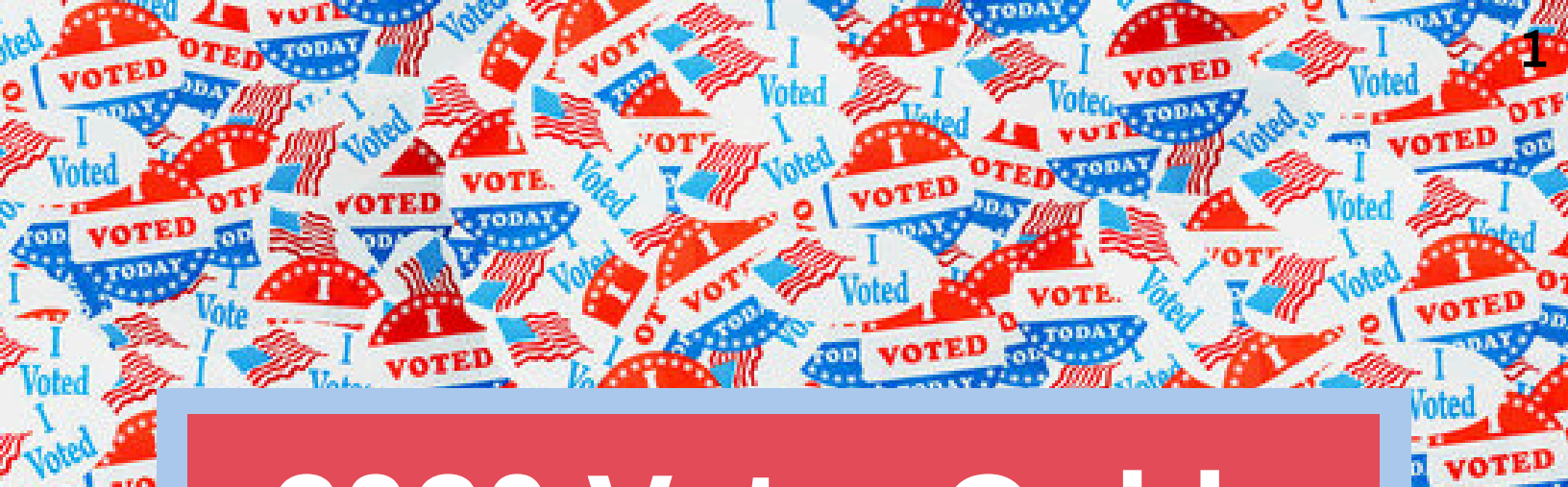




2026 Voter Guide



ELECTION VOTER GUIDE OAKLAND TOWNSHIP 2026

Vote with Confidence.

In Oakland Township, we are committed to conducting elections that are accurate, transparent, and secure. We encourage all residents to make their voices heard by participating in every election. Voting is one of the most important ways to shape the future of our community.

Make your plan to vote and help strengthen our democracy by participating in the electoral process.

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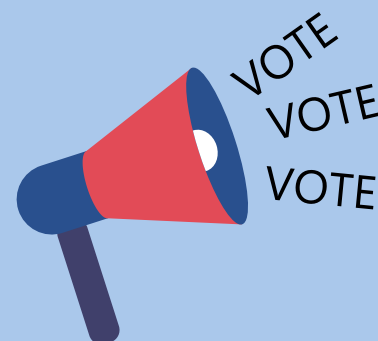
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Elections 2026

Michigan's **Primary Election is on August 4th, 2026**, and the **General Election is on November 3rd, 2026**. By the end of the November election, these offices and proposals will have been voted on:

- Governor
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives - all 13 districts
- Secretary of State
- Michigan's Senate - all 38 seats
- Michigan's House of Representatives - all 110 seats
- State, County, & Local proposals



[View a sample ballot](#)

Can I vote?

Most people who will be 18 or older on Election Day can vote if they have registered to vote. You can register to vote in Michigan if:

- You are a U.S. citizen
- You have lived in the city or township in Michigan for at least 30 days (or will have by Election Day)
- You are at least 17 and a half years old
- You are not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison

If you are 16-17 years old, and meet the requirements listed above, you can pre-register to vote. This will automatically register you to vote the day you turn 18.

I am a college student, can I vote?

Yes. Students who meet the eligibility requirements above can register to vote, even if they're not from Michigan.

If you're from Michigan and you go to school in Michigan: register using your school or home address

If you're from Michigan and you go to school outside of Michigan*: register to vote using your home address in Michigan.

If you're not from Michigan, but you go to school in Michigan*: register to vote using your school address in Michigan.

The same address needs to be used for your Michigan voter registration and Michigan driver's license or state ID.

***You can only register to vote in one state. If you are a Michigan resident attending school out of state, or an out-of-state student attending school in Michigan, you must choose which state you want to vote in.**

I don't have stable housing, can I vote?

