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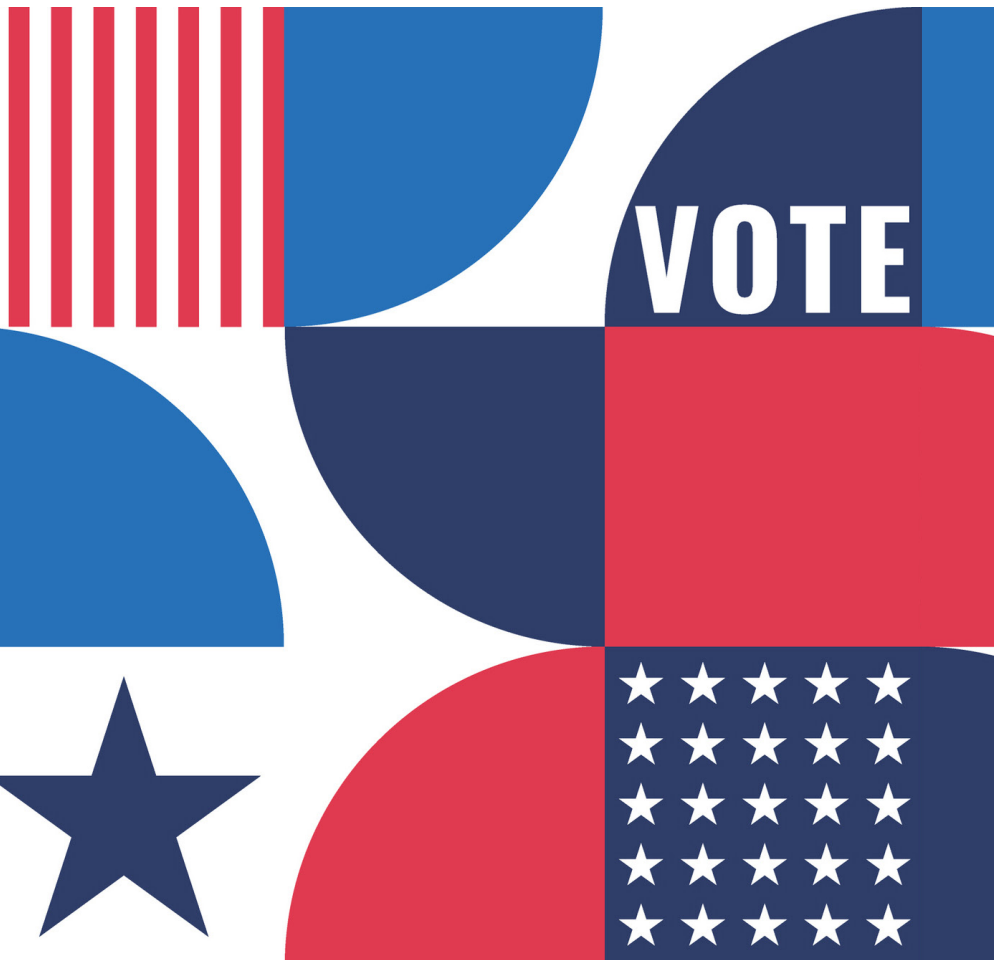
# Annual Village Elections Calendar of Dates

**March Election**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

**June Election**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026



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# **The General Village Election**

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# General Information

## *General Election Dates*

### **Election Law § 15-104. General village election**

1. a. The general village election shall be held on the third Tuesday in March except in any village which presently elects, or hereafter adopts a proposition to elect, its officers on a date other than the third Tuesday in March.

b. In any village in which the general village election, or a special village election for officers pursuant to this chapter, is scheduled to be held on the third Tuesday of March, for any year in which the seventeenth day of March shall fall on such Tuesday, the board of trustees of such village shall provide that such election shall be held on the eighteenth day of March. Any provision of a resolution adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall not otherwise alter the political calendar for any such election, which shall continue to be computed from the third Tuesday of March.

## *Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday Dates*

### **Election Law § 1-106. Filing of papers; when received**

1. All papers required to be filed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall, unless otherwise provided, be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If the last day for filing shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the next business day shall become the last day for filing.

