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Gloucester Director of Elections Implements New Drive-Through Ballot Drop Box

Gloucester Director of Elections Bobbi Morgan announced Monday that the County's new Drive-Through Ballot Drop Box has been completed and is in operation. The new ballot drop box is located behind Gloucester County Office Building #1 at 6467 Main Street. Motorists or pedestrians utilizing the box will find it located between Building #1 and the Courthouse on Justice Drive.

The Drive-Through Ballot Drop Box is ADA accessible, and can be approached either via vehicle on the left side or via foot or wheelchair on the right. The new option allows Gloucester voters to securely return their Absentee Ballot from their vehicle, or by hand, with no in-person contact during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We are doing everything we can to make sure you know that elections are a critical role in our community, and we will continue to ensure you have every opportunity to vote," Morgan said.

The Drive-Through Ballot Drop Box and lane, which is under 24-hour surveillance, was designed by Gloucester's Engineering Services department, in coordination with the Elections and Voter Registration Office. Funding for the project is being provided by Federal CARES Act dollars.

Morgan reminded voters that important deadlines pertaining to the Nov. 3 General Election include:

- Oct. 13: Last day to get registered to vote in the Election or to make changes to your name or address to be eligible to vote in the Election;
- Oct. 23: Last day to request and Absentee Ballot via mail.

Options for voting in the Nov. 3 General Election include:

- Absentee Vote By Mail: Complete a Virginia Vote by Mail Application Form and mail it to the Elections and Voter Registration Office at P.O. Box 208, Gloucester, Va. 23061 – or apply online using your Driver's License number by visiting <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/absentee>. Once your application is processed, the Elections and Voter Registration Office will mail your ballot. Voters are asked to carefully review the instructions on the ballot, complete it and return to the Elections and Voter

Registration Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Elections and Voter Registration Office by noon on the third day after the election. Or, ballots can be safely returned using the Drive-Through Ballot Drop Box.

- Visit the Elections and Voter Registration Office in-person. In-person Early Voting in Virginia began Sept. 18 and will continue during regular office hours Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Oct. 30. In-person Early Voting in Gloucester will also be available the last two Saturdays prior to Election Day, Oct. 24 and 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Elections and Voter Registration Office. Voters voting in-person are asked to wear their mask and remember to social distance. Voters will provide their name and address and show an acceptable form of ID at check-in before receiving their ballot.
- Vote in-person on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3 at normal polling locations from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Voters are asked to wear their masks and social distance. They will provide their name and address and show an acceptable form of ID at check-in before receiving their ballot.

Morgan reminds voters that if they obtain an absentee ballot and choose not to use it, they must return their ballot unopened in the pre-addressed envelope to the Elections and Voter Registration Office prior to Election Day, bring it with them to the polls on Election Day or place it in the Drive-Through Ballot Drop Box.

“Gloucester County has a Central Absentee Precinct that counts all Absentee and Early Ballots on Election Day, so your vote counts,” Morgan added.

For detailed information about voting procedures and requirements, and to see what will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot, visit <https://www.gloucesterva.info/349/Elections-and-Voter-Registration> or call the Elections and Voter Registration Office at 804-693-3659.

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