Yes. Even if you don't have a home or a stable address, you can register to vote using any of the following as your address: a street corner, a park, a shelter, an advocacy center, the home of someone who will accept your mail, or any other place you usually stay.

I'm in a psychiatric hospital, can I vote?

Yes. You can work with your social worker to register to vote before Election Day and receive an absentee ballot.

I was recently in jail/in jail now, can I vote?

It depends, as long as you are not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison, you may register to vote.

How can I get Ready to Vote?

Step 1: Find out if you are registered to vote.

To vote in Michigan, you must be registered at the address in which you live. To find out if you are registered, you can:

Option 1: Call Oakland Township Clerk's office. They can tell you if, and where, you are registered. **248-651-4440**



Your voter information

Where are my clerk's offices?

Where are my ballot drop boxes?

Where is my polling place?

Am I registered?

What's on the ballot?



Option 2: Visit **mi.gov/vote** and click on "Am I registered" under "Your voter information." Enter in your information to see if, and where, you are registered to vote.

Step 2: Register to Vote

Online: You can register online at **mi.gov/vote**.

By Mail: You can print an application at MI.Gov/Vote, complete it, and mail it to us at **4393 Collins Rd. Rochester, MI 48306**.

In person: You can register to vote in person at any of the following places:

- Any Secretary of State branch office
- Oakland Township clerk's office
- Any state agency that provides public assistance or services to people with disabilities
- Any Armed Forces recruitment office
- A voter-registration drive

If you register to vote within 14 days of an election, you **MUST** register in person to be eligible to vote in that election.

Important Deadlines for the Primary/General Election:

Primary Election: August 4th, 2026

You can register to vote online, by mail or in person
by: July 20, 2026



You can register in person at Oakland Township
Clerk's Office by 4:00 PM on Election Day



General Election: November 3rd, 2026

You can register to vote online, by mail or in person
by: October 19th, 2026

You can register in person at Oakland Township
Clerk's Office by 4:00 PM on Election Day

Do I need a photo ID or proof of citizenship to register to vote?

If you're registering to vote in person, you will be asked for a photo ID. If you don't have one, you can sign an affidavit form. **If you are registering through the mail**, and you have a Michigan driver's license, Michigan state ID card, or social security number, enter those numbers on your voter registration application. If you don't have any of those, check the box that says, "I don't have a valid Michigan driver's license, Michigan state ID card, or social security card."

How can I vote?

VOTING FROM HOME BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Step 1: Get your application for an absentee ballot

If you want to vote from home, and you're not already on the Permanent Mail Ballot List, you first need to apply for an absentee ballot. Use one of these ways to get an application for an absentee ballot:

- Call or visit Oakland Township Clerk's Department
- Visit **mi.gov/vote** and fill out an application online by clicking on "Apply for an absentee ballot online."
- Visit **mi.gov/vote** and print an application by clicking on "Voter forms and publications" and scrolling down to "Absentee Voter Ballot," and mail/email it to Oakland Township. **elections@oaklandtwpmi.gov**

Step 2: Complete your application for an absentee ballot

If you filled out your application online, you're all set.

If you chose to do a paper application, sign it with the signature on your license. Select which election, or both, if you would like it mailed to you. Also, on your application, you have the option to join the Permanent Ballot list or add a temporary address if needed.

Step 3: Turn in your application for an absentee ballot

If you filled out your application online, you're all set.

If you filled out a paper application, you'll need to submit it to Oakland Township Clerk's Office. You can submit the signed application: in person at the window, in the purple drop box outside of Town Hall, by mail, or by email.

4393 Collins Rd. Rochester, MI 48306 / elections@oaklandtwpmi.gov

Step 4: Vote your absentee ballot

Look for your absentee ballot to arrive in the mail. Once it arrives: **Fill it out, place it in the envelope provided, sign the outside with your official signature.**

Step 5: Turn in your absentee ballot

Submit your completed ballot to Oakland Township Clerk's Department as soon as possible. Use any of these methods:

- **Send it by mail.** Your ballot envelope will come with pre-paid postage, so you don't need to add a stamp.
- Drop it off at our purple ballot drop-box located outside of **Town Hall at 4393 Collins Rd. Rochester, MI 48306** or the drop box at **Fire Station #2 1888 N. Rochester Road.**
- Have an immediate family member or a person from your household mail it or drop it off for you.

Alternatively, you can take your completed absentee ballot to your early voting site or to your polling place on Election Day and put it into a tabulator. Just let the poll workers know that you'd like to do this when you arrive.

If you can't turn in your completed ballot using any of the above options, call the Township to see what the next steps are.

Your city or township clerk must receive your completed ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day for it to count.

If you are serving in the military or living overseas, your completed ballot must be postmarked by Election Day and received by your city or township clerk within six days after the election.

