

VOTER

Education Guide

PAULDING COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION

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LETTER *from the*

Paulding County Board of Elections & Voter Registration

Dear Paulding County Voter:

Your household is receiving this Voter Education Guide because you or a member of your family are registered to vote. This guide is created by the Paulding County Board of Elections and Registration to provide voters nonpartisan, unbiased information about voting in Paulding County.

In this guide you will find information on:

- How to register to vote
- Ways to cast your vote by absentee by mail, absentee in person (early voting) and Election Day voting
- Accepted IDs at the polls
- Information and Resources
- Elected Officials Information
- County Contact Information

Our experience tells us informed voters are confident voters! We hope this Voter Education Guide helps you identify your connection to the electoral process and helps to make you an informed voter. Important decisions are made on each and every ballot and your participation in all Federal, State and Local elections strengthens our democracy. It is important that you participate in all elections! The Paulding County Board of Elections & Voter Registration and staff are here to assist you and to make your voting experience a pleasurable one.

We look forward to serving you!

Sincerely,

Deidre B. Holden

Director of Elections & Voter Registration

On behalf of the Paulding County Board of Elections & Voter Registration

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Why Am I Receiving This?

Your household is receiving this Voter Education Guide because you, or another resident is registered to vote in Paulding County.

How Often Will I Receive This Guide?

The Board of Elections & Voter Registration wants every voter to be informed and up to date on all election information. You should receive a guide every 2 years. Due to legislative and State Elections Board changes to laws and rules, it is important that you have the most updated information.

Who Is The Paulding County Board Of Elections & Voter Registration?

The Paulding County Board of Elections & Voter Registration is a county board that was created by an act of legislation by the Georgia General Assembly. The Board is made up of 5 appointed members. The Election Director, who is not a member of the Board, informs the Board of the day to day operation of the Elections Office and communicates important information handed down from the Georgia Secretary of State. Three members are appointed by the Paulding County Board of Commissioners, of which two must be representatives of the recognized political parties. The Board of Commissioners appoints the Board Chair. The Constitutional Officers appoint one member and the Paulding County Legislative Delegation appoints one member. Each member serves a four year term. There is no limit on terms and the terms are staggered. Jayson Phillips serves as the Board Attorney. The Board is funded by the taxpayers of Paulding County through the County budget.



Let's Talk Election Types

There are several types of elections that are conducted in the State of Georgia. Presidential Preference Primary, Primary Election, General Elections and Special Elections.

Presidential Preference Primary

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-191 states "Such primary shall be held in each year in which a presidential election is to be conducted on a date selected by the Secretary of State which shall not be later than the second Tuesday in June in such year. The Secretary of State shall select such date no later than December 1 of the year immediately preceding such primary."

In the State of Georgia, the PPP is normally held on the first Tuesday in March.

This election is conducted to nominate a presidential candidate to be on the November General Election ballot.

Primary Elections

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-150 states "Whenever any political party holds a primary to nominate candidates for public offices to be filled in the ensuing November election, such primary shall be held on the Tuesday of the twenty-fourth week prior to the November General Election in each even-numbered year or, in the case of municipalities, on the third Tuesday in July in each odd-numbered year. In the state of Georgia, the May Primary occurs 24 weeks prior to the General Election.

Primary Elections are conducted to nominate candidates to be on the November General Election ballot. During a Primary Election, you are required to select a ballot style, Democratic, Republican, or Nonpartisan. Nonpartisan ballots only contain Judges.



Georgia is a non-declaring State. You are not registered with any political parties. The ballot style that you choose does not register you with a party. It only provides you with a ballot style that will contain that party's candidates.

General Elections

General Elections are conducted on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November. In a General Election, you will see the candidates that were nominated in the Primary Election. The General Election is the election that elects the candidate into office.

In a General Election, you do not have to choose a ballot style. All candidates and parties are on one ballot.

Special Elections

Special Elections take place under special circumstances. A Special Election may occur to fill a vacancy due to the death, or resignation of an elected official, or can be for a special referendum, or question. Most Special Elections are held in conjunction with a Primary Election or General Election. However, there are dates set aside in the law of when Special Elections can be conducted when not in conjunction with a Primary or General Election.

