

### How can a physically disable person vote at the polls?

All polling locations within St. Charles County are equipped to deal with disabled voters. Curbside voting assistance is available in all elections. Federal Election laws require all polling locations to have a touch screen machine made available in federal elections. The central polling place (Election Authority's Office) will have a touch screen voting machine set-up in all elections.

Another option for disabled voters and their caregivers is to request in writing to be placed on the permanently disabled list for absentee ballots. Once on the list our office will send you an application before every election. Ballots are mailed once the applications are received. A notary's seal is "not required". The deadline to receive this written request is the Wednesday before the election.

### VOTER INFORMATION

#### What if someone changes his or her name?

This happens frequently because of marriage. If there is a legal name change, notify the Election Office in writing or in person at any of the registration sites. A person may vote one time only under a previous name, and will become inactive for voting until a new voter card has been completed and received by the Election Office.

#### What if someone moves?

- Notify the Election Office of any change of address that is within our county. This may be accomplished at any of our registration sites or fill out the back of your "Voter Identification" Card or the "Notice of Election/Identification" Card and mail it to the Election Office.
- The Election Office must receive your change of address by the 4th Wednesday before an election. This ensures that you will receive notification of election and are properly listed in the books at the polls. If you did not notify the office of your address change, you will need to call the Election Office for the location of your new polling place. A transfer of address may be made on the day of election, as long as you were already registered within St. Charles County. It is illegal to vote without updating your address.

### Where can I register or transfer my voting address?

The different sites to register or to make a transfer are:

- Election Office
- Public Schools
- Community College
- Libraries
- City Halls
- Motor Vehicle Registration Offices
- All State Offices providing public assistance which includes the license bureau.

*For information on the location of your nearest registration site, call 636-949-7550 or 1-800-822-4012 or visit our website: [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org)*

*You must be registered by the 4th Wednesday prior to an election and age 18 or older to vote in that election.*

### OFFICE HOURS

#### What are the Election Offices Hours?

Office hours are Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. In addition, as required by law, the office is open for absentee voting on the Saturday before any election, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### ST. CHARLES COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE

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### NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT

To comply with the Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, the entire country and our county have all switched over to a new way of voting. We have left the punch card ballots behind after 25 years of good service to our voters. The new Optical Scan and Touch Screen voting machines will make voting in our county even more open and transparent and continue to allow the voters a trust, and a feeling of security about the reliability of the vote count, knowing that the votes you cast for issues important to you, and the candidates of your choosing, are counted.

2010 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ELECTION DATES	Last Day to Receive Absentee Ballot Requests by Mail
February 2, 2010	January 27, 2010
March 2, 2010	February 24, 2010
April 6, 2010	March 31, 2010
June 8, 2010	June 2, 2010
August 3, 2010	July 28, 2010
November 2, 2010	October 27, 2010



## VOTING IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY

It's very important that you are registered at your current address at the time of voting. It's the law that you vote on the candidates and issues that pertain to the districts that govern your current address. Your ballot style is always determined by the various boundaries of political lines within our county.

St. Charles County has fifty-one (51) political subdivisions and one hundred-eleven (111) political districts.

The two combined create one-hundred and sixty-two (162) elective possibilities for the voters of this county and has created as many as two hundred and ten (210) different ballot combinations for one election.

Everyone is encouraged to register and to participate in all elections by voting. Remember, "EVERY VOTE COUNTS"!

St. Charles County Election Authority

### VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Missouri Election Laws require that all voters to show some form of approved identification. This is used for identification purposes when you register to vote and when voting on Election Day.

#### I didn't receive my Notice of Election/Identification Card in the mail. Do I still get to vote?

Yes. The Voter Identification or the Notice of Election/Identification Cards are the preferred forms of identification because they contain pertinent information regarding your polling place, political subdivision/districts, and precinct, which are necessary information to the judges at the polls. If you don't have either card, any other approved identification will be accepted. You may call the Election Office for further information.

### VALID FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

To vote you must present a form of identification from the following list: an ID issued by the state of Missouri including a state agency, a local election authority of Missouri, the US government, or an institution of higher education of Missouri; a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address; a driver's license or state identification card issued by another state; or an affidavit signed by you and two supervising election judges, one from each major political party, stating the election judges personally know you. (RSMo 115.427)

#### I've lost my Voter Identification Card. How do I apply for a new one?

Replacement Voter Identification Cards may be requested by contacting the Election Authority at 636-949-7550.

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DO NOT FORWARD Voter Notification Card		
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF St. Charles Co-West Unit		105678
10 Twp 150 Precinct 2 School 11 Fire 31 City 1 City Ward	9 MO-Cong Dist 23 State Rep 12 State Leg. Dist. 4 County Council 7 ambulance Dist. 2 Sewer	Doe, John 1 Appletree Dr. St. Peters, MO 63376

### ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

#### How will I know when elections are being held in my area?

Before any given election, our office will mail you a pink and white "Notice of Election/Identification" Card, giving the election date, your polling and other political information. You will need to take this card with you to the polling place and present it to the election workers. Signatures are not required on the card.

### When do the polls open?

Your polling place will promptly open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. (RSMo 115.407)

### ABSENTEE VOTING

#### I don't think I can make it to the polls on Election Day. Can I get an absentee ballot?

The answer is "YES" if one of the following applies:

- Absent on Election Day from the jurisdiction in which you are registered.
- In capacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of the person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability.\*
- Religious belief or practice.
- Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than your polling place.

*\*The affidavit envelope does not have to be notarized for anyone requesting an absentee ballot because of sickness or disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability, or a residence of the state of Missouri who resided outside the boundaries of the United State, or who is serving on active duty with the armed forces of the United States and includes the immediate family living with them.*

- If in the military, you may request an absentee ballot from the commanding officer or by contacting the Election Office.
- If you are hospitalized, within our county after 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to an election, you may request an absentee ballot. A bi-partisan team of election judges will be sent to your hospital room to allow you to vote.

### How do I apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to me?

Request for absentee ballots must be done in writing before each election. Written requests must be received in the Election Office no later than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday before any election. This request may be faxed to us at: 636-949-7552 or 636-949-1835. Your request must contain the following information:

- Your full name.
- Address where you live.
- Address where you would like the ballot to be mailed (if different).
- Reason for voting absentee.
- Your political party preference if you are applying for an August Primary ballot.
- The signatures of everyone requesting a ballot.

If you are voting an absentee ballot by mail, your notarized affidavit envelope\*\* with your voted ballot inside, must be returned to the Election Office no later than 7:00 p.m. the day of the election. The Election Office will only accept absentee ballots that are delivered by mail, registered carrier, or personally returned by the voter or family member within the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

**\*\*Notary officials are required by Missouri Law to perform this service free of charge for absentee voters.**

### May I vote an absentee ballot in person?

You may vote an absentee ballot at the Election Authority's Office. Such voting begins 6 weeks before an election and continues until 5:00 p.m. the day before the election. Special hours are set-up in general elections.

### My daughter is away at college. May I have an absentee ballot mailed to her?

Yes. A family member within the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree may apply "in person" for the ballot.

**For additional information on Absentee Voting, call 636-949-7550 or 1-800-822-4012 or visit our website: [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org)**