

# VOTING MATTERS

A NONPARTISAN GUIDE

Election 2024  
in Monmouth County



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# Consider this\* . . .

## Changes to state law between January 1 and May 3, 2024

- Voters in 28 states will face restrictions that weren't in place in the last presidential election.

## Consequences of the Supreme Court *Shelby County v. Holder* ruling (2013)\*

- 31 states have passed 103 restrictive voting laws.

*Harder to  
vote by mail*

*Inaccurate  
purges of  
voter rolls*

*Criminal  
penalties for  
registration errors*

*Shortened  
deadlines  
(VBM/Curing)*

*Student ID  
barriers*

*Bans on food  
and water for  
voters in line*

**WHY?**

\*Voter suppression data: Brennan Center for Justice, Expert Brief: Voting Laws Roundup: May 2024

\*\*Supreme Court Decision that greatly weakened the Voting Rights Act

# Voter suppression happens because

# VOTING MATTERS

Climate  
change

Taxes

Reproductive  
Rights

Social  
Justice

War and  
Peace

Public  
safety

Education

Gun Safety

Voting  
Rights

Healthcare

Representative  
democracy

Land use

Immigration

Budgets

Social  
Safety Net

Water/Air  
quality

# Every vote matters

## Recent close elections in Monmouth County

- **5 votes**  
Atlantic Highlands Mayor (**2023**) 847 to 842
- **13 votes**  
Atlantic Highlands Council (**2023**) 853 to 840
- **5 votes**  
Keyport Boro Council (**2023**) 861 to 856
- **20 votes**  
Ocean Township Bd. of Ed. (**2022**) 3,523 to 3,503
- **14 votes**  
Neptune Township Bd. of Ed. (**2022**) 3,602 to 3,588

## 3 votes may decide Atlantic Highlands race for mayor

**Jerry Carino**

Asbury Park Press

USA TODAY NETWORK – NEW JERSEY

Politicians like to say “every vote counts.” That’s more than a slogan in Atlantic Highlands, where the vote for mayor may well be decided by just three votes.

With all machine votes, mail-in ballots, and provisional ballots counted from the Nov. 7 **election**, Democrat Lori Hohenleitner stands three votes ahead of Republican James Murphy by a tally of 845 to 842.

According to Jesse Estow of the **Monmouth** County Clerk’s office, “the only outstanding votes to be counted are for voters who wish to cure their ballot due to any clerical errors for it to be counted.”

The **statutory** deadline for the state to certify the **election result** is Nov. 27. Any challenge to the **results** or recount efforts must be filed through the court sys-

*Asbury Park Press, Nov. 20, 2023*

# If this matters to you . . .

## Here are five things to do

1. Register and vote
2. Encourage and support others to register and vote
3. Learn where candidates stand on issues important to you
4. Recognize and combat mis- and dis-information. (Find and share reliable sources.)
5. Understand how voting works and help dispel fears about election security and accuracy

## This session shows you how

# General Election 2024



## The Ballot: What's at stake?

- U.S. President/Vice President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Board of County Commissioners (1 seat)
- Municipal and School Board offices



# How to Register to vote

**Deadline: 21 days before election (Oct. 15, 2024)**

- REQUIREMENTS**
- U.S. Citizen
- At least 17  
*(17-year-olds can register but not vote until they are 18)*
- Not serving time for a felony conviction

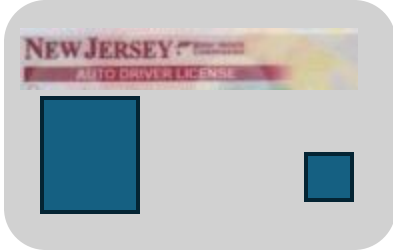


The image shows a 'New Jersey Voter Registration Application' form. It includes sections for personal information, address, and registration details. The form is numbered 68 in the top right corner. It contains various checkboxes and fields for the registrant to complete.