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540 states:

In odd-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

The third Tuesday in March; The third Tuesday in June; The third Tuesday in September; or
The Tuesday after the first Monday in November

In even-numbered years, any such special election shall only be held on:

The third Tuesday in March; provided, however, that in the event that a special election is to be held under this provision in a year in which a presidential preference primary is to be held, then any such special election shall be held on the date of and in conjunction with the presidential preference primary; The date of the general primary; or the Tuesday after the first Monday in November

Runoff Elections are held 28 days after the regular election date.

In a Primary Election, it is important for voters to know that you must vote the same ballot style in the runoff election as you did in the Primary Election. If you voted a nonpartisan ballot in the Primary Election, you may choose a ballot style of your choice.

If you did not vote in the Primary Election, you ARE eligible to vote in the runoff election and choose the ballot style of your choice.



YOUR VOTE

Counts



Key Election Dates For 2022

AUGUST 22, 2022

First day to request absentee ballot for November election

absentee request@paulding.gov • 770-443-7503

OCTOBER 10, 2022

Requested absentee ballots begin mailing

OCTOBER 11, 2022

Voter registration deadline for November election

www.sos.ga.gov

www.paulding.gov/216/Elections-Voter-Registration

OCTOBER 17, 2022

Early voting begins

Watson Government Complex

Dianne Wright Innovation Center

9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 22, 2022

Saturday voting

Watson Government Complex

Dianne Wright Innovation Center

ONLY 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 28, 2022

Last day to request absentee ballot

OCTOBER 29, 2022

Saturday voting

Watson Government Complex

Dianne Wright Innovation Center

ONLY 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 31, 2022

Early voting begins at Burnt Hickory Park

ONE WEEK ONLY 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Last day of early voting

ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Polls are open 7:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

All voted absentee ballots must be received into the election office by 7:00 P.M.

TBD

Early voting for general runoff election

Early voting will begin as soon as practicable

DECEMBER 6, 2022

General runoff election

Polls are open 7:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

Key Election Dates For 2023

Should there be a need for any Special Elections in 2023, they can only occur on the following dates:

March 21 • June 20 • September 19 • November 7

November 7, 2023 is the date for the General Municipal Election for the City of Dallas and the City of Hiram.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY VOTERS WHO RESIDE IN THE INCORPORATED CITIES OF DALLAS AND HIRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

- **August 21, 2023** first day to request an absentee ballot for November Municipal Election
- **October 9, 2023** requested absentee ballots mailing begins.
- **October 9, 2023** voter registration deadline for November Municipal Election
- **October 16-November 3, 2023** early voting for November Municipal Election
- **October 27, 2023** last day to request absentee ballot for November Municipal Election
- **November 7, 2023** November Municipal Election Day. Polls are open 7:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.
- **November 7, 2023** all voted absentee ballots must be returned to the Election Office by 7:00 P.M. to be counted.

Key Election Dates For 2024

Should there be a need for any Special Elections in 2024 they can only occur on the following dates:

- **March 5, 2024** (date to be determined by the Secretary of State for Presidential Preference Primary)
- **May 21, 2024** (date of General Primary)
- **November 5, 2024** (date of General Election)

*****DISCLAIMER:** The dates for 2023 and 2024 are subject to change depending on the General Assembly.

Please visit our website at www.paulding.gov for all election information and updates.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Ways to Register

Online:

Online at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov. You must have a valid Georgia Driver's License to use this site. Once you have submitted your registration, it will arrive on our County Election Dashboard the following morning for processing.

Paper Application:

Paper applications are available in the Election Office, the Tax Commissioners Office, the Tax Assessors Office, County Libraries, Municipal Offices and public assistance offices. To download a paper form please go to our website at: www.paulding.gov/216/Elections-Voter-Registration

