



**York County Economic Alliance**

# YoCo Voter Guide

**Tuesday, Nov 2 Municipal Election**

**Make Your Vote Happen.**

Dear Voter,

Every year is an election year and every election is important. As we have seen, 2021 is no different. Whether it is your 1st time voting or your 51st time voting, it is helpful to have a plan on how you are doing it.

Municipal elections affect your day to day and residents elected to these roles are your neighbors. Local officials decide on local ordinances, make decisions on funding for local roads, are responsible for the education of our youth, and much more.

All voters are encouraged to take the time to educate themselves on what will be on the ballot on November 2nd. This guide is your one-stop shop on what to know for this upcoming election and how to make your voice heard.

**Be informed. Make a Plan. Vote.**

Sincerely,



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## Important Dates to Remember

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**Monday, Oct 18** - Last day to register to vote in the 2021 Municipal Election

**Tuesday, Oct 26** - Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot for the 2021 Municipal Election

**Tuesday, Nov 2** - Polls are open 7am - 8pm. USPS and hand delivery of mail-in or absentee ballots must be completed by 8pm on this day at the York County Administrative Office, 28 E. Market St. York, PA 17401.

**Find more important dates:**

[https://yorkcountypa.gov/images/pdf/election/2021\\_Primary/2021\\_important\\_dates.pdf](https://yorkcountypa.gov/images/pdf/election/2021_Primary/2021_important_dates.pdf)

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## Resources

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**Sign Up for Pennsylvania Election Updates:**

<https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/DOS-VotesPA/Pennsylvania-Election-Updates>

**York County Elections and Voter Registration**

28 E. Market Street

(717) 771-9604

Evr@yorkcountypa.gov

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections.html>

**Votes PA**

1-877-868-3772

[www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Voting and Elections**

<https://www.pa.gov/guides/voting-and-elections/>

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## Voter Registration

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**Monday, Oct 18 is the last day to register to vote in the Municipal Election**

**To register to vote you must:**

1. Fill out a voter registration application form
2. Deliver your application to the York County Election office for review
  - If your application is accepted, you will get a voter registration card in the mail. The voter card will show your name, address, party affiliation, and the address where you will vote

**To fill out an application**

**Option 1:** Online

<https://www.vote.pa.gov/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Register-to-Vote.aspx#online>

**Option 2:** By mail. Print and fill out this voter registration application

[https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/Voter\\_Registration\\_Application\\_English.pdf](https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/Voter_Registration_Application_English.pdf)

**Option 3:** In person at the York County Election Office, located at 28 E Market St. York, PA 17401 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

**If you are already registered to vote you can update party affiliation, name, or address:**

**Option 1:** Make changes online

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>

**Option 2:** Print and mail-in an updated voter registration application ([print application here](#))

**Option 3:** Visit the York County Election Office, 28 E. Market St York, PA 17401 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

**Check your registration status here:**

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx>

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## Mail-in Ballots

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For 2021, the York County Elections and Voter Registration Office must receive your application by October 26 for you to receive a ballot in the mail for the November 2 Municipal Election. To learn more, please visit: <https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

**Who is eligible?**

- All registered voters in Pennsylvania are eligible to apply for a mail-in ballot for the Municipal Election on Tuesday, October 26.

### **How to apply for a Mail-in Ballot**

**Option 1:** Registered voters can apply for a mail-in ballot online -

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>

**Option 2:** Registered voters can print and mail in an application to receive a mail-in ballot

\*If you do not have a printer, you can request a paper application to be mailed to you [here](#)

**Option 3:** Apply for a mail-in ballot in person at 28 E. Market St. York, PA 17401 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

### **Important Items to Note**

- The deadline to return applications to the election office for a mail-in ballot is 5pm Tuesday, October 26
- Every registered voter qualifies for a mail in ballot, you do not have to provide a reason for requesting one.

### **How to Vote with a Mail-in Ballot**

**Step 1:** Complete your ballot

**Step 2:** Please note: there are two envelopes. Place your ballot in the identified “Official Election Ballot” envelope and place it in the mailing envelope. Be sure to sign the declaration on the back of the mailing envelope **and date with today’s date** or your vote may not count.

