

Ontario County Board of Elections

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November 5th General Presidential Election How, Where and When You Can Vote

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (10/11/2024) – The 2024 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. All registered voters in Ontario County are eligible to vote in this election.

Numerous federal, state, county and local elected offices are on the general election ballot, including:

- President & Vice President of the United States
- New York Senator
- Representative in Congress (Districts 24 and 25).
- New York State Senator (District 54)
- New York State Assembly (Districts 131 and 133)
- Supreme Court Justice (7th Judicial District)
- Ontario County Treasurer
- Local city and town offices including Supervisor, Council Members, Clerks and Justices

A full list of candidates and sample ballots for the Primary Election can be found at the Board of Elections website (https://ontariocountyny.gov/Elections).

Board of Elections officials noted strong voter interest in the upcoming election with a large number of telephone calls, emails and office visits made by voters in recent weeks. The Board has already mailed over 4,600 Absentee Ballot or Early by Mail Ballots to county voters who requested to vote using these methods. In addition, since September 1st, the Board processed nearly 2,000 individual voter information changes including new voter registrations, updated and changed addresses, and voter transfers into and from Ontario County.

How You Can Vote

Eligible voters may cast their ballot <u>by mail</u> using either an Early Mail or Absentee ballot, or <u>inperson</u> during the Early Voting period from October 26th through November 3rd or on Election Day November 5th.

Voting By Mail

Any registered voter may apply for an Early Mail ballot. Those voters unable to cast their ballot due to absence from the county, illness, disability or who are the caregiver for a disabled person may apply for an Absentee ballot. Application forms for both the Early Mail Ballot and Absentee Ballot are available at the Board of Elections website or online (https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot).

Applications must be received at the Board no later than October 26th if sent by mail or online. Voters may also apply in person through November 2nd at the Board of Elections office during normal business hours. If you have previously applied for a "permanent" absentee status, there is no need to submit a new application.

Voters with a print disability or impairment that interferes with effective reading, writing or use of printed material (including blindness, low vision, dyslexia, dysgraphia, learning disabilities, and physical disabilities that limit writing abilities), may apply for a ballot with accessible features using the Accessible Ballot Application portal at: https://ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/accessible.

Voters can return their Early Mail, Absentee or Accessible ballot to the Board of Elections in any of the following ways:

- 1. By using pre-paid return postage mail; ensure the ballot is mailed so it receives a postmark no later than November 5th;
- 2. By bringing it to the Board of Elections Office no later than 9:00 pm November 5th;
- 3. By bringing it to an early voting poll site between October 26th and November 3rd; or,
- 4. By bringing it to any open poll site by 9:00 pm on November 5th.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked on or before November 5th. Voters returning their ballots by mail should keep in mind the posted collection times on collection boxes and at the Postal Service's retail facilities as ballots entered after the last posted collection time will not be postmarked until the following business day.

Early Mail, Absentee or Accessible voters who check to vote in person at an Early Voting or Election Day poll site will be asked to vote using an affidavit ballot that is kept separate until the election is completed. After the General Election, Board of Elections officials will verify whether the voter's mail ballot was received. If the voter's mail ballot was not received, their affidavit ballot will be counted.

Voting in person

Voters can vote in person on Election Day or during the nine-day Early Voting period that begins on October 26th. After a voter checks in at their poll site, inspectors will give the voter a paper ballot to mark their choices and each ballot style is specific to the voter's election district. After privately marking their ballot, voters then insert the ballot into the voting machine where it is scanned and their contest choices are tabulated. Voters are entitled to a replacement ballot if they make an error or wish to change their choices before submitting their ballot into the voting machine. Once scanned by the voting machine, the ballot is retained in the machine's secure ballot box and cannot be connected back to the voter who marked it. Typically, voters complete the entire voting process, from checking in to scanning their paper ballot into a voting machine, in just a few minutes.

Voters who choose to cast their ballot <u>in person</u> during Early Voting can appear at any of three county Early Voting sites during the times shown below:

Hours of Voting:	
Saturday, October 26 Sunday, October 27 Monday, October 28 Tuesday, October 29 Wednesday, October 30 Thursday, October 31 Friday, November 1 Saturday, November 2	9 AM - 5 PM 9 AM - 5 PM 9 AM - 5 PM Noon - 8 PM Noon - 8 PM 10 AM - 6 PM 10 AM - 6 PM 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, November 3	9 AM – 5 PM

Locations: Canandaigua: Board of Elections Office 74 Ontario St. Geneva: Geneva Housing Authority Office 41 Lewis St. Victor: Town Hall 85 East Main St.

Voters choosing to vote in person during Election Day will cast their ballots at their normal poll site on Tuesday November 5th. Polls are open from 6 AM to 9 PM on Election Day and all forty-four county poll sites will be open. Voters can check their registration status, find their poll site, and get updated status on their mail ballot on line at:

https://vic.ntsdata.com/home/Ontario or https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/; they can also call the Board of Elections at (585) 396-4005.

Unofficial election results are collected after the polls close at 9:00 PM on November 5th and transmitted to the New York State Board of Elections. Unofficial election results are also posted to the Board of Elections website as returns are received from the county's poll sites. Election results will be updated until all 92 county election districts have reported in.

To learn more about the Electoral Process or review your voter registration, visit the Ontario County Board of Elections website at https://ontariocountyny.gov/Elections. You can learn more about the 2024 General Election at https://ontariocountyny.gov/Election. For more information, you can contact the Board by phone at (585) 396-4005 or online at https://ontariocountyny.gov/FormCenter/Board-of-Elections-23/Contact-BOE-183.