

PUBLIC NOTICE - VOTER INFORMATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 Australian Ballot Vote

TO ELECT SCHOOL OFFICERS AND VOTE ON THE TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT as follows:

For Wilmington, Australian Ballot polls open 7:00am to 7:00pm

**The polling place is located at: Old School Community Center
1 School Street, Wilmington, Vermont**

For Whitingham, the Australian Ballot polls open at 10:00am to 7:00pm

**The polling place is located at: Twin Valley Middle High School
4299 Vermont Route 100 S, Whitingham, Vermont**



TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

IMPORTANT DATES:

CHECKLIST: posted no later than **January 31, 2021**. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote in order to participate.

SAMPLE BALLOTS: posted no later than **February 9, 2021**.

REGISTER TO VOTE: Anyone wishing to register to vote may do so in person at the Town Clerk's Office during the regular office hours. Registering to vote is also available online at the Vermont Secretary of State's website at olvr.vermont.gov

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You can request early absentee ballots at any time during the election year. The latest you can request ballot(s) for the Town & School Officers Election on March 2, 2021 is the close of the Town Clerk's office **at noon on Monday, March 1, 2021**. You or a family member can request early ballots in person, in writing, by telephone, or online at mvp.vermont.gov. An authorized person can request ballots for you in writing.

Contact the Town Clerk's office with questions regarding voting.
Wilmington: Tel: 464-5836 ext. 115 or by email at tlounsbury@wilmingtonvt.us or pjohnson@wilmingtonvt.us.

Whitingham: Tel: 368-7887 or by email at almira@whitinghamvt.us

VERMONT NOTICE TO VOTERS

Ways of voting early or absentee:

1. Vote in town clerk's office before **12:00p.m. the day before the Election**
2. Voter may take the ballots out of the clerk's office for himself and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
3. Have ballot mailed to you and return it to clerk's office before Election Day or to polling place before 7 p.m. on Election Day.
4. If you are sick or disabled, you may ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or the day of election.

EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You can request early absentee ballots at any time during the election year. The latest you can request ballots for the General Election is the close of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the Election. You or a family member can request early ballots in person, in writing or by telephone. An authorized person can request ballots for you in writing.

VOTING EARLY OR ABSENTEE

Vote at Home on Election Day

If you are sick or disabled a ballot can be delivered to your home on Election Day. You must make your request at least three days before the election. On Election Day two justices of the peace (of different parties) will deliver a ballot to you, and then will bring the ballot back to the polling place so that it can be placed in the ballot box and counted.

Vote By Mail

Any voter can request that the town clerk mail them an early voter absentee ballot. This ballot will arrive with a return envelope so that the ballot, once voted, can be returned to the clerk so that it can be counted on Election Day. The clerk must receive the ballot by the close of polls on Election Day in order to be counted. A ballot can be requested any time before an election. Clerks will mail absentee ballots within the 30 days prior to the election.

Hand Delivered Ballots

A voter may pick up a ballot at the town clerk's office at any time beginning thirty days prior to the general or primary election. A voted early voter absentee ballot, in a sealed envelope, can be hand delivered to the clerk on Election Day or prior to Election Day. The ballot can be returned to the clerk or delivered to the polling place by the voter or any person the voter authorizes to return the ballot for him or her. A person can only pick up his or her own ballot from the clerk's office.

Vote Early

A voter may vote at the Town Clerk's office in person any time thirty days before a primary or general election or 20 days before a municipal election.

Early voter absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office before the close of the office on the day before the election OR to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election in order to be counted in the election.

Identification Required for First Time Registrants by Mail: If you have never voted in Vermont before and you registered individually by mail, you must provide Identification before you can vote a regular ballot: current valid photo I.D., or a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and current address.

Any Voter who wants assistance for any reason may bring the person of his or her choice (except employer or union representative) into the voting booth to help or may ask for assistance from two election officials.

Voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place may have a ballot brought to a car outside the polls by two election officials.

Any U. S. citizen and resident of a Vermont town or city who submitted an application to register to vote before the deadline is entitled to vote regardless of race or physical ability.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted an application before the deadline for applications: Explain the situation to your town clerk or presiding officer and ask that your name be added to the checklist today. The town clerk or presiding officer will investigate the situation and then either have you complete a sworn affidavit and then add your name to the checklist or explain why not.

If the town clerk or presiding officer cannot determine that you are entitled to be added to the checklist on Election Day, you may appeal to a superior court judge, who will give you a decision on Election Day.