VOTING IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Early voting for Oakland Township is held at **Rochester Hills Public Library** at **500 Olde Town Road Rochester, MI 48307**.

During Early Voting, you will receive a ballot to complete, and then put it into the tabulator-just like on Election Day.

Remember: you have the right to vote if you are in line when your early voting site closes

Early Voting Hours:
Mon-Wed & Fri-Sun: 8:30AM-4:30PM
Thurs: 12:00-8:00PM
Primary: From July 25th to August 2nd
General: From October 24th to
November 1st



VOTING IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY AT THE PRECINCT

Step 1: Complete an Application to Vote with your name, address, and signature.

Step 2: Give the application along with a valid photo ID to an election inspector. If you do not have one, fill out an affidavit.

Step 3: Receive and mark your ballot. You must fill in the box completely using blue or black ink.

Step 4: Cast your ballot. Take it to the tabulator at your precinct and feed it through the machine. You will see an American flag once your ballot has gone through successfully.

Step 5: Get your "I Voted" sticker!

Assisted Voting

If you need help filling out your absentee application:

Anyone can help you fill out your application, however, you must sign it yourself with your official signature.

If you need help filling out your absentee ballot:

If you are someone with a disability or otherwise cannot mark your ballot, you can choose someone to help, like a friend or family member. The person you choose cannot be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer of your labor union.

If you have a disability:

You can apply for an accessible absentee ballot.

- Apply online through the [Secretary of State website](#).
- The accessible ballot allows you to mark the ballot from home, using your own assistive technology. After marking the ballot, you will need to print it and sign it using your official signature.

Go in person on Election Day and use the Voter Assist Terminal

- Every precinct contains an accessible voting system that will aid you in marking your ballot. Once the ballot is printed from the machine, you can insert it into the tabulator to be counted the same way as other ballots.

Safety and Security

Our office makes the safety and security of elections one of our top priorities. If you have concerns regarding this, please contact our office.

Election fraud is rare.

Michigan uses many security checks to prevent fraud to preserve the trust in democracy. If you see something that you believe to be election fraud, please send a full report description to any of the following contacts:

- **local FBI office**
- **local US Attorney's office**
- **Public Integrity Section of the DOJ's Criminal Division**

For more information, visit:

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/security>

Precinct Information

To find out which precinct you are a part of, please call Oakland Township Clerk's Department at **248-651-4440**. Or, use the interactive map on our website under "Services," "Elections," then "Precincts and Polling Locations."

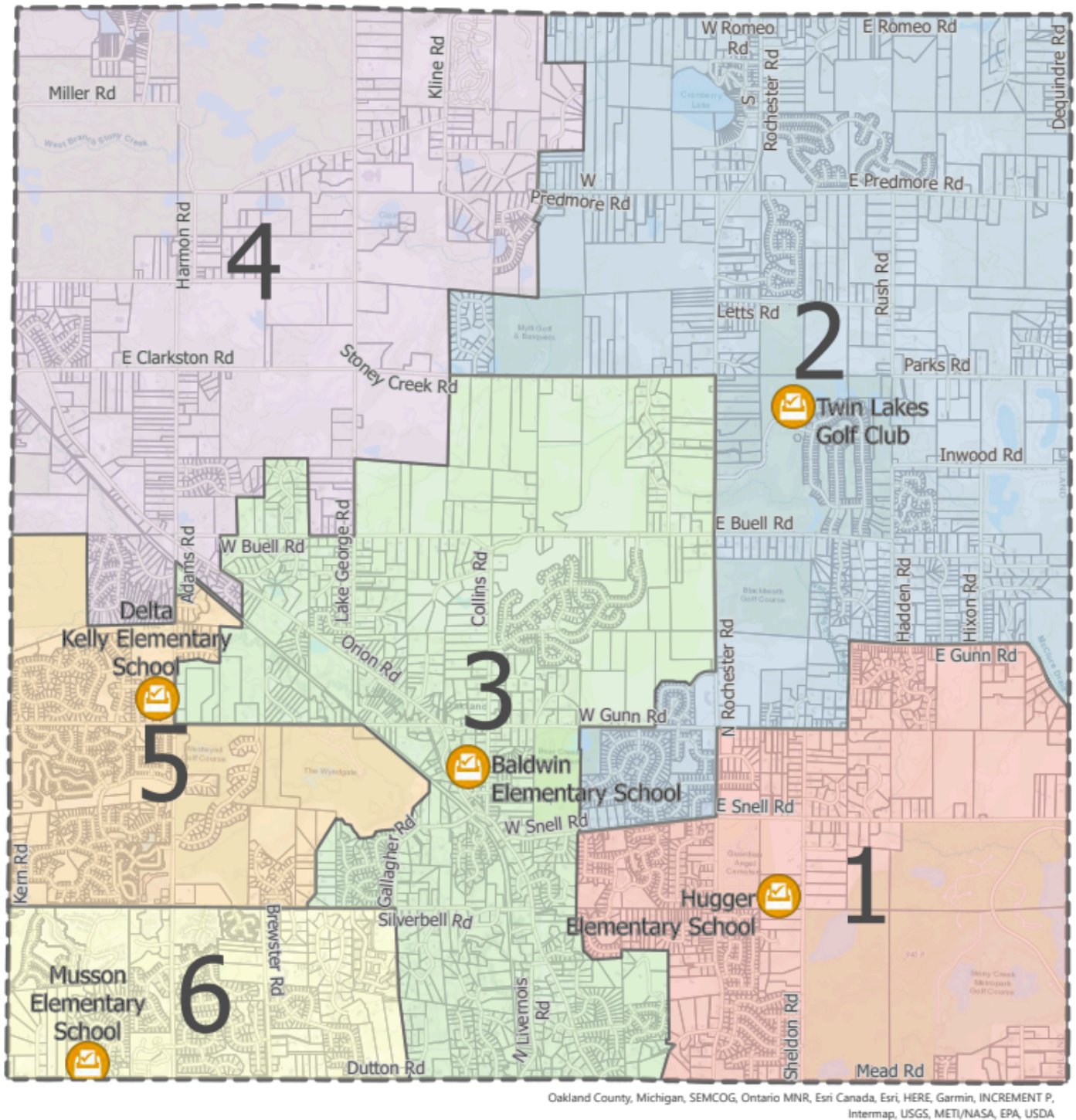
Precinct 1: Hugger Elementary School - 5050 Sheldon Rd

