

Cultivating Community Connections

- Encouraging community involvement.
- Linking communities to resources.

Maryland



- Deadline to register online to vote is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- Deadline for registering by mail to vote is Tuesday, October 13.
- Deadline to request a ballot by mail is Tuesday, Oct. 20. Text VBM to 77788 - NOW! Status: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch/>
- Deadline to Vote by Drop Box: 8 p.m. Nov 3 -Location in mail-in ballot. Emptied daily, rain/shine/Sundays, by bipartisan county staff members.
- Early voting period runs from Monday, Oct 26 through Monday, Nov 2 (including Sat & Sun) 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. NOTE. Fill out whole ballot - DO NOT leave anything unmarked or ballot will not be counted!
- Early voting centers: https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/early_voting.html
- You can also register and vote on Election Day.
- Presidents don't win by majority of *popular* vote - win by majority of *electoral* votes! Win a state by one vote - YOUR vote! <https://www.npr.org/>

You can print out a card of this on our CCC web site: CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com

Your Voice... Your Vote... It Matters!

2020 GENERAL ELECTION



*If you miss the registration deadline, you may still register and vote on the same day during Early Voting or on Election Day.



We want to hear from you!

Is there an topic you would like to see us address?

Are there questions you would like to have answered?

Email us at:

CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com

Web Site- Check it Out!

- Thanks to Carol Relitz our web site has undergone a big change! We are truly becoming a place where community members can find resources. Please visit our web site at:
- Submit articles for our web site or newsletter to:
CultivatingCommunityConn@gmail.com

Our Leadership Team

Carol Jenkins- founder

Jeff Jenkins- co-founder

Anita Brown- recording secretary

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How and When Will Mail-In Votes Be Counted?

Send your ballot in early so it will be counted and reported on Election Day.

https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/Public_Notice_Opening_Mail-in%20Ballots_and_Reporting_Unofficial_Results.pdf

“State Board has prescribed that, for the 2020 Presidential General Election, a local board shall meet to canvass the mail-in ballots cast in that election no earlier than October 1, 2020, at 8 a.m. “

“State Board has prescribed that, for the 2020 Presidential General Election, each local board may not open any envelope of a mail-in ballot prior to October 1, 2020, at 8 a.m.”

“State Board has prescribed that, for the 2020 Presidential General Election, each local board shall prepare and release a report of the unofficial results of the absentee ballot vote tabulation no earlier than the closing of polls on election day, and thereafter at the end of each day of canvassing.”

Recommended Plans for Voting

For those who DO NOT want to go vote in person:

- Apply NOW for a mail-in ballot: [request a Mailed-In ballot online.](#)
- As soon as you receive your ballot, fill it out. Drive your ballot, as soon as possible, to your local board of elections or a designated Drop Box. (Locations: [local board of elections](#) , Drop Boxes TBD <https://www.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html#faq>) To find the location of drop boxes on the above web site, scroll down to the section, “Returning your Ballot”.

For those who CAN vote in person, use Early Voting:

- Voting locations may have changed. Check the information on your sample ballot or on the official web site. <https://www.elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/index.html#faq>)

Not sure if you are registered to vote:

- Check your status here: You can register or change your registration information: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>
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Please read our new “Connecting Advocates” newsletter.

- * Barbara Sollner-Webb provides important information about the proposed MAGLEV (high-speed rail line) and its impact on the environment.

We can all help increase voter turn-out in our own circles. Talk to friends, talk to family. Encourage others to spread the word. Let's increase voter turn-out!

The Psychology of Voting

By Jill Suttie Nov. 5, 2018 Mindfulness Research

<https://www.mindful.org/the-psychology-of-voting/>

"Research suggests that instilling emotions like gratitude and civic pride may help increase voter turnout."

"Another study found that people will vote more in an election when they see that people they are close to are voting, and that this behavior can spread through social networks."

Elections would not be possible without the good people who serve as election judges, and we need more of them for the upcoming presidential election. Election judges get paid! If you are interested in becoming an election judge or working at a vote center, [click here to learn more.](#)



Make your voice heard. Focus on issues.

What issues are most important to you and those you know? Ask them. You might be surprised by their answer. We don't have to agree, but we can model positive communication by being willing to listen rather than to argue.

Talk to possible voters in other states.

Below are two videos on YouTube that might help you encourage others to vote. (Note: These videos might be considered to have a political bias. They were posted here because they might be of interest to key reluctant-to-vote citizens. CCC does not support any specific political point of view. We encourage our readers to find factual material. If you find a video that better encourages young people and/or reluctant citizens to vote, please let us know and we'd be happy to share those videos.)

John Lewis: Voting Matters <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrCeBBSxm3g>

"If you're not able to vote, in a sense you really don't count. Voting controls everything that we do in our country from the time that we are born until we leave this place."

"It is all of us working and pulling together to create a community at peace with itself."

Why Voting Matters (CNHS students respond) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3l8JmWKzpc>

"Vote because, if we don't, it won't reflect the people's choice"

"Vote because the city can change in a blink of the eye."