

# **NEWS**<sub>from</sub> Clatsop County

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## **November 5 General Election Ballots Due**

(Astoria, OR) -- Voters who have not yet cast their ballots for the November 5 General Election are encouraged to act soon.

Completed ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day to be counted. The Clatsop County Clerk and Elections Office advises voters who choose to mail in their ballots to do so at least five days before Election Day.

## **Returning Election Ballots**

Completed and returned ballots will be counted if they are postmarked on or before Election Day, Tuesday, November 5.

Voters can also use one of seven 24-hour ballot drop boxes available throughout the county. Ballots can be dropped off at these locations until 8 p.m. on Election Day:

Astoria – outside 820 Exchange St.

Cannon Beach – outside City Hall, 163 E. Gower

Gearhart – outside City Hall, 698 Pacific Way

**Seaside** – outside City Hall, 989 Broadway

Warrenton – outside City Hall (back parking lot), 225 S. Main Ave.

Knappa – outside Knappa High School, 41535 Old Hwy 30

Jewell - outside Jewell School, 83874 Hwy 103

Ballots can also be delivered in-person to 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 general election, the Clatsop County voters' pamphlet will be in the center of the State Voters Pamphlet. The pamphlet also is available online at <u>ClatsopCounty.gov</u>.

#### **Ballot Process Live-Stream**

Clatsop County Clerk and Elections Office will provide <u>live</u>, <u>online video streaming</u> of its processing of local ballots, from the verifying of signatures through to the actual count.

The live feed will begin October 21. 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 is as received.
- Signature verification elections staff compares signature on ballot envelope to voter's registration record
- At 9 a.m. on October 28 elections staff will live-stream the public test of the ballot-counting machine.

Beginning as early as November 1, 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.

#### **Results**

Election results will be posted online starting at 8 p.m. on Election Day at <u>clatsopcounty.gov</u>. Updated results will be posted later in the evening.

Additional results will be posted starting Wednesday, November 6. Due to state guideline allowing ballots to be postmarked on Election Day, it may take several days for final unofficial election results to be announced.