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**November 3, 2020 General Election -- What You Need to Know**

**On the Ballot:**

* President
* Senator
* Representative
* City Council Special Election
* Two Constitutional Amendments: Redistricting\* and Personal Property Tax

**Voter Registration:**

Last day to **register** is **Tuesday, October 13.** Register/check registration at **VOTE411.org**, or ***elections.virginia.gov/registration*** (you need DMV driver’s license or ID card number to complete online). *If you have moved, even to a different unit in a building, you must update your registration*.

**Voting before Election Day**

1. **VOTE Absentee by MAIL-IN BALLOT**

 **Request a ballot online now by going to** VOTE411.org**,** or ***vote.elections.virginia.gov/***

***voterinformation*.** You can mail in an application if online request is not available to you. **Deadline to request a ballot is Friday, October 23 at 5 p.m**.

 Mail-in ballots must be **postmarked on or before November 3, and received on or before noon on** **Friday, Nov. 6**. **Virginia will pay for postage this election.**

1. **VOTE EARLY IN PERSON** at the Registrar’s Office in City Hall (300 Park Ave. 1st floor). **First day** to vote is **Friday,** **September 18, 9 a.m.to 4 p**.**m.** (unless reduced if City Hall is not open). **Saturdays** **October 24** and **October 31** will be open for voting **9 a.m. to** **5 p.m. October 31 is the last day for early voting.**

**Election Day**: Polls will be open on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 3**, from **6 a.m. to 7 p.m**.

***For this election: There is a drop off box at City Hall from 9/18 through 11/3 at 7 p.m. On Election Day, there will be drop off boxes at all polling places.***

**Changes to Election Laws:**

**Absentee Voting**: You do **not** need a justification for early/absentee voting! Any registered voter can vote absentee without an excuse. For mail-in ballots, you need to sign your ballot, but you do not need a witness signature, based on a legal settlement on August 21. If you are voting for the first time, you must also provide proof of a valid ID when returning your ballot.  Your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day, but ***may be received on or before noon on the third day after the election***.

**Voter ID:** Photo ID is not required. ID options include: voter registration card, expired driver’s license (if the information is accurate), a recent official document with your name and address (e.g. a utility bill). Find a list of all acceptable types of IDs at: ***www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/photo-ids-required-to-vote/.***

 Voter ID is not absolutely required. You can sign an ID statement affirming your identity, and you will be able to vote a regular ballot. If you do not sign an ID statement, you may vote a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if you provide a copy of your ID or complete the identity statement.

**Election Day is now a Virginia State holiday**. It is not currently a City of Falls Church holiday.

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**\*Constitutional Amendment #1 Redistricting**

The ballot includes a proposed amendment to the Virginia Constitution that will eliminate Gerry-mandering by establishing a transparent, citizen-led **Redistricting Commission** to draw the legislative districts. Legislators would no longer be the only voices determining districts. For more information: **VOTE411.org** or ***OneVirginia2021.org***. The **League of Women Voters** supports a **yes** vote on Amendment #1 on Redistricting.