

VOTING REFERENCE DOCUMENT V.12 September 6 2021 for League Members

(Based on the document created for the Voter Service Committee volunteers for the Book-A-Librarian: All About Voting program)

IMPORTANT DATES

01 Oct	Last day for County to mail notice of ballot issues	LARIMER COUNTY ELECTION CALENDAR LINK (download): Election Legal Notice: (download):	2021 Election Calendar (7/12/2021) 2021 Coordinated Election - Notice of Election
11 Oct	Ballots begin being mailed out to voters	“Ballots will be mailed the week of October 11, 2021” “Continue to check this site for more information.”	Oct 12 is the last day to submit a registration application through a Voter Registration Drive.
08- Oct – 02- Nov	<u>BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS</u>	Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7 PM Election Night	Drop off your voted ballot 24 hours a day at the following ballot drop box locations 1)Estes Park Vehicle Licensing Office, 1601 Brodie Ave, Estes Park 2)Estes Park Municipal Building, 170 MacGregor Ave, Estes Park
25 Oct - 02- Nov	<u>Voter Service and Polling Centers</u> (VSPC): Estes Valley Community Center, 660 Community Dr, Estes Park	And, drop off your voted ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change your address, register to vote, or vote on an ADA accessible voting machine Through Election day, but starts Oct 25+; Hours: Monday thru Friday, October 25 – October 29 (8 AM – 5 PM), Saturday, October 30 (9 AM – 1 PM), Monday, November 1 (8 AM – 5 PM), and Tuesday, Election Day, November 2 (7 AM – 7 PM)	Quickest way to vote if you haven’t yet registered. See ID info below. 2021 Coordinated Election - Notice of Election
25- Oct	Deadline for Larimer County to receive a PAPER REGISTRATION but recommend mailing earlier.	Postmark date doesn’t count. or submit the form to a voter registration agency, a local driver’s license facility, or online	Need driver's license # or Dept. of Revenue ID #. If none, paper registration form and provide the last four digits of your SSN OR CHECK THE “3 rd box on line 3

<p>BY OCT 25</p>	<p>Registration must be RECEIVED by SOS to receive a ballot by mail. Postmarks do not count as a received date.</p>	<p>Register to vote on-line before Oct. 25 with Colorado ID or download a paper form if you don't have Colorado ID. <u>Mailed registrations</u> MUST be received by Oct. 25 to receive a Mailed ballot. <u>After Oct. 25 you can register and get a ballot in-person</u> at Voter Service Polling Centers (VSPC) through Election Day Nov 2.</p>	<p>VOTE411.org (available from Oct 3, 2021)</p> <p>If you do not have any of the forms of ID, please check 3rd box on line 3. A unique identifying number will then be assigned to you by the state and you will still be registered to vote. However, <i>if</i> the identification section is left blank and you do <i>not</i> check the box indicating you do not have identification, you will not be registered to vote. Your ballot will be considered provisional until the state verifies your identity. It takes the state several days to verify.</p>
<p>02- NOV</p>	<p>Election Day Last Day to Register in Person</p>	<p>Registration in Person at Voter Service Polling Centers (VSPC) through Election Day Nov 2.</p>	<p>See <u>Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC)</u> above.</p>

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

<https://www.larimer.org/clerk/elections/current-elections/2021>

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/home.xhtml>

govotecolorado.gov actually brings you to the SOS website above.

<https://www.vote411.org/colorado> This site will “go live” on October 3rd for the November 2021 election.

COLORADO VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Colorado for at least 22 days immediately before the Election in which you intend to vote
- You must be at least 17 years of age and turning 18 on or before the date of the next election in order to vote in a primary election, special election, coordinated election, or general election.
- not be serving a sentence of detention or confinement for a felony conviction

Colorado now has automatic voter registration. When you interact with certain agencies, such as the DMV, you usually provide information like your name, address, date of birth, etc. This information is then used to register you to vote in Colorado. The county clerk will verify that they have the complete record to register you to vote. If your record is complete, the county clerk will send a notice to you that you are registered to vote. You can return the notice to either decline to be registered or to affiliate with a political party. If you do not decline to be registered within 20 days after the notice is mailed, and the form is not returned as undeliverable, you are then registered to vote.

