MEDIA ADVISORY

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MAIL-IN BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE NEARS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Montgomery County Board of Elections is encouraging all eligible voters to cast mail-in ballots. Voting by mail is a safe and secure way of voting.

Any registered voter who wants to vote by mail must apply for a ballot for the Presidential General Election. You must choose to either vote by mail or vote in person. If you request a vote by mail ballot, it will be your official ballot and you must return it through the U.S. Postal Service or bring it to an official drop box. If you try to vote at the polls after requesting a ballot by mail, you will cast a provisional ballot that adds time to your voting experience and will not be counted until after Election Day. This is necessary to prevent anyone from being able to vote twice.

You may apply for a vote by mail ballot in one of four ways:

1. Text the letters VBM to 77788.
2. Visit our website – www.777vote.org – and select Vote by Mail. Follow the instructions for completing the application which may be mailed, faxed (240-777-8560) or e-mailed to absentee@montgomerycountymd.gov) to the Board of Elections.
3. Visit https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1 to complete an online application. You must have a valid Maryland Driver's License or Motor Vehicle Administration issued ID and enter your name and date of birth exactly as reflected in the voter registration database in order to use this method. Follow the prompts to complete and submit your application.
4. You may apply in person at the Montgomery County Board of Elections – 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 – between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To obtain an application for another person, please call 240-777-8500 for detailed information.

The deadline for receipt of your completed application is Tuesday, October 20, 2020. After the date, a mail-in ballot can only be requested in person at our office – 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210, in Gaithersburg. The office is open:

- From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

- During Early Voting, October 26 through November 3, from 7 a.m. through 8 p.m.

The Montgomery County Board of Elections wishes to remind voters that impersonating another voter or casting a ballot on behalf of another person is a crime. If you see or hear of any attempted vote fraud, contact the State Attorney's Office at 410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023 toll free in Maryland or via TDD at 410-576-6372. For more information on voting by mail call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org, the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at https://elections.maryland.gov, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

Your Health, Your Voice, Your Vote!

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