



# BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP ELECTION NEWS UPDATE

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**  
*General Election*

## How to Request an Absentee Ballot Application

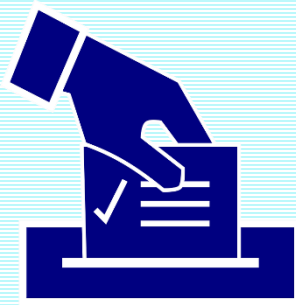
Online by visiting  
<https://michigan.gov/vote>

In Person during our normal business hours of Monday – Friday from 8:00 – 4:30 p.m. Our office is also open the Saturday before the election for limited hours.

By Phone at 734-675-0910

By Fax at 734-675-9931

By E-mail at  
[elections@brownstown-mi.org](mailto:elections@brownstown-mi.org)



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## Absentee Ballots for the November General Election will be Available on September 24, 2020

Attention registered voters of Brownstown. Absentee ballots will be available at the Clerk's Office on Thursday, September 24, 2020. For those voters that have requested a ballot before September 23, 2020. Your ballots will be mailed to you on September 24, 2020 in the new blue and white envelopes. We are asking that voters please be patient and wait at least 10 – 14 days before contacting the Clerk's Office about not receiving their ballots. Please note, even if voters reside in the same household, it is possible that you may receive your ballots on different days.



## Registering To Vote for the General Election

By law, a person must be a Michigan resident, 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen to register. You can register online at <https://michigan.gov/vote> or you may register in person by visiting any Secretary of State branch office or the Clerk's office.

Please note the following registration deadlines for the General Election on November 3, 2020:

- **October 19, 2020** is the last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November general election. (MCL 168.497)
- **October 20<sup>th</sup> – 8 p.m. on Election Day:** Voters may now register up until 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020 with the local Clerk. Voters registering between Oct. 20 and Nov. 3 must show additional proof of residency. **Voters must be in line before 8 p.m. on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> in order to be eligible to register for that election.** (MCL 168.497)

### CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

21313 Telegraph Road  
Brownstown, MI 48183  
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Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Email: [clerkoff@brownstown-mi.org](mailto:clerkoff@brownstown-mi.org)

Website: [www.brownstown-mi.org](http://www.brownstown-mi.org)

*Sample ballots will be available at the clerk's office or on our web site.*

# Absentee Voting 101

## POSTAGE FOR RETURNED ABSENTEE BALLOTS

For this election, the Brownstown Clerk's Office will be partnering with the State of Michigan to pay for the return postage of all absentee ballots. Each green and white return envelope will have postage already applied to it. You may either drop your ballot off or place it in the mail. **Remember, all ballots must be received by the Clerk by 8 p.m. on Nov. 3, 2020 in order to be counted.**

## DID YOU SIGN YOUR BALLOT?

Did you remember to sign your ballot before dropping it in the mail or at the Clerk's Office?

The image shows a sample of an absentee ballot envelope. A red circle highlights the instruction "SIGN HERE" in large red letters. Other text on the envelope includes "IMPORTANT! DID YOU...", "FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY", and "VOTER signs here in the space of authority to not be counted". There are also checkboxes for "Water signature verified (initials)" and "Respectful Reason".

All absentee ballots must be signed by 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

## Tracking Your Absentee Ballot

You can check the status of whether your absentee application and/or ballot has been sent and/or received by visiting <https://michigan.gov/vote>

With the passage of Proposal 18-3, Michigan has adopted no reason Absentee Voting.

You may choose to vote absentee for either a single election or you can sign up to be part of our permanent absentee list. By signing up for the permanent absentee list you will receive an absentee ballot application for every election going forward. Just like when you vote in the polls, we must have an application on file for each specific election before a ballot can be sent for you.

**Voting absentee is a two step process.** First you must fill out and submit an application specific to each election. On the application, please make sure to select which election(s) you would like to request an absentee ballot for and sign the form before returning it to the Clerk's Office. Once an application is received, your ballot will either be mailed to you or you can pick it up once they are available. **Please note only the person requesting the ballot is allowed to pick it up. You may not pick up a ballot on someone else's behalf.**

Absentee ballot applications may be returned either by mail, e-mail (preferably a pdf), or dropped off in person. If dropping your application off after normal business hours, please use the drop box that is attached to our main entrance.

**To have an absentee ballot mailed to you, we must receive your absentee ballot application no later than close of business the Friday October 30, 2020**

**The last date to request an absentee ballot in person is on Monday, November 2 at 4 p.m.**

All absentee ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.

## **Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes Are Available**

We will have two drop boxes available for those voters who wish to return their ballot in person. One drop box will be located in the lobby and will be available during normal business hours. A second secure drop box is located by the main entrance and is available to residents 24 hours a day.



**Ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Department by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020 in order to be counted.**