**Step 3:** Your ballot must be **RECEIVED** by the York County Election Office **BEFORE** Tuesday, November 2 at 8pm.

You can mail or hand deliver your ballot to the York County Election Office at the York County Administrative Building, 28 East Market St., York, PA **BEFORE** Tuesday, November 2 at 8pm. **Postmarks are not enough** and if your ballot is not received in time, it will not be counted.

### **Important Items to Note**

- You can check the status of your mail-in ballot here - <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx>
- If you added your email to your mail-in ballot application, you will receive a confirmation when your ballot arrives at the election office

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# Absentee Ballots

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## Who is eligible?

Registered voters who fall under one of the following circumstances:

- College students who are not registered to vote at their school address
- People whose work or vacation take them away from the municipality where they live on election day (November 2nd)
- Those with a physical disability or illness that prevents them from going to the polling place
- Members of the military must go through fvap.gov
- People who may have a conflict due to the celebration of a religious holiday
- Inmates who haven't been convicted of a felony

## How to receive an Absentee Ballot

**Option 1:** Registered voters can apply for a absentee ballot online -

(<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>)

**Option 2:** Registered voters can print and mail in an application to receive an absentee ballot

\*if you do not have a printer you can request a paper application be mailed to you [here](#)

**Option 3:** Apply for an absentee ballot in person at 28 E. Market St. York, PA 17401 from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

## Important Item to Note

- Absentee ballot applications must be **RECEIVED** by the York County Election Office by 5pm on Tuesday, October 26.

## How to Vote with an Absentee Ballot

**Step 1:** Complete your ballot

**Step 2:** Please note: there are two envelopes. Place your ballot in the identified "Official Election Ballot" envelope and place it in the mailing envelope. Be sure to sign the declaration on the back of the mailing envelope **and list the date in which you are mailing the ballot** or your vote may not count.

**Step 3:** Your ballot must be **RECEIVED** by the York County Election Office **BEFORE** Tuesday, November 2 at 8pm.

You can mail or hand deliver your ballot to the York County Election Office at the York County Administrative Building, 28 East Market St., York, PA **BEFORE** Tuesday, November 2 at 8pm. **Postmarks are not enough** and if your ballot is not received in time it will not be counted.

### **Important Items to Note**

- You can check the status of your absentee ballot here - <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx>
- If you added your email to your absentee ballot application, you will receive a confirmation when your ballot arrives at the election office.
- See a video on how to complete your mail-in or absentee ballot here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RfWafgTKt4&t=7s>

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## **Poll Worker Information**

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### **How to Become a Poll Worker**

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, fill out the Poll worker Interest Form, [available here](#).

After you submit the form, your county's election office or Judge of Elections will contact you. You may reach out to the election office to follow up. You may find the contact information earlier in this guide. More information may be found here: <https://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections/votespa-com/become-a-poll-worker.html>

### **Requirements**

- You must be registered to vote in York County
  - Exceptions exist for 17-year-old high school students, who must meet additional requirements. High school students should contact their county election office for more information.
- Government officials and government employees including federal, state, county, municipal, and city are not allowed to serve as poll workers
  - Exceptions exist for district judges, notaries public, and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard or in a reserve component of the armed forces.
  - Likewise, you are generally not allowed to serve if your name appears on the ballot.
- Poll workers can work full or half days. Poll workers working full days can expect to be at their polling station by 6:00 am until after the polls close at 8:00 pm.
- Counties train poll workers on their election day duties
- All poll workers are paid for their time on election day



Poll Worker Recruitment Toolkit available here

<https://www.votespa.com/Resources/Documents/PollWorkerRecruitment-Toolkit/DOS%20Pollworker%20Recruitment%20Toolkit%208.27.20.pdf>

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## Serve Your Precinct

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**Judge of Elections and Inspectors of Election (Majority and Minority Inspectors) are on the Ballot.**

These positions will serve four-year terms from 2022-2025. There are a lot of opportunities for people to run write-in campaigns since there are many openings on the ballot for these positions. Serving in these roles is a great way to get involved with elections and ensure an efficient elections process.

Judges and Inspectors work two election days each year and then attend at least one training session before each election. These offices require that individuals must be registered to vote in the precinct in which they are elected. If they are unable to complete their term, they would appoint someone else to complete the term for them.

