

Ballots are Coming . . .

Ballots for the 2024 Primary Election will be mailed out May 1st, and here are answers to 10 of the most frequently asked questions from Oregonians about the election.

- 1) If you believe you are registered to vote but have not received your ballot by May 10th, call your local elections office. (Jeff Co. 541-475-4451)
- 2) You can track your ballot at: oregonvotes.gov/myvote
- 3) Ballots are due May 21st, Election Day by 8:00 pm. Postmarks do count.
- 4) Ballots can be returned by mail, at a drop box, or to your county election office. Find drop box locations at: oregonvotes.gov/dropbox.
- 5) The Primary is a nominating election. If you are Not affiliated with a major political party, you will receive a Non-Affiliated ballot. Your ballot will have nonpartisan candidates and measures on it.
- 6) If you change your party affiliation or address any time after April 1st you will likely receive two different ballots. That is okay! Only one ballot is ACTIVE. Ballots are created and prepared for mailing 8 weeks in advance to accommodate Military and Overseas voters. Return the later/second ballot which will reflect your **updated** registration.
- 7) You can now register to vote when you are 16 years of age, but you will not be able to vote until you are 18.
- 8) The election process is open to the public. Anyone can come into their county elections office and observe the process of testing the equipment, verifying signatures, opening the ballot envelopes, counting the ballots, and witnessing a hand count or recount, if there is one. Contact your county elections office for details.
- 9) A security feature of vote by mail is that we compare the signature on every ballot envelope to the signature in the voter registration file. If signatures match, the ballot is counted. If the signature doesn't match, the ballot will not be counted, and the voter will be notified.
- 10) Specific instructions will be provided for nonmatching signatures. The instructions must be followed to have your ballot counted.

It is important to vote in every election. Thank you in advance for fulfilling this important civic duty.