2025 Municipal Primary YoCo Voter Guide

Tuesday, May 20th Municipal Primary Election

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Dear Voter,

Every year is an election year. This year's Municipal Elections will have important consequences for the operations of our local and county governments, school districts, and the Pennsylvania Judiciary. Participation in these elections has historically been quite low. This is unfortunate. In many ways local governments have the most impact on our daily lives. They ensure that our trash Is collected, in some cases provide sewer and/or water service, maintain community parks, and operate local police forces. Local governments maintain our streets and set the zoning policy which shape our neighborhoods.

York County will elect a district attorney and an new County Corner. This year, the County Recorder of Deeds and the County Controller are also up for re-election. Municipalities across York County will elect the decision maker who directly impact their daily lives, by providing direct services like police coverage, trash pick-up, and community parks and recreation programming. These officials shape our communities more broadly via the zoning and land-use policies.

Furthermore, municipal elections include judicial elections. Elections will be held to determine magisterial district judges in three of the nineteen magisterial district judge districts in York County. These judicial officials preside over cases concerning a variety of matters including arraignments, traffic cases, criminal cases for summary offenses, and civil cases for which the amount involved is less than $12,000.

York County will elect two Judges for our County's Court of Common Pleas and three of our Judges will be up for retention this year. In November, voters will have the opportunity to vote on the retention of three Justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, as well as a Judge of the Commonwealth Court and a Judge of the Superior Court. The judicial philosophy of these Judges plays a significant role in the manner in which Pennsylvania Constitution and the United States Constitution are interpreted and in how the law applied to preserve the Constitutional rights of Pennsylvanians. Recent landmark cases at the Supreme Court level have re-shaped Pennsylvania's congressional districts, mandated significant reforms to the funding of primary education.

Finally, at the precinct level, the smallest constituency in the electoral system, voters will elect a Judge of elections and two inspectors of elections to administer elections at their polling place.

Be informed. Make a Plan. Vote.

Sincerely,

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Important Dates to Remember

Monday, May 5th - Last day to register to vote in the 2025 Municipal Primary Election

Tuesday, May 13th - Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot for the Municipal Primary Election

Ballot Return Locations:

- York County Administrative Center: York 28 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401
- Pleasant Valley Road: 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402

Once completed, voters may also return their completed mail-in ballots to either location listed above.

Election Day: Tuesday, May 20th - Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Hand delivery of mail-in or absentee ballots must be completed by 8:00 pm on this day to the York County Elections & Voter Registration Office, 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402.

Resources

York County Elections and Voter Registration Office
Regular Business Hours: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday
Phone: 717-771-9604
Website: yorkcountypa.gov/503/Elections-Voter-Registration

Locations:
2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402 - East York Office & Mailing Address
28 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401 - Downtown York City Office

Pennsylvania Department of State Voting and Elections
Phone: 1-877-868-3772
Website: www.vote.pa.gov

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Voting and Elections Guide
Website: https://www.pa.gov/guides/voting-and-elections/

Voter Registration

Monday, May 5th is the last day to register to vote in the General Election

Please note that Pennsylvania operates under a closed primary system whereby electors may only vote in the partisan primary that matches their voter registration. For example, registered Republicans cannot vote In the Democratic Primary or vice versa. Those who registered under minor political parties or with no political affiliation are not permitted to vote in the partisan primaries.

To register to vote you must:

1. Fill out a voter registration application form.

2. Deliver your application to the York County Election office for review.

3. If your application is accepted, you will get a voter registration card in the mail. The voter card will show your name, address, party affiliation, and the address where you will vote.

You can fill out an application:

Option 1: Online
(https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx)

Option 2: By mail. Print and fill out this voter registration application.
(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/Voter_Registration_Application_English.pdf)
Applications are also available in Spanish, Simplified & Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese
(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Register-to-Vote.aspx)

Option 3: Visit the York County Elections & Voter Registration Office, 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402 or at the Downtown York City Office, 28 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401.

If you are already registered to vote you can update party affiliation, name, or address:

Option 1: Make changes online.
(https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx)

Option 2: Print and mail in an updated voter registration application.
(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/Voter_Registration_Application_English.pdf)
Applications are also available in Spanish, Simplified & Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese
(https://www.vote.pa.gov/Register-to-Vote/Pages/How-to-Register-to-Vote.aspx)

Option 3: Visit the York County Elections & Voter Registration Office located at 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402 or at the Downtown York City Office, 28 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401.

Check your registration status here:

https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/voterregistrationstatus.aspx

Mail-in Ballots

Who is eligible?

- All registered voters in Pennsylvania are eligible to apply for a mail-in ballot and voters are not required to provide a reason for requesting a mail-in ballot.