-or-



-or-



**THROUGH DMV**  
*When applying for or renewing driver's license*

**PAPER APPLICATION**  
*Self addressed and postage paid.*  
[MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com)

or  
[vote.nj.gov](http://vote.nj.gov)

**ONLINE**  
*(You must have a signature on file with the state or be able to upload a digital signature.)*  
[MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com)

or  
[vote.nj.gov](http://vote.nj.gov)

*Recent changes in voting*

# More choices. Greater flexibility.

**Vote-by-Mail  
Ballot?**

*How to submit  
your ballot*

- **Secure drop box** (35 locations)
- **US Mail** (*Postage prepaid*)
- **In person**  
*Board of Elections,  
300 Halls Mill Rd., Freehold*

**In person on  
voting machine?**

*When?*

- **Early?**  
*Day? Sat., Oct. 26 to Sun. to Nov. 3*  
*Time? Mon-Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.*  
*Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m*  
*Place? 10 polling sites*
- **On Election Day?**  
*At your normal local polling place  
(listed on your sample ballot)*

## **REMINDER**

*You cannot return your vote-by-mail ballot at the polls!*



# How to Vote by mail

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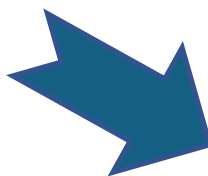
## REQUEST A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

*(You will receive your ballot in the mail. The County Clerk begins mailing ballots 45 days before Election Day.)*



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## FILL IN THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



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## RETURN THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

**Vote-by-mail ballots are TABULATED starting 5 days prior to Election Day. The tallies are not reported until the close of polls on Election Day.**

# How to Request a vote-by-mail ballot

**New Jersey Voter Registration Application** 68

Please print clearly in ink. All information is required unless marked optional.

**1** Check all boxes that apply.  New Registration  Name Change  Political Party Affiliation  Address Change  Signature Update  Vote By Mail

**2** Are you a U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No **3** Are you at least 17 years of age?  Yes  No

**4** Last Name First Name Middle Name or Initial Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)

**5** Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) / / **6** Gender (Optional)  Female  Male

**7** NJ Driver's License Number or MVC Non-driver ID Number

**8** Home Address (DO NOT use PO box)

**9** Mailing Address (if different from Home Address)

**10** Last Address Registered to Vote (DO NOT use PO box)

**11** Former Name if Making Name Change

**12** Day Phone Number (Optional)

**13** Do you wish to declare a political party affiliation?  Yes, the party name is (Optional)

**14** Request for Mail-In Ballot for all future elections (Optional)

I wish to receive a Mail-In Ballot for all future elections until I request otherwise in writing to the County Clerk's office.

Mail my ballot to the following address if different from Mailing Address above.

**Declaration** - I swear or affirm that:

I am a U.S. Citizen.

I live at the above home address.

I am at least 17 years old, and understand that I may not vote until reaching the age of 18.

I will have resided in the State and county at least 30 days before the next election.

I am not serving a sentence of incarceration as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States.

I understand that any false or fraudulent registration may subject me to a fine of up to \$15,000, imprisonment up to 5 years, or both pursuant to R.S. 19-34.1

Signature of Registrant: Sign or mark and date on lines below

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

-or-

**APPLICATION FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT**

Please type or print clearly in ink. All information required unless marked optional.

**1** I hereby apply for a Mail-In Ballot for: (CHECK ONLY ONE)

ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS, until I request otherwise in writing.

Or for ONLY ONE of the following:  General (November)

Primary (June)  Municipal  School  Fire

Special (Select) To be held on (MM/DD/YYYY)

**MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTER ONLY**

I request Vote-By-Mail Ballots for all elections in which I am eligible to vote and I am (CHECK ONLY ONE)

A Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent.

A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I intend to return.

A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I do not intend to return.

A U.S. Citizen residing outside the U.S. and I have never lived in the U.S.

**PLEASE NOTE: Your ballot can only be sent to the mailing address supplied on this application. If your mailing address changes, you must notify the County Clerk in writing.**

**2** Last Name First Name Middle Name or Initial Suffix (Jr., Sr., III)

**3** Address at which you are registered to vote: Street Address or RD# Apt. Municipality (City/Town) State Zip Code

**4** Mail my ballot to the following address: Same Address as Section 3

Please include any PO Box, RFD, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code & Country (if outside US)

**5** Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) / / **6** Day Time Phone Number ( ) - ( ) - ( ) **7** E-Mail Address

**8** Signature: I affirm that I am the person who is applying for this ballot and I live at the address designated in box 3 of this form. X Today's Date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

**OPTIONAL - ONLY COMPLETE SECTIONS 10 OR 11 IF APPLICABLE**

**10** Assistor: Any person providing assistance to the voter in completing this application must complete this section. Name of Assistor (Title or Print) Signature of Assistor Date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

Address Apt. Municipality (City/Town) State Zip

**Authorized Messenger:** Any voter may apply for a Mail-In Ballot by Authorized Messenger. Messenger shall be a family member or a registered voter of this County. No Authorized Messenger can (1) be a Candidate in the election for which the voter is requesting a Mail-In Ballot or (2) serve as messenger for more than THREE qualified voters per election, except that an authorized messenger or bearer may serve as such for up to five qualified voters in an election if those voters are immediate family members residing in the same household as the messenger or bearer.

