

Be A Voter

The League of Women Voters of Thurston County urges all eligible citizens to make sure that they are registered to vote at their current residence and VOTE as soon as possible before November 3, 2020.

If you are uncertain whether you are currently registered as a voter in Washington at your current address, you can verify your voter status or register at vote.wa.gov. The deadline for on-line voter registration is October 26, 2020; you can register in person at the Auditor's Office up to 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020. **In person registrations this year will be taken at South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) on Mottman Road, not at the county courthouse.**

This year, the Voter Pamphlets will be mailed to all eligible voters on October 2, 2020. Ballots will be mailed to military personnel by September 18, 2020. In Thurston County, ballots will be mailed to all other voters on October 8, 2020. Ballots will be able to be picked up at the Auditor's Office at SPSCC after October 14, 2020 if you need a replacement. "We're offering convenient drive through voter services. You don't even need to get out of your car," said Auditor Mary Hall. "It's important we do all we can to keep workers and voters safe during this pandemic."

In Washington State and Thurston County we are fortunate to have proven vote-by-mail systems in place. People automatically receive their ballot in the mail. Voters can complete their ballots in the comfort of their home and then mail the ballots in or drop them off at one of several secure drop boxes throughout the county. Drop box locations can be found at <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/auditor/pages/elections-dropbox.aspx>. Postage is prepaid on all ballots in Washington State. Due to conflicting messages about the security of the mail system, LWV recommends that people return their ballot in a drop box or mail the ballot at least seven days before November 3rd which is October 27th.

To prepare for voting, please watch our videos, co-produced with Jenna Mason Multimedia with local actors and settings: Be A Voter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pv59jHKc5A8&t=2s&ab> and How To Vote <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lWHRjjUXJg&t=5s&ab>

We urge you to research all down-ballot candidates. These positions have a direct impact on you and your family. Local election races include Thurston County Board of Commissioners, Thurston Superior Court Judge, WA Senate District 22 and WA House District 22. Non-partisan forums moderated by LWV for these candidates can be found at [lwvthurston.org/forums](https://www.lwvthurston.org/forums)

It is our right as citizens of the United States to elect our public officials. This year and every year, the League of Women Voters encourages you to **Be A Voter.**

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