropping your completed ballot in the drop box behind the library will allow you to complete your ballot, avoid misplacing it and not having to worry about issues with the mail. Please consider this option. It also has the least chain of custody issues of all the options.**