Colorado Secretary of State - Find My Voter Registration – find link on <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter>
Enter your information as it is currently shown on your voter registration record. If you have only one name, use the last name field.

Voter Registration Paper Forms in English and Spanish will be available at the Estes Valley Public Library: 335 E. Elkhorn Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517 (check hours). Call and ask it to be mailed to you if you can't get to the library. Submit the paper form **by October 25th** – earlier is better.

To print the form from an online link go to

For English: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/home.xhtml>

For Spanish: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/spanish/spanishHome.html>

Mail the registration form to **Larimer County Elections, PO Box 1547, Fort Collins, CO 80522.** The deadline for Larimer County to receive your form is October **25th**. It is recommended to mail it well before the deadline due to potential slowdowns in mail delivery. **If you use the mailing address on the back of the form which is in Denver, it will take an extra week.**

If you do not have any of the forms of ID, please check the appropriate boxes on the paper registration application form. A unique identifying number will then be assigned to you by the state and you will still be registered to vote.

However, if the identification section is left blank and you do not check the box(es) indicating you do not have identification, you will not be registered to vote.

HOW TO GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

There are two options:

With access to the internet: (this will work unless the voter has a *confidential* record)

Go to www.govotecolorado.gov which brings you to the S.O.S. website.

Under Manage my Registration, click on Find my registration

Type in the relevant information to find your record.

Click SEARCH

When the record appears, find the “edit” button

Enter your Colorado Driver License number and last 4 digits of your SSN and submit.

Scroll to “Mail my ballot to a different address” and enter it. Follow the Next instructions.

If you can’t do the above,

Go to the Larimer County Clerk’s Office, 200 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521
starting September 21st between 8:30-4:30 to pick up a ballot.

BALLOT INFORMATION

To mail your ballot, attach **one first class stamp**, and mail as early as you can. A mailed ballot must be received at the Larimer County Clerk’s office by 7pm Nov 2nd. **Postmarks do not count as a received date.** Keep in mind potential slowdowns in mail delivery. **Mailbox locations in Estes Park:**

Estes Park Post Office
215 W Riverside Dr

Public Collection Box
500 Big Thompson Ave

Public Collection Box
451 E Wonder View Ave

Public Collection Box
238 W Elkhorn Ave

Public Collection Box
900 Moraine Ave

Public Collection Box
1110 Woodstock Dr

Public Collection Box
158 1 St

Public Collection Box
256 Park Ln

Nearby mailboxes:

Glen Haven Post Office
7420 County Road 43
Glen Haven, CO 80532

Allenspark Post Office
7 Washington St
Allenspark, CO 80510

Ballot Box Drop Off location: 24-Hour: Open Oct 8–Nov 2 Voters may drop off their voted ballots 24 hours a day at these two locations. Ballots will be accepted in these boxes until 7:00 PM Election Night:

1. **Estes Park Municipal Building**, (outside the Estes Park Town Hall) 170 MacGregor Ave
2. **Outside the Larimer County Vehicle Licensing Office**, 1601 Brodie Ave.

Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC): Open Oct 25–Nov 2

When voting in person at the Polling Center, bring ID: Acceptable forms of ID are listed below *

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/FAQsMain.html>, see **General**, click on **General Information**, and click on “Acceptable forms of ID.”

Voters may drop off their completed ballot, obtain a replacement ballot, change their address or register to vote at this Voter Service and Polling Center:

Estes Valley Community Center (Recreation Center) 660 Community Dr. **LOWER LEVEL (Senior Center level)**

Monday thru Friday, October 25 – October 29 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Saturday, October 30 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Monday, November 1 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

Tuesday, *Election Day*, November 2 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS For details go to the SOS FAQs website:

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/FAQsMain.html>

Tracking your ballot: <https://Colorado.ballottrax.net/voter/>

DISTRICTS locally: See below the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) visual for transition to different timing of elections for board members. The only local district having its election in November is the Estes Park School District. All other districts have elections in May.