I designate (Print Name of Authorized Messenger) to be my Authorized Messenger.

Address of Messenger Apt. Municipality (City/Town) State Zip Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

**11** Signature of Voter Date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

X Authorized Messenger must sign application and show photo ID in the presence of the County Clerk or County Clerk designee.

"I do hereby certify that I will deliver the Mail-In Ballot directly to the voter and no other person, under penalty of law."

Signature of Voter Date (MM/DD/YYYY) / /

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Voter Reg #

Muni Code # Party

Ward District

Request for ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS

Choice of ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS or specific election (type and date)

Opt out of "all future elections" using a special form.  
All forms available on [MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com)

# How to Complete a vote-by-mail ballot



1

## Fill in the ballot

*Blue or black ink. No red. No pencil.  
If you "spoil" the ballot, you can request a replacement on [MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com)*



Office Title	Personal Choice	
Vote for One	Jane DOE <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Write-in
	John DOE <input type="radio"/>	



2

## Put ballot in Certification Envelope.

**Complete and SIGN the Certificate**  
*Include your contact information in case election officials need to be in touch concerning your certificate. Do not detach!*



3

## Insert the Certification Envelope into the return envelope.

*If someone mails or delivers your Vote-by-Mail ballot for you, they must complete the "Bearer" information.*



# How to Return your vote-by-mail ballot



## Drop Box

24/7

Up to 8 p.m. Election Day.  
Use any in Monmouth Co.  
Collected daily.  
Under video surveillance.

-or-



## US Postal Service

24/7

Must be postmarked by  
Election Day and received  
by Bd. of Elections within 6  
days after close of polls.

-or-



## Hand deliver

County Board of Elections, 300  
Halls Mill Road,  
Freehold  
Mon-Fri: 8:30 to 4:30  
**EXTRA HOURS: Fri. 11/1,  
8:30 to 7; Sat., 11/2, 9 to 2**  
Until 8:00 p.m. Election Day  
**ID required.**

To track your vote-by-mail ballot,  
[monmouthcounty.ballottrax.net/voter/](https://monmouthcounty.ballottrax.net/voter/)

# Monmouth County Drop Box locations

Available starting September 23. Use any location.

## **Aberdeen Township**

Aberdeen Municipal Building  
1 Aberdeen Square

## **Allentown Borough**

Allentown Borough Hall  
8 North Main Street

## **Asbury Park City**

Asbury Park City Hall, City Council  
Chambers (Bangs Ave. Entrance)  
1 Municipal Plaza

## **Belmar Borough**

Belmar Municipal Building  
601 Main Street

## **Colts Neck Township**

Colts Neck Township Municipal Bldg  
124 Cedar Drive

## **Eatontown Borough**

Eatontown Municipal Bldg— Rear  
Entrance  
47 Broad Street

## **Fair Haven Borough**

Fair Haven Municipal Bldg  
748 River Road

## **Freehold Borough**

Borough of Freehold Municipal Bldg  
30 Mechanic Street

## **Freehold Township**

- Board of Elections Office  
300 Halls Mill Road—Side Entrance  
  
- Freehold Township Muni. Bldg  
1 Municipal Plaza

## **Hazlet Township**

Hazlet Agency - NJ Motor Vehicle Comm.  
1374 Highway 36 Airport Plaza

## **Holmdel Township**

Holmdel Senior / Community Center  
6 Crawfords Corner Road

## **Howell Township**

Howell Municipal Bldg - Rear Entrance  
4567 Route 9 North

## **Keansburg Borough**

Keansburg Municipal Bldg.  
29 Church St. (Rear Parking Lot)

## **Keyport Borough**

Keyport Municipal Bldg  
70 West Front Street

## **Little Silver Borough**

Little Silver Municipal Bldg  
480 Prospect Avenue

## **Long Branch City**

Long Branch City Hall  
344 Broadway

## **Manalapan Township**

Manalapan Municipal Building  
120 County Rd 522

## **Manasquan**

Manasquan Municipal Bldg  
201 East Main Street

## **Marlboro Township**

Marlboro Township Municipal Bldg  
1979 Township Drive

## **Matawan Borough**

Matawan Municipal Bldg  
201 Broad Street

## **Middletown Township**

-Croydon Hall  
900 Leonardville Rd., Leonardo  
  
- Middletown Twp. Public Library  
55 New Monmouth Rd.