Below is the link to the candidates list to see what positions (and others) are available:

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections/34-voting-elections/1937-general-election-candidates.html>

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## Polling Location Details

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**Find your polling place here:**

<https://yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections/polling-places.html>

**or**

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx>

\*Polling places are subject to change as the county, state, and federal governments adjust guidelines to best adapt the election process to the COVID-19 crisis. Tune in to your local news channel, read your local newspaper, [sign up for PA election update emails](#), and follow The County of York and the YCEA on social media to make sure you're aware of any changes.\*

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## Poll Relocations

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The Board of Elections has confirmed the following permanent and temporary changes to polling locations for the November 2nd general election.

### **Permanent Changes:**

#### **Hanover Borough 5th Ward**

New: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 127 York Street, Hanover

Old: York Street Medical Center, 400 York Street, Hanover

#### **Newberry Township 3rd District**

New: Yocumtown Church of God, 160 Red Mill Road, Goldsboro

Old: Township Building, 1915 Old Trail Road, Etters.

### **Temporary Change:**

#### **Shrewsbury Township 1st District**

The Board of Elections approved a change from the Township Building, 11505 S. Susquehanna Trail due to renovations at the location.

The approved temporary polling location is Susquehannock Middle School, 3280 Fissels Church Road, Glen Rock

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## Voting Rights for Reentrants

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Source: [https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Documents/Convicted\\_felon\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote/Documents/Convicted_felon_brochure.pdf)

### **Who can register to vote?**

You may register and vote if you hold citizenship in the United States for at least one month before the next election; are a Pennsylvania resident and resided in your election district for at least 30 days before the next election; and will be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election.

### **If you meet the above qualifications, you can register and vote if you:**

- Are a pretrial detainee confined in a penal institution awaiting trial on charges of a felony or a misdemeanor
- Are convicted of a misdemeanor and are confined in a penal institution

- Were released (or will be released by the date of the next election) from a correctional facility or community confinement facility upon completion of your term of incarceration for conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony
- Are on probation or released on parole
- Are a parolee living in a community confinement center (except for state intermediate punishment (SIP) inmates)
- Are under house arrest (home confinement), regardless of conviction status or the status of the conditions of confinement

**You are not eligible to register and vote if you:**

- Are currently confined in a penal institution for conviction of a felony (even if you are also incarcerated for one or more misdemeanor offenses) and will not be released from confinement before the next election
- Are in a community confinement facility or other alternative correctional facility for conviction of a felony and will not be released before the date of the next election
- Were convicted of violating any provision of the Pennsylvania Election Code within the last four years.

**How can you register to vote?**

If you are qualified to register to vote you may apply to register using the instructions provided in the previous sections of this guide.

**Please note: If you are in a penal institution, your residence for voter registration is:**

- The last place you registered to vote before confinement in a penal institution; or
- Your last known address before confinement; or
- A new residence established while confined (for example, if your spouse establishes a new residence where you intend to reside upon your release from confinement).
- A penal institution or community confinement facility cannot be your residence address for registering to vote; however, you may use those locations for your mailing address.

**How do you vote after registering?**

If you are confined to a penal institution, apply for an absentee ballot. Further instruction is explained in the above sections.

If you are not confined in a penal institution, community confinement facility, or under house arrest, you may vote in person at your assigned polling place. That location is on your voter identification card or can be found using the directions in earlier sections of this guide.

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## Offices on the Ballot

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### Statewide

- Supreme Court Justice
- Superior and Commonwealth Court Judge
- Court of Common Pleas Judge
- Magisterial District Justices

### Countywide

- Controller
- Coroner
- Recorder of Deeds
- District Attorney

### Municipal

- Mayor (city and boroughs)
- Council (city and boroughs)
- Commissioners, first class townships (Penn Township, Spring Garden Township, York Township)
- Supervisors (second-class townships)
- Tax Collector (some boroughs and townships)
- Treasurer
- Auditor (some boroughs and townships)
- Controller (cities, some boroughs and townships)
- Constables

### School District

- School Directors

### Election District

- Judge of Election
- Majority Inspector
- Minority Inspector