

Voting 2020

Due to safety concerns regarding Covid-19, the State of Michigan announced that all registered voters will receive an application to vote-by-mail in the August and November elections. If you are on the permanent absentee voter list in Essex Township, your application will come from the local clerk's office. All other voters will receive an application from the State of Michigan.

Please note, the application is not a ballot. It is a request to receive a ballot. Any voter who wishes to receive an absentee ballot should fill out the application, return it to the clerk's office, and a ballot will be mailed to you. If you prefer to vote in person, you may disregard the application and plan to vote at the Community Center located at 209 W. Union Street, Maple Rapids. The Primary Election is scheduled for August 4th and the General Election will be held on November 3rd.

If you wish to receive an absentee ballot:

1. Please fill out the application ENTIRELY. If anything is left blank, the clerk will need to contact you and that may result in delays.
2. The application can be returned in one of three ways:
 - a. Mail the application to: Essex Township Clerk, 8740 W Colony Rd, St Johns, MI 48879
 - b. E-mail the application. Scan the form (or take a picture) and e-mail it to essextpclerk@gmail.com.
 - c. Deliver the application in person to 8740 W. Colony Road, St. Johns, MI 48879. There is a secure drop box located at the front door.

Didn't receive an application? Applications are available to download at Michigan.gov/Vote. You can also check your voter registration status, preview ballots, track your ballot, and much more at this website. If you have further questions, please call 989-224-3484.

Message from the Clinton County Clerk's Office:

Did you receive an absentee voter application from the Secretary of State's Office for a person that no longer resides at your residence or is deceased? Please write on the outside of the envelope the reason and submit it to the Township Clerk or the Clinton County Clerk in any of the following ways:

1. Take a photo of the envelope that clearly shows the reason, name and address and simply email to the Township Clerk at essextpclerk@gmail.com or to the County Elections Clerk at martink@clinton-county.org.
2. Drop the envelope off to the Township Clerk (8740 W. Colony Road, St. Johns) or the Clinton County Clerk's Office (100 E State Street, St. Johns) with the reason written on the outside of the envelope.

The County Clerk will work with the Township Clerks to resolve these issues. Thank you for your patience as we work through this together.