Important Reminders for November General Election

When: November 8th, 2022/ Polls open 10:00am-7:00pm | Where: Town Hall, 57 Main Street Montgomery CTR

Methods of Voting: Vote by Mail using ballot issued to you by SOS <u>OR</u> in person at Town Hall

NEW CHANGES TO ELECTION LAW (Act 60-signed June of 2021) 17 V.S.A. § 2537a is added to read: For every General Election, the Secretary of State's office shall mail a general election ballot to all <u>ACTIVE</u> voters on the statewide voter checklist described in section 2154 of this title.

What does this mean for me as a registered Montgomery Voter?

The new law prescribes that the Secretary of State will automatically mail ballots to all active registered voters for every <u>General Election</u> on behalf of each Town/City in Vermont. The State will complete their ballot mailing by October 1st. You will be provided the ballot, a certificate envelope, and a pre-addressed return envelope. This process, otherwise known as Early/Absentee voting, allows for you to vote from the comfort of your own home prior to Election Day. There are several ways for you (or someone on your behalf) to return your absentee ballot: via USPS mail, in person at the Town Office, via our Town Office Drop-box, or return it to an Election Official at the polls on Election Day up until 7:00pm.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I still vote in person?

YES. While the new law has made it a requirement for the State to mail out General Election ballots it does not mean that you must participate early. You may still show up to the polls if that is your preferred method of voting. {If you decide to vote in person save yourself an extra step by bringing your ballot with you to the polls; if you forget/lose/never received your ballot you will need to sign the 'Affidavit of Lost/undelivered ballot' before receiving a new ballot}

If I want to vote early/absentee for other Elections, will I need to make a request?

YES. Automatically mailed ballots only applies to November General Elections. All other elections YOU must initiate a request to our office to vote early.

My mailing address has changed, what do I do?

If you have recently moved to Montgomery or have a new mailing address, please contact our offices to update your information by September 1st to ensure you are on the Statewide mailing list. If you are new to town and register to vote <u>after</u> the September deadline our office is responsible for mailing an absentee ballot to you.

I no longer live in Montgomery, what do I do?

Transfer your Voter Registration online using My Voter Page or go to your Town Office to register in person in your new town. We will be notified of this change and remove you from our Voter Checklist. *If you have moved out of State, please notify our offices immediately*

Still have questions? Please do not hesitate to contact our offices: Phone: 802-326-4719

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