

PRESS RELEASE

Katherine C Schultz, McHenry County Clerk announced that voters may make application for an absentee ballot for the February 2nd, General Primary Election. The last day for the County Clerk's Office to receive applications by mail is Thursday, January 28th. Absentee ballots mailed to individuals must be voted, post marked prior to Election Day and received no later than the 14th day after the Election. In person, absentee applications will be accepted up to 4:30 PM on Monday, February 1st, at the County Administration Building, 667 Ware Rd., Conference Room A, Woodstock.

"In person" absentee voting will be conducted at:

McHenry County Administration Building

667 Ware Rd, Conf. Rm. A, Woodstock
Friday, January 29th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM,
Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Monday, February 1st from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
for all qualified voters in McHenry County

Algonquin Township

The Algonquin Township Office
3702 Northwest Hwy., Clerk's Office, Crystal Lake
Friday, January 29th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Monday, February 1st from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
for all qualified voters in Algonquin Township

Grafton Township

The Huntley Park District
12015 Mill St., Huntley
Friday, January 29th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Monday, February 1st from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
for all qualified voters in Grafton Township

McHenry Township

The McHenry Township Office
3703 N. Richmond Rd., McHenry
Friday, January 29th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Monday, February 1st from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
for all qualified voters in McHenry Township

Nunda Township

The Nunda Township Supervisor's Office (Annex)
3510 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake
Friday, January 29th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Monday, February 1st from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
for all qualified voters in Nunda Township

Persons may apply for an absentee ballot by mail (McHenry County Clerk, 2200 N. Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, Illinois 60098). Applications for absentee voting may be obtained by calling 815-334-4242.

As a safeguard to absentee voting the following provisions are in effect:

"A candidate whose name is on the ballot is prohibited from assisting a physically disabled absentee voter unless the candidate is the spouse, parent, brother or sister of the voter," Schultz said.

"Also, no one other than the absentee voter, shall deposit the absentee ballot in the mail," she added.

An absentee ballot may be delivered "in person" to THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, by either the voter or by a spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of the voter. If the ballot is delivered by any of the aforesaid persons, written authorization from the voter must also be provided. A ballot may also be delivered to the Clerk's office by an authorized delivery service.

A voter who was issued an absentee ballot, by mail, may surrender his absentee ballot on Election Day, at the polling site and vote in person.

SCHULTZ NOTED THAT INDIVIDUALS, WHO REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAIL, MUST PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROOF OF IDENTITY. Any person, who registered by mail, who has never voted in McHenry County before, and is requesting an absentee ballot through the mail, must provide sufficient proof of identity, to allow the election authority to verify the voter's identity, prior to the mailing of an absentee ballot; or the absentee voter may vote "in person" at the McHenry County Administration Building, Conference Rm. A, the Algonquin Township Office, the Huntley Park District in Grafton Township, the McHenry Township Office or the Nunda Township Office, with one exception: any voter who is voting under the provisions of the uniformed and overseas citizen absentee voting act, who registered by mail, may vote absentee by mail.

Further information may be obtained by calling 815-334-4242 or the Illinois State Board of Election at 217-782-4141 in Springfield or 312-814-6440 in Chicago.