

## **Absentee Voting**

### ***Permanent Absentee Voter Ballot List***

In November 2022, the voters of Michigan passed Proposal 2022-02. This proposal establishes new guidelines for obtaining an absentee ballot. The Michigan Constitution now recognizes that residents, once registered, may submit a one-time **SINGLE SIGNED ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION COVERING ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS.**

If you sign up, you will receive an Absentee Ballot before every future election until you rescind the request or one of the following takes place.

- The voter submits a signed request to rescind.
- The voter is no longer qualified to vote.
- The Secretary of State or the election official responsible for issuing the voter an absent voter ballot receives reliable information that the voter has moved to another state or has moved within this state without updating their voter registration address.
- The voter does not vote for six (6) consecutive years.

### ***Application based absentee voter ballot.***

The non-permanent absentee voter will need to apply for a ballot for every election that they intend to vote for. This can be accomplished a number of ways:

- MVIC -<https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter/Index>
- In person at the Clerk's office
- By phone, the clerk can then email or mail the application to your preference.
- Email or mail a generic form found on the secretary of states website or the city's website.

Once the application is received and verified the clerk's office will then mail your absentee ballot or if you come in person with ID the clerk can give you your ballot after verifying the application.

### ***Options to Return your absentee ballot.***

- Mail your completed Ballot back to the Clerk's office. Give at least 14-10 Days if mailing before election day. We want to make sure the post office has plenty of time.
- Drop off at Clerks office either by walking it in or putting it the secure Dropbox in the City Hall parking lot.
- \*NEW\* Absentee Voter Ballots can now be tabulated at their Precinct on election day or at their early voting site. You will be directed to fill out an application to vote and they will need to verify the ballot number if you decide to do this option.

## **Early Voting**

In November 2022, the voters of Michigan passed Proposal 2022-02, all voters have the right to vote in-person at an early voting site prior to election day. This includes AV ballots they received in the mail. Early Voting will be in-person precinct style of voting. Results will not be generated until 8 p.m. on election day night.

### ***South County Site***

■ Location: – Berrien County South County Building, Door 13 1205 N. Front Street, Niles, Michigan 49120.

■ Dates and Times: Dates and Times:

– Saturday, February 17, 2024 - Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

– Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

– Thursday, February 22, 2024 - Sunday, February 25, 2024, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

■ Contact: County Clerk, Elections Administrator, Elections Coordinator, Lead South County Site Supervisor, Clerk Michelle Hannon.

– Each day there will also be a daily site supervisor present to assist with any election issues.

■ Participating municipalities:

CITIES: Bridgman City, Buchanan City, New Buffalo City

TOWNSHIPS: Baroda Township, Berrien Township, Bertrand Ch. Township, Buchanan Ch. Township, Chikaming Township, Galien Township, Lake Ch. Township, New Buffalo Township, Niles Ch. Township, Oronoko Ch. Township, Three Oaks Township, Weesaw Township

### ***Election Day Voting***

**Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Pct 1- City Hall, 302 N Redbud Trail**

**Pct 2- Redbud City Center, 131 S Oak St.**