

# ELECTION NEWSLETTER

In November 2022 voters passed Proposal 2 which amended the State Constitution to include additional voting rights and protections and created additional options for Michigan voters to vote. Michigan voters now have three ways to vote: Early Voting, Absentee Ballot, and Election Day.

Below you will find more information about all three of these voting options as well as information about the elections occurring in 2024



## Absentee Voting

Michigan still has no reason absentee voting; any registered voter can request an absentee ballot to vote prior to Election Day.

The biggest change with Absentee Voting is the addition of the Permanent Absentee Ballot List. Voters who are on our Permanent

Absentee Ballot List will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot before every election.

The one exception to this is the Presidential Primary. This is the one election every four years, where a voter must select a party specific ballot. Voters who checked the box to be added to our permanent absentee ballot list during the November 2023 election will receive a ballot selection form in late December or early January where they will be required to select a ballot type and return it to the Clerk's office.

If you are not on the Permanent Absentee Ballot List and would like to be added, simply check the box on any absentee ballot application to be added.

With the implementation of the Permanent Absentee Ballot option, the State will be phasing out the Automatic Absentee Ballot Application option. In the past voters who were on this list would be automatically mailed an absentee ballot application before every election. **Once this option is phased out, voters**

who are not on the Permanent Absentee Ballot list will have to request an application to receive one and apply for an absentee ballot.

### Early Voting

Michigan voters now have the right to vote early and in person at an early voting site for 9 consecutive days prior to an election. The Early Voting process is very similar to voting on Election Day – show up, complete a voter application, mark your ballot, and place it into the tabulator.



Early voting will be available beginning with the Presidential Primary in February 2024 and every statewide and federal election thereafter.

Hartford Township’s (and all Van Buren County) Early Voting Site is located at 57418 CR 681, Hartford, MI 49057 (This is the old Van Buren/Cass Health Dept)

For the 2024 Presidential Primary; Early Voting will be available daily from February 17 – February 25 from 9 am – 5 pm (except Wednesday will be noon – 8 pm)

Also, results from early voting will not be tabulated until after 8 pm on Election Night.



### Voting on Election Day

There currently are not any changes to how we vote on Election Day. Polls are open on Election Day from 7 am – 8 pm.