Estes Park School District

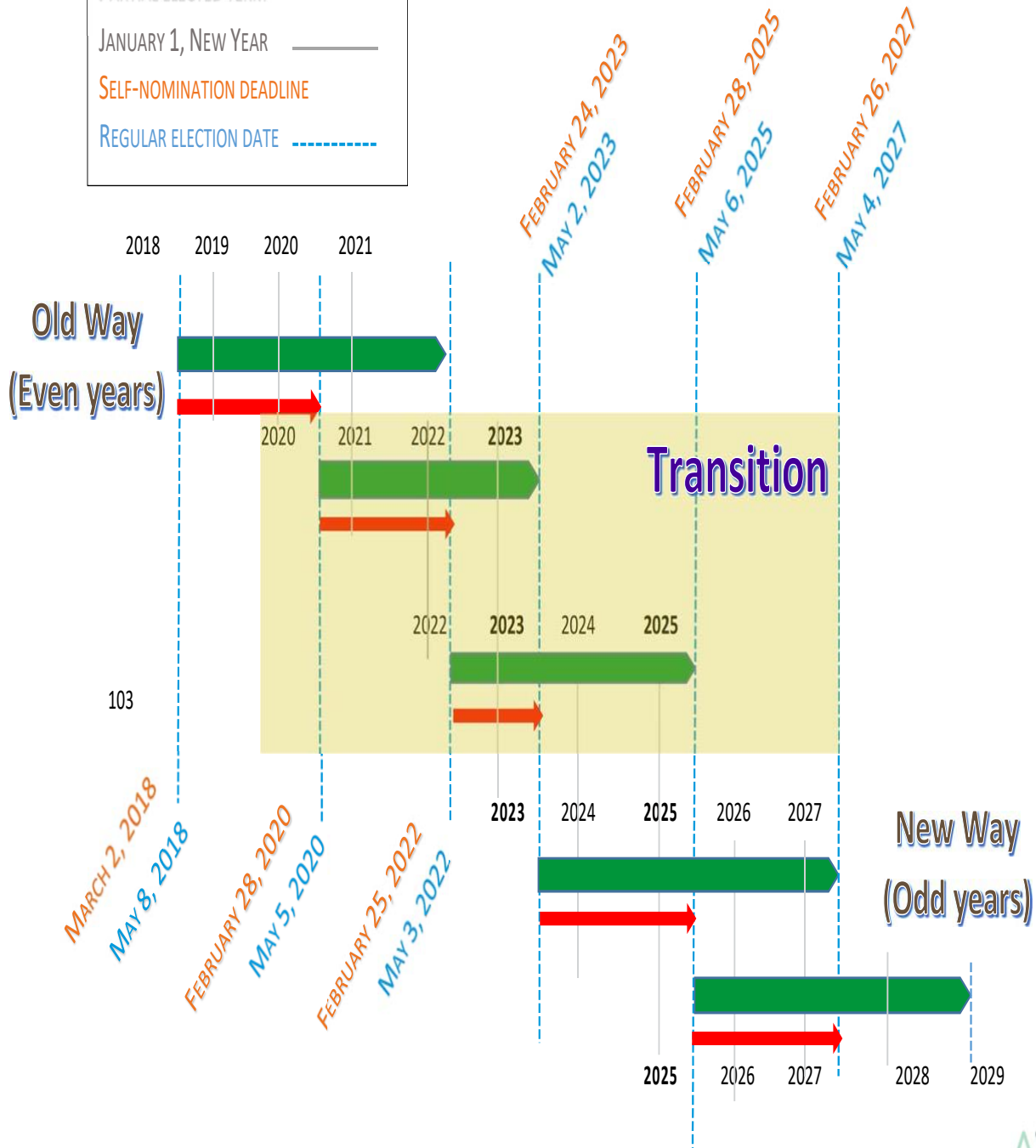
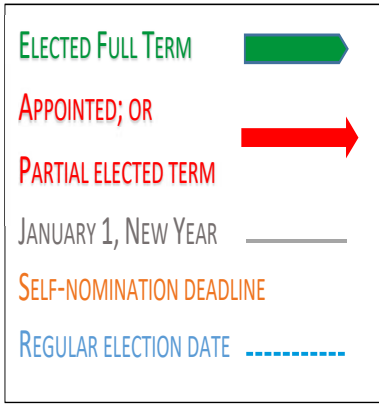
Estes Park Sanitation District