Precinct 2: Twin Lakes Golf Club - 455 Twin Lakes Dr

Precinct 3: Baldwin Elementary School - 4325 Bannister Blvd

Precincts 4/5: Delta Kelly Elementary School - 3880 Adams Rd

Precinct 6: Musson Elementary School - 3500 Dutton Rd



Oakland Township Precincts and Polling Locations

For more information on updates and changes, call the Oakland Township Clerk's Department or check out the Oakland Township website.

<https://oaklandtwpmi.gov/>

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between the Permanent Ballot list and the Permanent Application list?

Being on the Permanent Ballot list automatically mails you an absentee ballot. Being on the Permanent Application list automatically mails you an absentee application, so you can decide whether or not you would like a ballot. However, please note that this will be the last year of having a Permanent Application list, so voters will need to join the Permanent Ballot list. Additionally, voters can submit an online absentee application, or paper application received from the Clerk's office.

How do I spoil my ballot?

In order to spoil your ballot, please come in person to the clerk's office and provide photo ID in order for us to reissue you a new ballot.

Another option is to mail or email a letter to the clerk's department explaining why you need to spoil your ballot, and include the following information: Your name, street address you reside, and your signature, or a copy of your driver's license.

elections@oaklandtwpmi.gov 4393 Collins Rd. Rochester, MI 48306

Can I spoil someone else's ballot?

No. They must come in person or send a letter as stated above.

Can I request an absentee ballot for someone else?

No. However, you may retrieve an absent voter application for someone else.

Can I return an absent voter ballot that is not mine?

Not unless it is someone in your immediate family or household. If a voter is unable to accept or return an absent voter ballot due to disability or physical limitation, please contact the Clerk's Department.

When is the deadline to request an absentee ballot?

Online & mail requests – No later than **5:00 p.m. the Friday before the election**. Please note this is the deadline for the Clerk's Office to receive your request. If you plan to mail in your request, please allow 5-7 days for postal delivery.

In-Person – No later than **4:00 p.m. the day prior to the election**. If you're registering to vote or updating your address by appearing at your clerk's office on Election Day, you can request an absent voter ballot at the same time you register. If you request your AV ballot the day before the election or on Election Day, you must vote the ballot in the clerk's office.

When do I need to return my absentee ballot?

Your completed absentee ballot **MUST** be received by **8 p.m. on Election Day**. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on your license. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. You can return by mail, or hand-delivering the ballot to the clerk's office, or our any of our drop box locations.

Can I track my absentee application/ballot?

Yes! Visit this website: <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index/>

Put in your information, and it shows you the status of your application/ballot as well as a sample ballot, your precinct, and registration status.

What should I do if my address changes, or I need a temporary address?

If you need to change you address, fill out the "Michigan Change of Address Form" online-or grab one in person-and mail/bring it in person to the Clerk's Department. If you need a temporary address for a specific election, get an absentee application from the clerk's department and fill in the bottom portion.

Oakland Township Clerk's Department is committed to promoting election integrity and encourages every resident to make their voice heard! For more information, please contact Oakland Township Clerk's Office at **248-651-4440** or come in person at **4393 Collins Road Rochester, MI 48306**.



Go Vote!