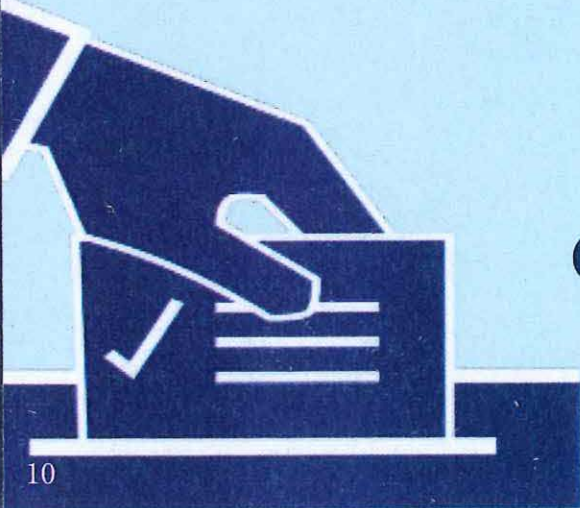
Voter Registration Card (Precinct Card)

Once you are registered to vote by the Election Office Staff, you will receive a voter registration/precinct card in the mail. It takes 15-20 business days to receive the card. Voters are encouraged to verify the information on the card. Please alert the Election Office if there is an issue. Your voter registration card is to inform you of your polling location and political districts. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE THIS CARD TO VOTE.**

IMPORTANT:

Please keep your voter registration up to date. If you move, or change your name, you must notify us immediately. Should you move to another County or State, you must register to vote in that County or State. **YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION DOES NOT FOLLOW YOU. YOU MAY ONLY REGISTER TO VOTE IN ONE STATE. YOU CANNOT HAVE MULTIPLE REGISTRATIONS. VOTING TWICE IS AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY LAW.**

If you have been serving a Felony Sentence and are unsure of your status, please contact 770-443-7861 before attempting to register to vote. Any person attempting to register to vote while serving a felony sentence shall be guilty of a felony O.C.G.A. §21-2-561.



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HOW DO I VOTE?

Vote Early by Mail

Ballots may be requested 78 days prior to the election. Requested ballots begin being mailed out 28 days prior to the election date. The Uniformed and Overseas Citizen ballot's must be mailed out or sent electronically 49 days prior to election.

Elderly and Disabled voters that have applied for an absentee ballot for one election, will automatically receive a ballot without making additional requests. You must be 65 years of age or older on Election Day to be considered Elderly.

How do I Request a Mail-In Absentee Ballot?

Contact the Absentee Department of the Election and Voter Registration Office at 770-443-7503.

- Email: absenteerequest@paulding.gov
- www.mvp.sos.ga.gov
- <https://www.paulding.gov/216/Elections-Voter-Registration>

ALL VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED INTO THE ELECTION OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY BY 7:00 P.M. IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.

How Do I Return My Absentee Ballot?

Voters should mail or return their voted ballots at least 5-7 days prior to Election Day to ensure a timely delivery to be counted.

Here are ways available to voters to deliver their ballots:

- United States Postal Office
- Designated Drop Ballot Drop Boxes located inside the Election Office at the Watson Government Complex and the Dianne Wright Innovation Center. Please note that ballot drop boxes are only available during the hours of Early Voting and are now located inside of the 2 locations mentioned above.
- Hand deliver to the Election Office.

Helpful Tips Concerning Paper Absentee Ballots:

- Do not place more than one ballot in the oath envelope. Ballots are issued individually. Do not place your spouse's, child or any other person's ballot in the same envelope with your ballot. Both ballots will be rejected and will not count.
- Do not sign your name on your actual ballot. Law prohibits this. Your ballot will be rejected and will not count.

- Place adequate postage on the ballot when mailing back. The normal postage required to mail the ballot is 80¢.
- If you do not receive your ballot in a timely manner (5-7 days after submitting your application), contact the Absentee Ballot Clerk IMMEDIATELY at 770-443-7503.
- If you decide to vote in person early or on Election Day, please contact the Election Office to have your absentee ballot canceled PRIOR to going to vote, to save time at the polls. Please call 770-443-7503 to cancel.

VERIFY THAT THE CORRECT BALLOT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO YOU FOR YOUR DISTRICTS

All voters are assigned to polling locations and political districts. It is important that you do your homework and know the political representatives where you live.

In Paulding County we have:


- One U.S. Congressional District which is 14
- Two United States Senators
- Two State Senate Districts which are 30 and 31
- Five State House of Representative Districts which are 16, 17, 18, 19 and 64
- Four Post Commissioner Districts which are 1, 2, 3 and 4

There are six School Board Districts and one At Large seat that are all voted on at large by all of the voters in Paulding County.

