MERCER COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Executive Orders 177 and 179

- Signed by Governor Philip D. Murphy
- Mandates that every registered voter be mailed a vote-by-mail ballot in anticipation of the General Election on November 3
- Allows for a limited number of polling places to remain open for voters who prefer to vote on a provisional ballot

Mercer County Electoral Agencies

- Mercer County Clerk's Office
  - Receives petitions for all offices of municipal clerks, except those filed with the Attorney General
  - Designs and prints all election ballots
  - Draws lots for ballot position
  - Prints and furnishes vote-by-mail ballots, emergency ballots and provisional ballots
  - Approves or rejects vote-by-mail ballot applications
  - Prepares list of vote-by-mail ballot applications

  Paula Sollami Covello, Esq., Mercer County Clerk

Mercer County Electoral Agencies

- Mercer County Board of Elections
  - Selects polling places
  - Enforces Elderly Handicapped Accessibility Act
  - Creates and maintains election districts
  - Appoints challengers
  - Appoints and trains board workers
  - Receives, counts, investigates and certifies vote-by-mail ballots
  - Counts and certifies provisional ballots
  - Serves as Board of County Canvassers

    Anthony Francioso, Esq., Chair of the Board

Mercer County Electoral Agencies

- Mercer County Superintendent of Elections
  - Acts as the County's Commissioner of Registration, which includes regulating voter registrations; accepting voter registration applications; reviewing registration records to assure continued eligibility; and investigating provisional ballots
  - Acts as custodian of the County's voting machines

  Catherine DiCostanzo, Superintendent

How to Return Your Mail-In Ballot

- Mail it in
  - Must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the Board of Elections no later than seven days after the Election
- Drop it off at your polling place on Election Day
  - Polls will be open from 6am to 8pm
  - Voters will be notified of their polling place via a postcard in the mail
- Drop it off at the Board of Elections, 1440 Parkside Ave, Ewing, by 8pm on Election Day
- Drop it off at one of the 15 secure drop boxes throughout the County

Drop Boxes

- All drop boxes will be open by October 5
- Voters can place their ballot in any drop box in Mercer County, regardless of residency
- Drop boxes are monitored and ballots are routinely collected by board workers
- Boxes will close at 8pm SHARP on November 3
- Four drop boxes are located in Trenton

Important Deadlines

- October 5: All mail-in ballots will be sent out
- October 13: Final day to register to vote
- October 28: Extended hours for vote-by-mail pickup; open until 7:30pm; Trenton office only
- October 31: Extended hours for vote-by-mail ballot pickup (walk-in); 9am to 1pm; Trenton office only

- November 3: General Election Day; polls open at 6am and close at 8pm; ballots can be dropped off at drop boxes or at your polling location until 8pm

Track My Ballot App

- Worried about if your ballot will be counted or not? Sign up for the Track My Ballot App! You can view the progress of your ballot in real time.

https://www.nj.gov/state/elections/vote-track-my-ballot.shtml

You can also register to vote online with the State Division of Elections until 10/13.

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