## **Millstone Township**

Millstone Township Municipal Bldg  
470 Stagecoach Road

## **Neptune Township**

Neptune Township Municipal Bldg  
(Library Entrance)  
25 Neptune Boulevard

## **Ocean Township**

Ocean Township Town Hall  
399 Monmouth Road

## **Oceanport**

Oceanport Municipal Building  
910 Oceanport Way

## **Red Bank**

Red Bank Municipal Building  
90 Monmouth Street

## **Rumson Borough**

Rumson Borough Hall (front pkg lot)  
80 East River Road

## **Tinton Falls Borough**

Tinton Falls EMS Building  
1 Volunteer Way

## **Union Beach**

Union Beach Municipal Building  
650 Poole Avenue

## **Upper Freehold Township**

Upper Freehold Municipal Building  
314 Route 539  
Cream Ridge

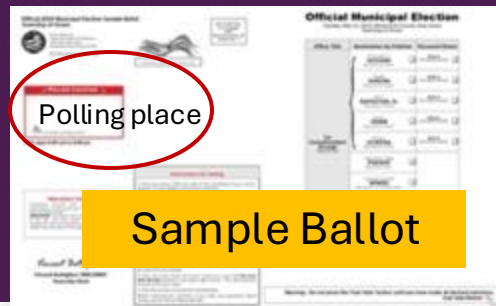
## **Wall Township**

Wall Township Municipal Building  
2700 Allaire Road

## **West Long Branch**

- West Long Branch Community Ctr.  
116 Locust Avenue <sup>13</sup>  
  
- Monmouth University Student Ctr.  
400 Cedar Avenue

# How to Vote in Person (in Monmouth County)



## 1 CHECK IN

Voter checks in and signs at any e-pollbook. The poll worker validates the signature.

## 2 GET BALLOT

The poll worker inserts a blank card into Activation Card Printer. Based on information from the e-pollbook, this device prints a barcode on the card identifying the correct ballot.

## 3 VOTE

Voters insert the Activation Card into the voting machine, make their selections on the big screen, confirm their choices on the paper ballot, and cast their vote.

# The new (2021) equipment has benefits

## The electronic pollbooks

### ACCOMMODATE BALLOTS FROM ALL RACES IN COUNTY

Critical to implementing early in-person voting

### ENSURE ONE VOTER-ONE VOTE

Indicate earlier vote or request for vote-by-mail ballot

### EXPEDITE VOTER CHECK-IN

To speed up the process, instead of giving their name and date of birth, voters have the OPTION to scan their driver's license or sample ballot to check-in. *Not required!*

### HELP VOTERS IN THE WRONG PLACE

If a voter is at the wrong polling place, the poll worker can access records and redirect them



As of 2019, 41 states and the District of Columbia were using e-pollbooks ([bipartisanpolicy.org](http://bipartisanpolicy.org))

# The new (2021) equipment has benefits

## The new voting machines

### ACCOMMODATE MULTIPLE BALLOTS

Critical to implementing early in-person voting

### PROVIDE A PAPER TRAIL

Our former machines provided no paper trail, making vote validation and auditing impossible.

### ALLOW VOTER BALLOT CONFIRMATION

Voters see a paper ballot of their choices before casting their vote—and can “quit” if in error.

### SUPPORT MACHINE-VOTING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

(Provisional ballots are not scanned by or retained in the voting machine. They are handled separately.)



*Electronic Systems & Software  
(ES&S) ExpressVote XL*



# About Provisional Ballots

## Provisional Ballots are:

Ballots used at the polls when there is a question about the eligibility of the voter. They are kept separate from other votes and not counted until the eligibility question is resolved by County election officials.