We live in the Paulding County Judicial Circuit



If you feel that you have received the incorrect ballot, please contact the election office immediately!
DO NOT VOTE THE BALLOT.



WHAT ID SHOULD I BRING TO THE POLLS?

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO ID TO BRING TO THE POLLS:

- A Georgia driver's license which was properly issued by the appropriate State agency;
- A valid Georgia voter identification card or other valid identification card issued by a branch, department, agency, or entity of the State of Georgia, any other state, or the United States authorized by law to issue personal identification, provided that such identification card contains a photograph of the voter;
- A valid United States passport;
- A valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government, this state or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other entity of this state;
- A valid United States military identification card, provided that such identification card contains a photograph of the voter; or
- A valid tribal identification card containing a photograph of the voter

Early Voting

Voters may vote early, in person beginning 21 days prior to the Election Day. There are also 2 Saturday voting days available as well, for a total of 23 early days to cast your vote. Early Voting hours are 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily and on Saturday.

Watson Government Complex and the Dianne Wright Innovation Center is available for the entire 23 days for voting.

Burnt Hickory Park opens the week prior to the election with the same hours of 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.. ONLY 1 WEEK of voting at this location.

Vote On Election Day

All 18 polling locations will be open on Election Day from 7:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

Please visit www.mvp.sos.ga.gov to find your polling location.

Voters must provide their photo ID in order to vote. If you do not have your photo ID, you will have to vote a Provisional Ballot and provide your photo ID to the Election Office no later than 5:00 P.M. on the third day after the election in order for your vote to count.



VOTER ASSISTANCE



Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting

The UOCAVA Act ensures that U.S. citizens who are service members, their eligible family members or overseas citizens can vote in their home states.

Resources:

- www.mvp.sos.ga.gov
- www.fvap.gov/georgia

Voters With Disabilities

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires every polling place to be accessible and have (and set up for use) accessible voting equipment that may be used by any voter. Additional assistance may be available, such as voters with disabilities kits attached to voting machines, and large print ballots on the ballot marking devices. Voters can contact the Election Office for additional information.

Voters who are unable to read or write the English language, or are physically disabled may receive assistance inside the voting booth. The person assisting must sign the Oath of Person Assisting on their voter certificate. These are the only criteria that allow the voter to receive assistance.



Serve Your Community By Becoming A Poll Worker

If you are interested in serving as a poll worker, please contact the Election Office at 770-443-7503. All positions are paid positions and mandatory training is required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Paulding County Board of Elections & Voter Registration, Staff and Poll Workers are prohibited from giving candidate information, referendum information, or question information that is contained on the ballots.

To receive additional information please use these suggestions on obtaining information:

- Do your homework. Research candidates, referendums, and questions by using internet search engines.
- Go to public debates.
- Reach out to the local political parties:

