

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS RECOMMENDS BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS, INCLUDING NEW LOCATIONS AT MONTGOMERY COLLEGE CAMPUSES, FOR THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

On Monday, October 16, 2023, the Montgomery Board of Elections approved by a bipartisan vote 58 ballot drop box locations for the 2024 Presidential Primary and General Elections. The 58 locations include all 55 locations used for the 2022 Gubernatorial Primary and General Elections and adding one drop box at each of Montgomery College's three campuses (Rockville, Germantown, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring). The bipartisan vote to add the Montgomery College (MC) locations was 4-1.

The Board decided to add drop boxes at MC after receiving a letter requesting them from MC President Jermaine F. Williams, Ed.D., and appearances at the October 16 Board meeting by a recent MC alumnus and MC service-learning, transportation, and security officials.

"Since 2020, the Board has placed drop boxes at early voting centers, public high schools, and at a number of senior communities and municipal buildings in response to requests from those communities," Board President David Naimon said. "I'm happy that in 2024 we'll be adding drop boxes at Montgomery College campuses, which will make voting more convenient for the more than 40,000 students who enroll in MC every year, many of whom use public transportation to get to classes."

"We strongly encourage all those eligible to vote to take advantage of this added convenient way to vote," said Board Secretary Amie Hoeber. "I think the Board of Elections should continue to be responsive to public requests."

With an increasing number of voters who vote by mail, the Board's decision will provide for continuity of service by utilizing locations used in 2022 elections and further assist voters to return their voted mail-in ballots at accessible and convenient locations. The decision emphasizes the Board's efforts to facilitate collection of mail-in ballots through official election drop boxes located throughout the county.

The Board approved the following drop box locations:

1. Activity Center at Bohrer Park

3. Asbury Methodist Village

2. Albert Einstein High School

4. Bauer Drive Community Rec Center

- 5. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
- 6. Bette Carol Thompson Scotland Neighborhood Recreation Center,
- 7. Clarksburg High School
- 8. Col. Zadok Magruder High School
- 9. Damascus Community Rec Center
- 10. Damascus High School
- 11. East County Community Rec Center
- 12. Executive Office Building
- 13. Friendship Heights Village Center
- 14. Gaithersburg High School
- 15. Germantown Community Recreation Center
- 16. Gwendolyn E. Coffield Community Recreation Center
- 17. James Hubert Blake High School
- 18. Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center
- 19. John F. Kennedy High School
- 20. Leisure World of Maryland
- 21. Longwood Community Recreation Center
- 22. Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Ctr.
- 23. Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center
- 24. Mid-County Community Recreation Center
- 25. Montgomery Blair High School
- 26. Montgomery County Board of Elections
- 27. Montgomery College-Germantown Campus
- 28. Montgomery College-Rockville Campus

- 29. Montgomery College-Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
- 30. Montgomery County Conference Center Marriott Bethesda North
- 31. Nancy H. Dacek N. Potomac Community Recreation Center
- 32. Northwest High School
- 33. Northwood High School
- 34. Paint Branch High School
- 35. Poolesville High School
- 36. Potomac Community Rec Center
- 37. Quince Orchard High School
- 38. Richard Montgomery High School
- 39. Riderwood Senior Living
- 40. Robertson Park Youth Center
- 41. Rockville City Hall
- 42. Rockville High School
- 43. Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept.
- 44. Seneca Valley High School
- 45. Sherwood High School
- 46. Silver Spring Civic Building
- 47. Springbrook High School
- 48. Takoma Park Community Center
- 49. Thomas S. Wootton High School
- 50. Upper County Comm. Rec Center
- 51. Walt Whitman High School
- 52. Walter Johnson High School
- 53. Watkins Mill High School
- 54. Wheaton High School
- 55. Wheaton Library & Community Recreation Center
- 56. White Oak Community Rec Center
- 57. Wilson Wims Elementary School
- 58. Winston Churchill High School

Once the State Board of Elections approves the drop box sites for Montgomery County, they will be advertised on the Board's website. Approved ballot drop boxes will be installed approximately six weeks before Election Day.

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