### Examples of eligibility questions

- Incomplete information in poll book
- Missing signature
- Request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot
- “Active Need ID” voter  
*(Issue with ID needed for registration and unable to provide ID to resolve issue at the polls)*
- Change of address  
*(Did not update registration [within county] or re-register [moved from a different county])*

# About Provisional ballots

*If there is a challenge at the polls to your eligibility, you will be given a provisional ballot and can request one if it is not provided.*

## HOW IT WORKS

1. The Poll Worker gives you a Provisional Affirmation Statement form, attached to a special envelope, and provides a private space for you to complete the form.
2. You return the completed form and attached envelope to the Poll Worker who enters the information on the form into the pollbook, returns your Affirmation Statement and envelope, and generates your “Voter Activation Card” (the card you insert into the voting machine). The card identifies the ballot as “Provisional.”
3. You insert the card into the voting machine and make your choice on the screen. The machine prints your choices on the card and ejects it. *Your ballot is not scanned or saved in the machine.*
4. You insert your printed ballot into the envelope, seal it, and give it to the Poll Worker who puts it in the PROVISIONAL BALLOT BAG.
5. At the close of the polls, all provisional ballots are taken to the County Election Office.

Once eligibility questions are resolved,  
**ALL ELIGIBLE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS ARE COUNTED!**

*Monmouth County*

# Early in-person polling locations

Monmouth County Voters can vote early at [ANY OF THESE](#) sites

## **Colts Neck**

Colts Neck Public Library (2 Veterans Way)

## **Hazlet**

Monmouth Co. Library, Hazlet Branch (251 Middle Road)

## **Howell**

Church of St. Veronica—Gymnasium (4219 Route 9 N.)

## **Little Silver**

Women's Club of Little Silver (111 Church Street)

## **Long Branch**

Brookdale Community College Long Branch Campus—  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (213 Broadway)

## **Manalapan**

Monmouth County Library Headquarters  
(125 Symmes Drive)

## **Middletown**

Croydon Hall—Assembly Hall (900 Leonardville Rd.)

## **Neptune Twp**

Neptune Twp Senior Center—Fitness Center (1607  
Corlies Avenue)

## **Spring Lake Heights**

Cornelius V. Kelly Community Center (902 Ocean Rd.)

## **Upper Freehold Twp**

Hope Fire Company #1 (82 Route 526)

**Sat., Oct. 26 to Sun., Nov. 3**

**Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 8 pm. Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm.**

# Dates and deadlines

[MonmouthCountyVotes.com](http://MonmouthCountyVotes.com)

Sept. 21	<b>Mail-in ballots</b> begin to be sent to voters who requested them (45 days before Election Day)
Oct. 15	<b>Voter registration deadline</b> (21 days before the General Election)
Oct. 23	<b>Sample ballots</b> mailed to registered voters who have not requested a mail-in ballot (on or before 12 noon on Wednesday preceding the start of the early voting )
Oct. 26-Nov. 3	<b>Early voting in person</b> (any of 10 polling sites in Monmouth County)
Oct. 29	Deadline for an <b>application for mail-in ballot to be received by mail by the County Clerk's office</b>
Nov. 4 by 3:00 pm	Deadline to apply for a <b>mail-in ballot in person</b> at County Clerk Office
Nov 5	<b>General Election</b> (in-person voting at your assigned local polling site)
Nov 5	Deadline for <b>Post Office postmark on the mail-in ballot</b> ( <i>Ballot must be received by the Post Office and postmarked by this date.</i> )
Nov. 5 by 8:00 pm	Deadline to submit <b>mail-in ballot in a drop box or in person</b> at the Board of Elections (Nov. 7 deadline for receipt by Bd. of Elections of mail-in ballots delivered by Post Office without postmark)
Nov 11	Deadline for receipt of mailed <b>postmarked mail-in ballots</b> at County Board of Elections
Nov. 25	Deadline for County Clerk to certify and transmit <b>official General Election results</b>



# For up-to-date information on the election

## Voting and local ballot information (U.S. wide)

[Vote411org](https://www.vote411.org) - from the League of Women Voters.  
Personalized info about your ballot and candidates



## New Jersey voting information and forms

[Vote.nj.gov](https://www.vote.nj.gov) – NJ Voter Information Portal of the NJ  
Division of Elections available online or as an app



## County voting information, ballot tracking, forms

[MonmouthCountyVotes.com](https://www.monmouthcountynj.gov/votes) available online  
or as an app