THE LAW PROHIBITS THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT:

- Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote.
- Socialize in a manner that will disturb other voters inside the polling place.
- Offer bribe, threaten, or intimidate a person to vote for a candidate.
- Hinder or interfere with the progress of a voter going into or from a polling place. Vermont law provides that a person cannot campaign within a polling place, but does NOT specify any number of feet that campaigners need to be away from the polls outside. The Presiding Officer will set reasonable rules for where campaigners can stand.

The Election Officials at the polling place are here to serve you. If you have any questions, or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

If you do not understand something, or you believe a mistake has been made that has not been corrected, or you have a question that cannot be answered to your satisfaction at the polling place:

**Call the Elections Division,
Office of the Secretary of State
1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) (Accessible by TDD)**

If you believe that any of your voting rights have been violated, you may call the Elections Division at 800-439-8683 or (802) 828-2464. You may also file an Administrative Complaint with the Secretary of State's Office, 26 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101.

If you believe you have witnessed efforts to commit any kind of fraud or corruption in the voting process, you may report this to your local United States Attorney's Office, the County State's Attorney or the Vermont Attorney General.

If you have witnessed actual or attempted acts of discrimination or intimidation in the voting process, you may report this to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice at (800) 253-3931.

VERMONT VOTER RIGHTS

YOU MAY SEE A BALLOT IN ADVANCE

- Your town clerk has sample ballots for you to see at least 10 days before the election.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ASSISTANCE

- Bring the person of YOUR CHOICE into the voting booth with you to help you vote.
[Not your employer or union representative.]
- You can get help marking the ballot. Ask an election official for assistance. Two election officials will help you. [No one can tell you how to vote!]
- Bring a magnifying glass or other device to help you vote.
- If you are disabled or ill, you may ask the election officials to bring a ballot to your car.
- Bring a list of candidates into the voting booth to help you vote.
[You may not show your list to other voters or leave it in the booth.]

YOU CAN VOTE EARLY OR VOTE FROM HOME

- You can vote at the town clerk's office or take a ballot home to vote anytime 30 days before the election.
- Call the town clerk or sign a request form and the clerk will send you a ballot by mail

YOU CAN GET A NEW BALLOT IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE

- If you give your first ballot to an election official you can get another ballot to vote.
- You can get up to three ballots.

YOU MAY WRITE-IN A CANDIDATE

- Write the name of the candidate on the write-in line.
- Place a sticker with the candidate's name on the write-in line.

YOUR BALLOT IS PRIVATE

- No one has the right to see how you voted or to ask you how you voted. Cast your ballot by either folding and placing your ballot in the ballot box or by inserting your ballot into the voting machine.

PLEASE ASK QUESTIONS

- Election officials are here to help you understand how to vote. They cannot help you decide who to vote for and they may not tell you candidate names or party designations.
- If you are not sure that you are being properly assisted, ask to speak to the presiding officer.

For more information please call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (8683)
or email dcrossman@sec.state.vt.us

NOTICE TO VOTERS

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED by January 31, 2021. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.
SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by February 9, 2021.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE: There is no deadline to register to vote. You can register prior to the election by visiting the town clerk's office or going online to olvr.vermont.gov. You may also register to vote on the day of the election at the election polling place.

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone, email, or online at mvp.vermont.gov. The latest you can request ballots for the Annual Meeting is of the Town Clerk's office at noon on Monday, March 1, 2021. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the town clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballot(s) out of the clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Election Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Election Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election.)

ON ELECTION DAY:

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, or has not been added even though you submitted a timely application for addition to the checklist, you can fill out a new registration form.

! If the clerk or Board of Civil Authority does not add your name, you can appeal the decision to a superior court judge, who will settle the matter on Election Day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE (439-8683) for more information.

If you are a first time voter who submitted your application to the checklist individually by mail and did not submit the required document, you must provide a current and valid photo identification, or a bank statement, utility bill, or government document that contains your name/current address.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may have assistance from any person of your choice. If any voters you know have disabilities let them know they can have assistance from any person of their choice.

If you know voters who cannot get from the car into the polling place let them know that ballot(s) may be brought to their car by two election officials.

If you have any questions or need assistance while voting, ask your town clerk or any election official for help.