How to apply for a Mail-in Ballot

Option 1: Registered voters can apply for a mail-in ballot online. (https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin)

Option 2: Registered voters can print and mail in an application to receive a mail-in ballot. (https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx) Applications are also available in Spanish, Simplified & Traditional Chinese, and Vietnamese

Option 3: Apply for a mail-in ballot in person at either York County Elections & Voter Registration Office location: 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402 at 28 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401.

Important Items to Note

- The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, May 13th.

How to Vote with a Mail-in Ballot

Step 1: Complete your ballot.

Step 2: Please note: there are two envelopes. Place your ballot in the identified "Official Election Ballot" envelope and then into the mailing envelope. Be sure to sign the declaration on the back of the mailing envelope **and date it with the date of your signature**, or your vote may not count.

Step 3: Your ballot must be **RECEIVED** by the York County Election Office **BEFORE** Tuesday, May 20th at 8:00 pm.

You can mail your ballot to the York County Election Office located at 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402, or hand deliver you ballot to either the Pleasant Valley Road location or the Downtown York City Office located at 28 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401. Ballots must be returned **BEFORE** Tuesday, May 20th at 8:00 pm. **Postmarks are not enough** and if your ballot is not received in time it will not be counted.

Important Items to Note

- You can check the status of your mail-in ballot here - https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx
- If you added your email to your mail-in ballot application, you will receive a confirmation when your ballot arrives at the election office.
- A video demonstration showing the steps to complete your mail-in ballot is available here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0RfWAfqTKt4&t=7s
- **Please note**, that only the voter can drop off his or her mail-in ballot, unless the voter has a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and has completed the necessary paperwork to authorize a designated agent to obtain and/or return the mail-in ballot.
    - https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/Authorize-Designated-Agent-for-Mail-in-or-Absentee-Ballot.pdf

Absentee Ballots

Who is eligible?

Registered voters who fall under one of the following circumstances:

- College students who are not registered to vote at their school address.
- People whose work or vacation take them away from the municipality where they live on voting day.
- Those with a physical disability or illness that prevents them from going to the polling place.
- People who may have a conflict due to the celebration of a religious holiday.
- Members of the military **must** go through fvap.gov.
- Inmates who haven't been convicted of a felony.

How to receive an Absentee Ballot

Option 1: Registered voters can apply for an absentee ballot online - (https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin)

Option 2: Registered voters can print and mail in an application to receive an absentee ballot. (https://www.vote.pa.gov/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx)
Applications are also available in Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese

Option 3: Apply for an absentee ballot in person at 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 219, York, PA 17402 or at the Downtown York City Office located at 28 E. Market Street, York, PA 17401.

Important Item to Note

- Absentee ballot applications must be **RECEIVED** by the York County Election Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13th, the elections office will be open until 5pm if a voter prefers to complete a ballot application in-person.

How to Vote with an Absentee Ballot

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Step 2: Please note: there are two envelopes. Place your ballot in the identified "Official Election Ballot" envelope and place it in the mailing envelope. Be sure to sign the declaration on the back of the mailing envelope **and date it with the date of your signature**, or your vote may not count.

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- **Please note**, that only the voter can drop off his or her ballot, unless the voter has a disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and has completed the necessary paperwork to authorize a designated agent to obtain and/or return the absentee ballot.
    - https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/Documents/Authorize-Designated-Agent-for-Mail-in-or-Absentee-Ballot.pdf

Polling Location Details

Find your polling place here:
https://yorkcountypa.gov/969/Vote-in-Person or
https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx

Poll Worker Information

How to Become a Poll Worker

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, fill out the poll worker interest form, available here: https://airtable.com/shrI2NxDcbUiU2d0h or call 717-771-9604

After you submit the form, the York County Elections & Voter Registration Office or precinct Judge of Elections will contact you. You can also reach out to the election office to follow up. More information can be found here: https://yorkcountypa.gov/972/Become-a-Poll-Worker.

Requirements

- You must be registered to vote in York County
    - Exceptions exist for 17-year-old high school students, who must meet additional requirements. High school students should contact the county election office for more information.
- Government officials and government employees including federal, state, county, municipal, and city are not allowed to serve as poll workers.
    - Exceptions exist for district judges, notaries public, and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard.
    - Likewise, you are generally not allowed to serve if your name appears on the ballot.
- Poll workers can work full or half days. Poll workers working full days can expect to be at their polling station by 6:00 am until after the polls close at 8:00 pm.
- Poll workers are required to attend a county-led training prior to their election day duties.
- All poll workers are paid for their time.

Voting Rights for Reentrants

Source: https://www.vote.pa.gov/Register-to-Vote/Pages/Convicted-Felon,-Misdemeanant-or-Pretrial-Detainee.aspx

Who can register to vote?

You may register and vote if you hold citizenship in the United States for at least one month. before the next election, are a Pennsylvania resident and resided in your election district for at least 30 days before the next election; and will be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election.