Estes Valley Fire Protection District

Park Hospital District

Recreation and Park District

Upper Thompson Sanitation District



ISSUES INFORMATION:

Ballotpedia [https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado elections, 2021](https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_elections,_2021)

This page is an overview of the 2021 Colorado elections, including your sample ballot, the offices on the ballot covered by Ballotpedia, featured elections, election dates, CO amendments and propositions, and frequently asked questions.

LWVCO Ballot Issues Pamphlet is published by the LWVCO. The pamphlet will be ready the week of September 27th, 2021. We will make some available at the Library, the Town Hall foyer, and other sensible locations. TO BE DETERMINED by the Voter Service Committee.

Ballot Information Booklet (Blue Book) published by the Colorado Legislature

The Blue Book is mailed to every CO voter along with their ballot. Extra copies are usually available at the Estes Valley Library and the Town Hall.

The purpose of the ballot information booklet is to provide voters with the text, title, and a fair and impartial analysis of each initiated or referred constitutional amendment, law, or question on the ballot. The analysis must include a summary of the measure, the major arguments both for and against the measure, and a brief fiscal assessment of the measure. The analysis may also include any other information that will help voters understand the purpose and effect of a measure.

NATIONAL: voter-related information, www.vote411 is a national website. It's available in English and Spanish. Any eligible person can register to vote, check their personal voter registration information, and find your polling place. Also, 30 days prior to the election (October 3, 2021) you can find out about debates and forums in your area, what will be on YOUR ballot and read answers from candidates and information on ballot initiatives and proposed state constitutional amendments.

***ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID:**

- A valid Colorado driver's license or valid identification card issued by the Colorado Department of Revenue. (Note: documents issued to not lawfully present and temporarily lawfully present individuals under Part 5 of Article 2 of Title 42, C.R.S. are not acceptable forms of identification.)
- A valid U.S. passport.
- A valid employee identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the U.S. government or of Colorado, or by any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of Colorado.
- A valid pilot's license issued by the federal aviation administration or other authorized agency of the U.S.
- A valid U.S. military identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector.

- A copy of a current (within the last 60 days) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector.
- A Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaskan Native Blood.
- A valid Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- A certified copy of a U.S. birth certificate for the elector.
- Certified documentation of naturalization.
- A valid student identification card with a photograph of the eligible elector issued by an institute of higher education in Colorado, as defined in section 23-3.1-102(5), C.R.S..
- A valid veteran identification card issued by the U.S. department of veterans affairs veterans health administration with a photograph of the eligible elector.
- A valid identification card issued by a federally recognized tribal government certifying tribal membership.

Any form of identification listed above that shows your address must show a Colorado address to qualify as an acceptable form of identification.

The following documents are also considered acceptable forms of identification for voting:

- Verification that a voter is a resident of a group residential facility, as defined in section 1-1-104(18.5), C.R.S.
- Verification that a voter is a person committed to the department of human services and confined and eligible to register and vote shall be considered sufficient identification of such person for the purposes of section 1-2-210.5, C.R.S.
- Written correspondence from the county sheriff or his or her designee to the county clerk indicating that a voter is confined in a county jail or detention facility.

The following are NOT acceptable forms of identification:

- A driver's license or identification card issued to not lawfully present and temporarily lawfully present individuals under Part 5 of Article 2 of Title 42, C.R.S.
- Any document produced by Colorado's statewide voter registration system.