



Township of
LAKETON
State of Michigan

FEBRUARY 2024 ELECTION NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Clerk's Office:

In November 2022 voters passed Proposal 2, which amended the State Constitution to include additional voting rights and created additional options for Michigan voters to vote. Michigan voters now have three ways to vote either by Absentee Ballot, Early In-Person voting, or Election Day voting.

Below you will find more information about all three of these voting options as well as information about the elections occurring in 2024.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Michigan still has no reason absentee voting; any registered voter can request an absentee ballot to vote prior to Election Day.

The biggest change with Absentee Voting is the addition of the **NEW Permanent Absentee Ballot List**. Voters who are on our new Permanent Absentee Ballot List will automatically be mailed an absentee ballot before every election. Once you are on this new list, there is no longer an application process.

The one exception to this is the Presidential Primary elections. This is the one election every four years, where a voter has to select a party specific ballot. Voters who checked the box to be added to our permanent absentee ballot list will receive a ballot selection form that will need to be returned to the Clerk's office prior to the mailing of the absentee ballot.

With the implementation of the Permanent Absentee Ballot option, the State will be phasing out the Automatic Absentee Ballot Application option. In the past voters who were on this list would be automatically mailed an absentee ballot application before every election. Once this option is phased out, voters who are not on the Permanent Absentee Ballot list will have to request an application in order to receive one and apply for an absentee ballot.

If you are a snowbird, college student, or regularly use a temporary alternative address, the Permanent Absentee Ballot List may not be the best option for you as the ballot will be mailed to your home address and the USPS cannot forward ballots. The best option for these voters is to apply for an absentee ballot before each election or be sure to let the Clerk's office know your forwarding address before you leave.

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING



Michigan voters now have the right to vote early and in-person at an early in-person voting site for 9 consecutive days prior to an election. The Early In-Person Voting process is very similar to voting on Election Day – show up, complete a voter application, mark your ballot, and place it into the tabulator.

Early in-person voting will be available beginning with the Presidential Primary in February 2024 and statewide and federal elections thereafter.

Laketon Township's Early In-Person Voting Site is being held at the **County of Muskegon's Early Voting Site, located at 1903 Marquette Avenue** (Muskegon County's Baker College Campus) and will be available for every statewide and federal election for 9 consecutive days beginning the second Saturday before the Election Day and ending the first Sunday before Election Day.

For the 2024 Presidential Primary; Early In-Person Voting will be available:

Saturday, February 17, 2024	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 18, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Monday, February 19, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 22, 2024	11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 23, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 24, 2024	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 25, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

***Monday, February 26, 2024 – NO EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING**

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

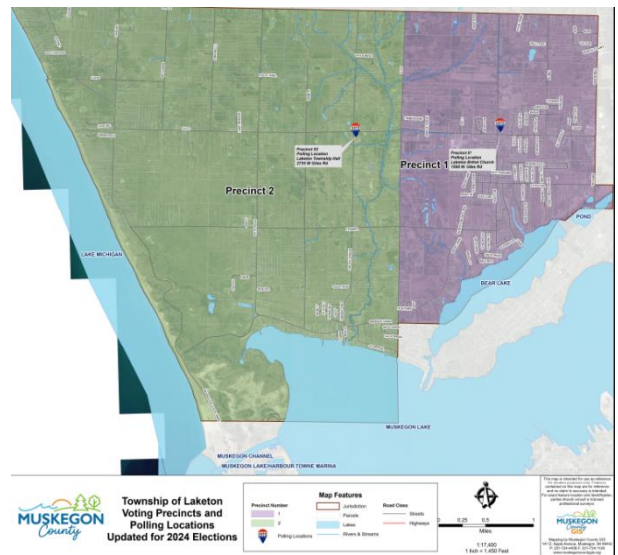
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – Election Day!

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Vote at your designated polling location.

Precinct 1 - East side of Buys Road
Laketon Bethel Church, 1568 W. Giles Road.

Precinct 2 - West side of Buys Road
Laketon Township Hall, 2735 W. Giles Road.



VOTER REGISTRATION/VOTER INFORMATION/UPCOMING INFORMATION

REGISTER TO VOTE

Individuals are encouraged to register to vote as early as possible before an election. Methods and requirements for voter registration depend on the following deadlines.

If there are 15+ days before an election, individuals can register at the Michigan SOS office, online, by mail or in person.

Within 14 days of an election, and on Election Day, individuals may only register by visiting their local clerk's office to register in person with proof of residency documentation. Voters can check their voter registration status by visiting the link below.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If you have moved recently, please make sure to update your voter registration.

Michigan Voter Information Center

Your source for Michigan election information

Visit [Michigan.gov/vote](https://www.michigan.gov/vote) to:

- View your sample ballot.
- Find out if you are registered to vote.
- Find your voting location.
- Track your absentee ballot.
- And much more!

Also available on smart devices.



To find your voting precinct or to view your sample ballot, please visit www.michigan.gov/vote or call the clerk's office at (231) 744-2454 for more information.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS/INFORMATION:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024 – CLERK'S OFFICE IS OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. FOR ELECTION PURPOSES ONLY (VOTER REGISTRATION, ABSENTEE VOTING, ETC.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 – PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 – PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 – GENERAL ELECTION