

**NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES
CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

The following precincts located in Cass County have elected to vote by mail ballot procedure in statewide elections as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 204B.45. All other precincts vote at their designated polling place on election day.

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Bull Moose Township	Loon Lake Township	Salem Township
Backus	Byron Township	Meadow Brook Township	Slater Township
Barclay Township	Chickamaw Beach	Moose Lake Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Becker Township	Deerfield Township	Motley-part in Cass County only	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Bena	Federal Dam	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Thunder Lake Township
Birch Lake Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Poplar Township	Wahnena Unorg.
Blind Lake Township	Homebrook Township	Remer	Walden Township
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Remer Township	Willow River Unorg.
Boy River	Lima Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Wilson Township
Boy River Township	Longville	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.

For the 2016 statewide general election, the dates that ballots will be mailed for the foregoing mail ballot precincts are:

Statewide General Election: November 8, 2016

Ballot Mailing Dates: September 23 – October 25, 2016

Each voter registered by October 18, 2016 for the Statewide General Election will be mailed a ballot automatically.

Eligible voters not pre-registered by October 18, 2016, or pre-registered voters wishing to receive their ballot at a temporary address may apply for an absentee ballot.

Voters may register and apply for an absentee ballot on-line by visiting mnvote.org or the elections and voting pages of the Cass County website at www.co.cass.mn.us. For paper applications or assistance, call 218-547-7260.

Ballots may be returned by mail (a postage prepaid return envelope is included when the ballots are mailed), delivered in person by the voter, or delivered by designated agent to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484. **Ballots must be received no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day in order to be counted.** Normal business hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voters with disabilities and other special needs, either permanent or temporary, may access a voter assist terminal to mark their ballot by bringing their ballot and ballot envelopes to the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at the address noted above, or other designated absentee voting locations.

Officials are also available at these locations to complete the witness requirements for mail ballots. Instructions are included with each ballot. The back of the return envelope must be signed by the voter and witnessed by any one of the following:

1. anyone registered to vote in Minnesota, *including a spouse or relative*,
2. a notary public, or
3. a person with the authority to administer oaths.

Prompt return of voted ballots is encouraged so that any omitted requirements can be corrected in advance of election day. Ballots are processed when received, and voters will be notified if there is a problem. Voters casting a mail ballot may also track their ballot on-line by visiting the website of the Minnesota Secretary of State at mnvote.org.

In addition to the normal business hours, extended hours for mail ballot voting (for in-person drop off, voter assist terminal access or absentee voting for non-registered voters) are:

Statewide Primary Election: Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, August 8, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Statewide General Election: Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Monday, November 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The counting of mail ballots will be completed at the Cass County Courthouse after 8:00 p.m. on the respective election dates.

Additional information is available by contacting the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, 303 Minnesota Avenue, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN, phone 218-547-7260.

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