



July 17, 2024

Regular Municipal Election: November 5, 2024

The Town of Mead Regular Municipal Election will be held on November 5, 2024, in coordination with the Weld County Elections Department. Mead's seven-member Board of Trustees is elected to four-year staggered terms, with elections held in November of even-numbered years. This year, there are three open seats on the Board of Trustees.

For those interested in running for the open seats, a Candidate Informational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6 at 4:00 p.m. at Mead Town Hall. Qualified candidates must be U.S. citizens over the age of 18, registered to vote, and residents of Mead for at least 12 months. Candidates must obtain at least ten signatures on a Nomination Petition—petitions will be available on August 6. Residents interested in running for office should contact the Town Clerk and attend the informational meeting for further candidate instructions.

In addition to electing trustees, Mead residents will vote on several local ballot initiatives. The Office of the Town Clerk has provided general information on these potential ballot questions to help residents make informed decisions.

- 1. Mead Police Department Funding Ballot Question:** The Board of Trustees is considering a 1% sale and use tax ballot question dedicated to supporting the Mead Police Department. This funding measure ensures adequate resources for future operations and anticipated community growth. Currently, Mead Police Officers respond to approximately 11,000 calls annually, patrol over 125 miles of roadways, and serve three schools with over 2,600 students and staff. Critical funding shortfalls include:
 - Two School Resource Officers (SROs) dividing their time among three Mead schools.
 - Limited staffing with only one patrol officer per shift.
 - Inadequate facilities, lacking dedicated spaces for training, evidence storage, interview rooms, or holding cells.
 - Insufficient resources to expand community policing initiatives.

For more information on the Mead Police Department ballot question, visit <https://bit.ly/MPDeducation> or scan the QR Code:



2. **St. Vrain Valley School District 2024 Bond Initiative:** The St. Vrain Valley School District is considering a \$739.8 million bond initiative to maintain its commitment to academic excellence, safety, and preparing students for future careers. This initiative includes plans for constructing a new PK-8 school in Mead without increasing property taxes. The proposed priorities for the 2024 Bond include:
- Investing in programs for skilled trades (plumbing, electrical, construction), computer systems, cybersecurity, healthcare, and more.
 - Upgrading school buildings to enhance safety measures.
 - Addressing critical building maintenance and upgrading outdated infrastructure.
 - Building new school facilities and adding classrooms to accommodate current and future student enrollments.

For more information on the SVVSD 2024 Bond Initiative, visit <https://www.svvsd.org/proposed-2024-bond-initiative> or scan the QR code:



3. **Marijuana Business Regulations:** A citizen-led ballot question proposes allowing a limited number of marijuana businesses in designated locations within Mead, as determined by the Board of Trustees and subject to local standards. Key aspects of this proposal include:
- Restricting marijuana businesses from operating in school zones and downtown areas.
 - Permitting marijuana businesses along the I-25 corridor or similarly zoned light industrial areas.
 - Establishing distance requirements between marijuana businesses to prevent clustering.
 - Introducing specific fees and operational procedures tailored to the Town of Mead.

For more information on these ballot initiatives, general election inquiries, or how to run for office, please contact Mary Strutt, Town Clerk, at mstrutt@townofmead.org.

As a Coordinated Election, electors will receive one ballot covering all municipal, state, and federal issues. Ballots will be mailed to registered electors by the Weld County Elections Department on or about October 11, 2024. Please note that Mead will not have a ballot drop-box. For more information on ballot box locations, visit the Weld County Elections Department website. To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old on or before the election date, and a State of Colorado resident. If you have a Colorado Driver's License or ID Card, you may register online at www.govotecolorado.com.