If you meet the above qualifications, you can register and vote if you:

- Are a pretrial detainee confined in a penal institution awaiting trial on charges of a felony or a misdemeanor.
- Are convicted of a misdemeanor and are confined in a penal institution.
- Were released (or will be released by the date of the next election) from a correctional facility or community confinement facility upon completion of your term of incarceration for conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony.
- Are on probation or released on parole.
- Are a parolee living in a community confinement center (except for state intermediate punishment (SIP) inmates)
- Are under house arrest (home confinement), regardless of conviction status or the status of the conditions of confinement.

You are not eligible to register and vote if you:

- Are currently confined in a penal institution for conviction of a felony (even if you are also incarcerated for one or more misdemeanor offenses) and will not be released from confinement before the next election.
- Are in a community confinement facility or other alternative correctional facility for conviction of a felony and will not be released before the date of the next election.
- Were convicted of violating any provision of the Pennsylvania Election Code within the last four years.

How can you register to vote?

If you are qualified to register to vote you may apply to register using the instructions provided in the previous sections of this guide.

Please note: If you are in a penal institution, your residence for voter registration is:

- The last place you registered to vote before confinement in a penal institution; or
- Your last known physical address before confinement (You may not use a P.O. Box); or
- A new residence established while confined (for example, if your spouse establishes a new residence where you intend to reside upon your release from confinement).

- A penal institution or community confinement facility cannot be your residence address for registering to vote; however, you may use those locations for your mailing address.

How do you vote after registering?

- If you are confined to a penal institution, apply for an absentee ballot. Further instruction is explained in the above sections.
- If you are **not** confined in a penal institution, community confinement facility, or under house arrest, you may vote in person at your assigned polling place. That location is on your voter identification card or can be found using the directions in an earlier section of this guide.

Offices on the Ballot

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Due to the fact that York County Contains 72 Municipalities, and that those municipalities vary in regard to their manner of government, an exhaustive list of municipal offices on the ballot is impractical. A summary is provided below, but voters should consult the sample ballots for the respective partisan primary and precinct location to determine the offices on the ballot. These sample ballots are available at: https://yorkcountypa.gov/965/CandidatesRunning-for-Office.

Judicial Elections:

- Judge of the Commonwealth Court (Retained every 10 years)
    - Democratic Primary
        - Stella Tsai (Philadelphia)
    - Republican Primary
        - Joshua Prince (Berk County)
        - Matthew Wolford (Erie County)
- Judge of the Superior Court (Retained every 10 years)
    - Democratic Primary
        - Brandon Neuman (Washington County)
    - Republican Primary
        - Ann Marie Wheatcraft (Chester County)
        - Maria Battista (Clarion County)
- Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Retained every 10 years) - Vote for not more than two
    - Democratic & Republican Primaries
        - Paul W. Minnich (Manchester Township)
        - Chris Ferro (Springettsbury Township)

- Magisterial District Justices (6-year term)
    - District 19.1.04 - Wards 6, 8, & 15 - Springdale, Southwest, Veterans Memorial, Mid City South
        - Democratic/Republican Primaries
            - Jeffery L. Oberdorf (Incumbent)
    - District 19.1.05 - Wards 5, 9-1 & 9-2 - Yorktowne, Pershing King, Historic Newton Square, & Salem Square
        - Democratic Primary
            - Joel Toluba (Incumbent)
            - Tynisha Wilkes
        - Republican Primary
            - Joel Toluba (Incumbent)
    - District 19.3.11 - East Manchester & Hellam Townships, Hallam, Manchester, Mt. Wolf, and Wrightsville.
        - Democratic/Republican Primaries
            - Robert Eckenrode (Incumbent)

Countywide Elections

- York County District Attorney (4-Year Term)
    - Republican Primary:
        - Tim Barker
        - Jack Graybill, II
- York County Coroner (4-year Term)
    - Tania Zech
- York County Controller (4-year Term)
    - Gregory Bower (Incumbent)
- York County Recorder of Deeds (4-year Term)
    - Laura Shue (Incumbent)

School District Elections

- School Director (4-year Terms & Elections to Fill Vacancies)

Borough Elections

- Mayors
- Council Members (4-year Term)
- Tax Collectors
- Auditors (6-year term) - Not all Boroughs

Township Elections

- Supervisors* (6-year term) - Most Townships
- Township Commissioners* (4-year Term) - only Penn, Spring Garden, & York Townships

- Tax Collectors
- Auditors
- Auditors (6-year Term)

York City Elections

- Mayor
    - Sandie Walker
- City Council - Vote for not more than two (4-year Term)
    - Betsy Buckingham (Incumbent)
    - Ryan Supler

Precinct Elections

- Judge of Elections (4-year Term)
- Inspector of Elections (4-year Term)