NO PERSON SHALL:

- ! Vote more than once per election, either in the same town or in different towns.
- ! Mislead the board of civil authority about your own or another person's true residency or other eligibility to vote.
- ! Hinder or impede a voter going into or from the polling place.
- ! Socialize in a manner that could disturb other voters in the polling place.
- ! Offer bribe, threaten or exercise undue influence to dictate or control the vote of another person.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS using Vote Tabulator Ballots

CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE BALLOTS:

- Go to the entrance checklist table.
- Give name and, if asked, street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- An election official will give you a ballot.
- Enter within the guardrail and go to a vacant voting booth.

MARK YOUR BALLOT: For each office listed on the ballot, you will see instructions to "Vote for not more than one, or Vote for not more than two, etc."

- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the name of the candidate you want to vote for.
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write-in the name or paste on sticker, then fill in the oval.

CHECK OUT:

- Go to the exit checklist table and state your name in an audible voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

CAST YOUR VOTE by depositing your voted ballot into the vote tabulating machine.

LEAVE the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.

**SCHOOL WARNING
TWIN VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Twin Valley Unified Union School District are hereby notified to attend a public informational hearing by electronic means on February 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Articles on the 2021 TVUUSD Annual Meeting Warning. Meeting can be accessed by ([GOOGLE Link](#)) and/or ((US) +1 573-723-1783 PIN: 350 826 052#) by phone

The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, 2021 for voting on the articles by Australian Ballot. For this purpose the polls will open:

- Wilmington, at the Old School Enrichment Center, 7:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls close)
- Whitingham, at the Jacksonville Municipal Center, 10:00 a.m. (at which time the polls open) and 7:00 p.m. (at which time the polls close)

ARTICLE I

To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot

ARTICLE II

To elect a Clerk, by Australian Ballot

ARTICLE III

To elect a Treasurer, by Australian Ballot

ARTICLE IV

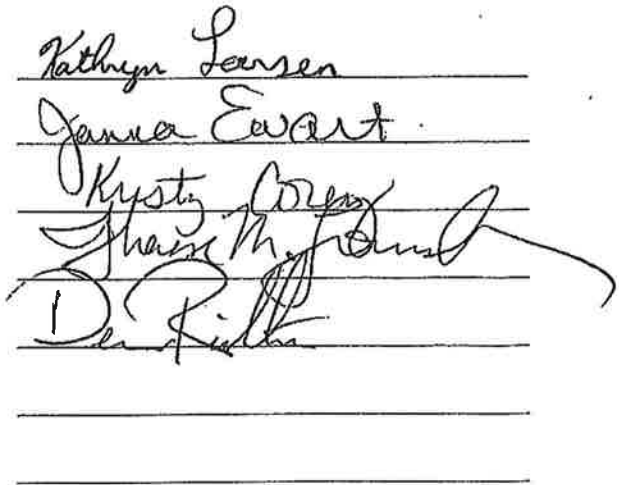
To elect (2) School Directors for two (3) year terms and (1) School Director for a one (1) year term, by Australian Ballot

ARTICLE V

To see if the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$8,992,086 which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,521 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.3% lower than spending for the current year. To be voted by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE VI

To see if the Unified Union School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.



Twin Valley Unified Union School Directors

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont
this 28 day of January 2021.

VOTING PROCESS - INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

- Go to the entrance checklist table, give your name, and if asked, your street address to the election official in a loud voice.
- Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- Take the ballot from the election official and enter a voting booth. Once inside the voting booth, mark your ballot for each race.
- To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval or make a cross (X) in the box to the right of the name of the candidate(s) as directed on your ballot. **Do not vote for more candidates than the "Vote for not more than #" for each race or office. If you vote for more than the "Vote for not more than #," your vote will not count for that race.**
- WRITE-IN candidate(s). To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "write-in" lines on the ballot and either write in the name or paste on a sticker, **then fill in the oval or make a cross (X) in the box.**
- **If you make a mistake or change your mind, DO NOT try to erase. Return your spoiled ballot and ASK an election official for a new ballot. If you make a mistake again, you may ask for another ballot and you may want to ask for assistance. Each voter may have up to 3 ballots.**
- To cast your voted ballot: either insert your voted ballot into the tabulating machine, or in a hand count town, fold your voted ballot and insert it into the ballot box.
- Go to the exit checklist table, if any, and state your name. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.
- Leave the voting area immediately by passing outside the guardrail.
- All voters who are in line at the polling place at 7 p.m. will be permitted to vote. No voter can enter the polling place to vote after 7 p.m.