

# Vote-By-Mail Information

## Ballots

Ballots are delivered to the Post Office on October 19 and will begin arriving within 1-3 days. You must notify our office of address changes 30 or more days prior to an election to guarantee the correct ballot is delivered to your correct address.

## Ballot Drop-Off Sites

Ballot drop-off sites will be located throughout the county. There will be election staff, privacy voting booths, and a sealed ballot box for depositing voted ballot envelopes. **Ballots are not issued at the ballot drop-off sites.** Ballot drop-off sites and hours of operation are listed on page 10 of this pamphlet.

## Replacement Ballots

If your ballot becomes damaged or destroyed, or you have not received your ballot, call the elections division at (360) 786-5408. Voters who call with adequate mailing time will be sent a replacement ballot. Additionally, replacement ballots are available at the auditor's office 20 days prior to the election.

Replacement ballots may only be picked up by: the voter, immediate family, and/or spouses. You may not pick up ballots for friends or roommates.

## Why Didn't I Get My Ballot?

Failure to notify our office of a change in address is the most common reason for not receiving a ballot. If you have moved and have not received your ballot by October 28, you need to contact our office immediately at (360) 786-5408.

## Change of Name

You may use the mail-in registration form provided on page 41 to change your name. You may also change your name by completing a form when you renew your driver's license at the Department of Licensing, Driver License Division, 645 Woodland Square Lp SE, Lacey.

## Military Members and Overseas Voters

### Advance Ballots and Email Ballot Program

Military and overseas voters' ballots are mailed out weeks in advance of our regular mail-in ballots. We also offer Email ballots for those voters with email access and a printer, who are not physically present in Thurston County at the time of the election. This allows the voter additional time to return the ballot by postal mail in time to be counted (information is available on page 11).

## Remember!

- Ballots must be postmarked no later than election day.
- Mailing your ballot ON election day does not guarantee a valid postmark.
- Ballot drop-off sites are available for your convenience (listed on page 10).
- Keep your registration and mailing information current.

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