VOTING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

On Wednesday, April 22, the General Assembly will have to decide whether or not to delay the municipal elections. However, the Governor does have the authority to delay the June 9 congressional primaries and does not need additional approval to do so.

Because it is unknown whether or not the General Assembly will approve the Governor’s request to change the May election, the Lynchburg Registrar’s Office is recommending that voters proceed and vote absentee.

“The deadline to request to have an absentee ballot mailed to a voter is Tuesday, April 28,” said General Registrar Christine Gibbons. “Since the General Assembly won’t meet until April 22, I would encourage people to go ahead and apply to have a ballot mailed to them just in case the General Assembly should not approve the change.”

Voters may also vote in person; however, the Virginia Department of Elections encourages voters to protect their health during COVID-19 outbreak. Voting absentee in the upcoming local May elections is strongly encouraged. Voters may choose reason 2A for absentee voting in the May 2020 elections due to COVID-19. Voters who choose the absentee option should do so as soon as possible so they can receive their ballots in time to return them by mail by Election Day, May 5.

REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS EASY!

• Apply online: https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation
• Visit www.lynchburgva.gov/registrars-office to request an absentee ballot or for additional information.
• Email: registrar@lynchburgva.gov
• Phone: (434) 477-5999

CENSUS 2020 - BE COUNTED TODAY!

All Lynchburg residents should have received an invitation by now to complete the 2020 Census. You have three options to respond: online, by mail or by phone. When completing the census, you will note where you and your household were living on April 1. Your count helps provide resources to our community for things like school lunches, housing assistance, public transit, road construction and more.

With the negative effect of the COVID-19 pandemic may have on the City’s revenues, it is more important than ever before for Lynchburg residents to be counted today!

Complete it online at www.2020census.gov or phone at 1-844-330-2020.

Here’s a look at some of the key dates:

• Through August 14: The public is strongly encouraged to respond online. (Options for responding by phone or mail are also available.)
• By April 1, 2021: By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting information.

COVID-19: LOCAL INFORMATION

Although several City buildings and offices are closed to the public, employees will continue to provide services under a minimal staffing.

• Residents are encouraged to conduct business with the City online, by mail or telephone (see below for details).
• Anyone making payments to the City may do so online at www.lynchburgva.gov by mail or using the drop box located in front of City Hall. No cash should be placed in the drop box but only checks and money orders, please.
• State income tax returns are due by May 1. Those who need assistance in preparing their return by the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office will not be able to visit the office in person. Instead, call the office at (434) 485-3870 or send an email to cor@lynchburgva.gov for assistance.
• The Concord Turner Community Center continues to operate with normal hours, Tuesday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Livestock Read Landfill will be temporarily closed to the public on Saturdays in response COVID-19. The new hours of operation will be Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for all customers.
• The Water Plant and Water Museum, Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Powhatan Reservoir are closed to the public until further notice. Please call (434) 455-4285 or call 911 with any water-related problems.

ELDER REASSURANCE SUPPORT LINE

Senior citizens who have questions about the pandemic or just need to chat with someone can call the Elder Reassurance Hotline at (434) 455-4115 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Department recently established the hotline to offer support to the elderly during the pandemic.

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Please remember to dispose of wipes in the trash, NOT the toilet!