Paulding County Democratic Party
pauldingcountymocrats.org

Paulding County Republican Party
pauldingrepublicans.org



**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT YOU CAN
DO ONCE YOU ARE REGISTERED IS VOTE!**

**Your vote matters and your vote counts! Voting
is your voice...be heard!**



PAULDING COUNTY POLLING LOCATIONS

#1 BHP Burnt Hickory Park

8650 Cartersville Hwy. Dallas, GA 30132

#2 CRL Crossroads Library

909 Harmony Grove Church Rd. Dallas, GA 30132

#3 SHEL Shelton Elementary

1531 Cedarcrest Rd., Dallas, GA 30132

#4 RES Russom Elementary

44 Russom Elem. School Ln. Dallas, GA 30132

#5 PSC Paulding Senior Center

54 Industrial Way N. Dallas, GA 30132

#6 LBC Legacy Baptist Church

2976 Dallas Acworth Hwy. Dallas, GA 30132

#7 WGC Watson Government Complex

240 Constitution Blvd. Dallas, GA 30132

#8 EPMS East Paulding Middle School

2945 Hiram Acworth Hwy Dallas, GA 30157

#9 TEP The Events Place

855 Hiram Douglasville Hwy. Hiram, GA 30141

#10 PSBC Poplar Springs Baptist Church

2056 Hiram Douglasville Hwy. Hiram, GA 30141

#11 DWIC Dianne Wright Innovation Center

140 Bethel Church Rd. Hiram, GA 30141

#12 TFP Taylor Farm Park

1380 Pine Valley Rd. Powder Springs, GA 30127

#13 NES Nebo Elementary

2843 Nebo Rd. Dallas, GA 30157

#14 WOP White Oak Park

298 Mustang Dr. Dallas, GA 30132

#15 MRP Mulberry Rock Park

1849 Mulberry Rock Rd. Dallas, GA 30157

#16 BBC Beulahland Baptist Church

229 Pleasant Grove Rd. Rockmart, GA 30153

#17 PCA Airport 730

Airport Parkway Dallas, GA 30157

#18 DMS Dobbins Middle School

637 Williams Lake Rd Powder Springs, GA 30127



ELECTED OFFICES for PAULDING COUNTY AND TERMS

OFFICE	TERM	DISTRICT	NEXT BALLOT
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
POST 1 COMMISSIONER	4	DISTRICT	2024
POST 2 COMMISSIONER	4	DISTRICT	2022
POST 3 COMMISSIONER	4	DISTRICT	2022
POST 4 COMMISSIONER	4	DISTRICT	2022
SHERIFF	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
PROBATE JUDGE	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
MAGISTRATE JUDGE	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
TAX COMMISSIONER	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
CORONER	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
SURVEYOR	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	4	COUNTYWIDE	2022
CHIEF JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS 1, 3, 4, & AT LARGE	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICTS DISTRICTS 2, 5, & 6	4	COUNTYWIDE	2022
STATE SENATE DISTRICTS 30 & 31	2	DISTRICT RACES	2022
STATE COURT JUDGE PAULDING COUNTY	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
SOLICITOR GENERAL PAULDING COUNTY	4	COUNTYWIDE	2024
STATE HOUSE DISTRICTS 16, 17, 18, 19 & 64	2	DISTRICT RACES	2022
GOVERNOR & LT. GOV.	4	STATEWIDE	2022
PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT	4	FEDERAL	2024
UNITED STATES SENATOR	6	FEDERAL	2022 & 2026
UNITED STATES CONGRESS 14TH DISTRICT	2	FEDERAL DIST. RACE	2022

HOW MAY WE SERVE YOU?

IMPORTANT PAULDING COUNTY CONTACTS

ADDRESSING DEPARTMENT.....	770-505-1365	PUBLIC DEFENDER.....	770-443-3463
ANIMAL CONTROL.....	770-445-1511	STORM WATER.....	770-443-0856
BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS.....	770-443-7606	SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION LANDFILL.....	770-445-5356
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.....	770-443-7550	KEEP PAULDING BEAUTIFUL.....	770-443-0119
BUSINESS LICENSE.....	770-443-7596	SENIOR CENTER.....	770-443-8873
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT.....	770-443-7527	SHERIFF'S OFFICE.....	770-443-3010
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.....	770-443-7601	SUPERIOR COURT.....	678-363-2900
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION.....	678-224-4022	TAX COMMISSIONER.....	770-443-7581
COUNTY ENGINEER.....	770-443-7571	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.....	770-443-9873
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	770-443-7561	DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION.....	770-445-4759
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.....	678-383-3421	UGA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION.....	770-443-7616
FINANCE DEPARTMENT.....	770-443-7512	WATER SYSTEM.....	678-224-6868
GIS DEPARTMENT.....	770-505-1385	PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.....	770-445-6016
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.....	770-443-7881	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....	770-726-7000
HUMAN RESOURCES.....	770-443-7521	PAULDING COUNTY AIRPORT.....	770-505-7700
JUVENILE COURT.....	770-443-7532	DALLAS POST OFFICE.....	678-363-8416
MAGISTRATE COURT.....	770-443-7533	HIRAM POST OFFICE.....	770-222-0425
MARSHAL BUREAU.....	770-443-9768	CITY OF DALLAS.....	770-443-8110
PARKS & RECREATION.....	770-445-8065	CITY OF HIRAM.....	770-943-3726
PROBATE JUDGE.....	770-443-7541	CITY OF BRASWELL.....	770-684-7979



▲ WATSON GOVERNMENT COMPLEX



▲ HIRAM CITY HALL



▲ CITY OF DALLAS CITY HALL



▲ PAULDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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