

**Register to Vote before
June 28**

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Uniting community members to transform our neighborhoods is at the heart of what we do.

Local Elections Matter!

Encourage Voting, Share Your Knowledge

In Prince George's County, we have seen the consequences of **not** having local officials who put the needs of constituents first. When key issues come up for a vote in County Council, it is critical that the majority of Council members will give honest consideration to constituent issues such as traffic, infrastructure, population density, safety, and protecting the environment. Our current Council make-up doesn't have a majority of elected officials that put residents' concerns first. As a result, we had to rely on the courts to throw out a developer-friendly redistricting map. It should never have come to a court case!

The upcoming primary election offers us the opportunity to take a stand and ensure that the next Council is constituent-focused. Thanks to term limits, new candidates are running for most district seats. But, for residents in districts who have constituent-focused incumbents who are unopposed, their votes are just as important. There are two At-Large seats where the incumbents favored the redistricting plan despite 5 hours of testimony from constituents objecting to the plan.

Here's what all of us can do:

- **Get informed.** There are several ways to become knowledgeable about the candidates. One way is to attend a virtual debate. Another is to look for the endorsement of known organizations or community leaders. In District 1, our Council member, Tom Dernoga, consistently votes to protect constituents and the environment. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/TomDernogaforD1/> to see who he endorses for the At-Large seats.
- **Help others get in the voting habit.** Many people are reluctant to vote because they don't know enough about the candidates and they think the primary isn't very important. In Maryland, the primary is vital. For many offices, the winner of the Democratic primary has a sizable advantage in the General election. In other words, the Democratic primary winner is most likely to win the seat. Since only registered Democrats vote for their party's candidates in the primary, encourage others to register to vote in the Democratic primary and help them with the ballot. (See page 2 for voter information and links.)

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What Do You Think?

Cultivating Community Connections would like to know about the people in your community that are making a difference. Tell us who they are and what they are doing. Email us at:

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Our Leadership Team

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Thank you for supporting CCC's efforts to strengthen communities.

Voter Information

<https://www.elections.maryland.gov>



2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election

Mail-in Voting

The deadline depends on how you want to receive your ballot.

- If you hand deliver your request and the ballots are ready, you can pick up your mail-in ballot. You may take your mail-in ballot with you and return it by mail or you can vote it at the local board office and give it to an election official. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot in person is election day, July 19, 2022. Please visit your [local board of elections' website](#) for hours of operation.
- If you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax, your request must be received (not just mailed) by Tuesday, July 12, 2022.
- If you want to receive your ballot via the internet,* your request must be received by 5pm, Friday, July 15, 2022 for a request sent in the mail, or by 11:59 pm, Friday, July 15, 2022 for a request sent by fax or [submitted online](#).
- If you miss the deadlines to receive your ballot by mail, fax, or via the internet, but still want to vote by mail-in ballot, you or your agent must apply in person at your [local board of elections](#). For more information about someone else picking up your ballot, see "Can I have someone pick up my ballot?" below.

When can I vote?

Voting in Maryland

- You can either vote in person during early voting or on election day or by [mail-in ballot](#).
- [Early voting](#) starts on Thursday, July 7, 2022 and goes through Thursday, July 14, 2022. Each early voting center will be open continuously from 7 am to 8 pm each day. Anyone in line at 8 pm will be allowed to vote.
- On election day, Tuesday, July 19, 2022 you must vote at your [assigned polling place](#). All election day polling places are open continuously from 7 am until 8 pm on. Anyone in line at 8 pm will be allowed to vote.

Helpful Links: [2022 Candidate List](#), [Prince George's County](#), [Montgomery County](#), [All Candidates](#)