

Primary Election Schedule; Post Office Change Impacts Deadlines

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Clatsop County Clerk Tracie Krevanko is alerting the public about U.S. Post Office changes that could affect whether mailed voter registration cards and election ballots will arrive by deadlines.

“Now that all mail postmarking is now being done in Portland, we encourage Clatsop County voters who choose to mail in their voter registration card or election ballots to put them in the mail at least five days prior to any deadline. We want to make sure every vote counts,” she said.



“We also encourage people to register to vote online at the Oregon Secretary of State’s [My Vote](#) webpage and to drop their election ballots at one of [Clatsop County election ballot dropbox locations](#),” she said.

- April 30, 2024 — Last day to register to vote and choose a political party for the Primary Election. Registration cards postmarked by this date are valid registrations for this and future elections
- May 1-May 7, 2024 — Official Primary Election Ballots mailed
- May 21, 2024 — Election Day. Ballots postmarked by this date and received by the Clatsop County elections office by May 28, 2024 are valid ballots
- June 17, 2024 — Last day to certify election

How to Register to Vote

There are three ways people can register to vote:

- **Online** at the [Oregon Secretary of State “My Vote” website](#)
- **In Person** at [Oregon Dept. of Motor Vehicle](#) offices during regular business hours
- **In person** at the [Clatsop County Clerk and Elections office](#), which is located at 820 Exchange in Astoria. The office closes at 5 p.m.

Returning Election Ballots

Completed and returned ballots will be counted if they are postmarked on or before Election Day, Tuesday, May 21.

Election ballots must be delivered to an official drop site or the County Clerk's Office, 820 Exchange St., 2nd Floor, Astoria. The elections office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

Clatsop County Voters Pamphlet

For the 2024 primary election, the Clatsop County voters' pamphlet will be included with the ballots mailed to voters. The pamphlet also is available online at [ClatsopCounty.gov](https://www.clatsopcounty.gov).

Ballot Process Live-Stream

Clatsop County Clerk and Elections Office will provide [live, online video streaming](#) of its processing of local ballots, from the verifying of signatures through to the actual count.

The live feed will begin May 2. Activities that will be live-streamed are:

- Receiving of ballots at the Clerk and Elections Office
- Scanning ballots – elections staff scans ballots to log them as received.
- Signature verification – elections staff compares signature on ballot envelope to voter's registration record
- At 9 a.m. on May 10 elections staff will live-stream the public test of the ballot-counting machine.

Beginning May 20, the video stream will also show ballot-processing at the Judge Guy Boyington Building. Activities that will be shown are:

- Ballot opening – elections staff remove ballots from envelope, check ballots for damage that may make them unreadable for the ballot counter
- Vote scanning – ballots are run through ballot-counting machine

The video feed will be live through certification. The video feed will continue to show ballot processing and counting after Election Day until all qualified ballots are counted.

While live, the video feed may show extended periods with no activity. That is because ballots are processed as they are received by the Clerk and Elections Office.