All papers sent by mail in an envelope postmarked prior to midnight of the last day of filing shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing when received, except that all certificates and petitions of designation or nomination, certificates of acceptance or declination of such designations or nominations, certificates of authorization for such designations or nominations, certificates of disqualification, certificates of substitution for such designations or nominations and objections and specifications of objections to such certificates and petitions required to be filed with the state board of elections or a board of elections outside of the city of New York shall be deemed timely filed and accepted for filing if sent by mail or overnight delivery service pursuant to subdivision three of this section, ***and received no later than two business days after the last day to file*** such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications (emphasis added).

Failure of the post office or any other person or entity to deliver any such petition, certificate or objection to such board of elections outside the city of New York no later than two business days after the last day to file such certificates, petitions, objections or specifications ***shall be a fatal defect*** (emphasis added).

2. The failure to file any petition or certificate relating to the designation or nomination of a candidate for party position or public office or to the acceptance or

declination of such designation or nomination within the time prescribed by the provisions of this chapter ***shall be a fatal defect*** (emphasis added).

*NOTE: Election Law § 1-106 does **NOT** extend deadlines for village clerks or boards of trustees when a deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday because village clerks and boards of trustees may conduct business on those days.*

**General Construction Law § 24 Public holidays; half-holidays**

Pursuant to General Construction Law § 24, the following days are public holidays:

Public Holiday	2026 Date
<b>New Year's Day</b> January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, January 1, 2026
<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> Third Monday in January	Monday, January 19, 2026
<b>Lincoln's Birthday</b> February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, February 12, 2026
<b>Washington's Birthday</b> Third Monday in February	Monday, February 16, 2026
<b>Memorial Day</b> Last Monday in May	Monday, May 25, 2026
<b>Flag Day</b> Second Sunday in June	Sunday, June 14, 2026
<b>Juneteenth</b> June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, June 19, 2026
<b>Independence Day</b> July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, July 4, 2026
<b>Labor Day</b> First Monday in September	Monday, September 7, 2026
<b>Columbus Day</b> Second Monday in October	Monday, October 12, 2026
<b>Veterans' Day</b> November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Fourth Thursday in November	Thursday, November 26, 2026
<b>Christmas Day</b> December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, December 25, 2026

If any of these days falls on a Sunday (except Flag Day), then the holiday is celebrated the next day.

## ***Conducting Referenda***

In villages, both mandatory and permissive referenda are conducted pursuant to Article 9 of the Village Law. Under Article 9, the board of trustees may bypass the petition process by submitting a permissive referendum to voters upon its own motion. If a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the motion is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Additionally, whenever a State statute subjects a village local law or resolution to a mandatory referendum and no other procedure is provided, the referendum must be conducted pursuant to Article 9 as if the referendum were a permissive referendum for which a valid petition was filed on the date that the board of trustees adopted the local law or resolution.

For a vote to be held on a local law or resolution that is subject to a permissive referendum, a valid petition must be filed in the office of the village clerk within 30 days of the passage of the legislative act. Many referenda may be timed so that they are held during a regularly scheduled village election. If the petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held, and on or before the first day of the month in which the general election is to be held, the proposition must be voted on at the **general village election**.

- **March Elections** – If the petition is filed on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before March 1<sup>st</sup>, the proposition **must** be placed on the ballot for the March election.
- **June Elections** – If the petition is filed on or after April 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>, the proposition **must** be placed on the ballot for the June election.

However, if the petition for a permissive referendum is filed after the first day of the month in which a general village election is to be held and before the first day of the month two months prior to the next general village election, the referendum must be held at a **special election of the village** to be held not less than 10, nor more than 60, days after the filing of the petition.

- **March Elections** – If a petition is filed after March 1<sup>st</sup> and before January 1<sup>st</sup>, a special election must be held.
- **June Elections** – If a petition is filed after June 1<sup>st</sup> and before April 1<sup>st</sup>, a special election must be held.

For more information relating to the conduct of referenda, please refer to **NYCOM Municipal Management Series *Enacting Local Legislation and Conducting Referenda***. To access this publication, please email Rebecca Ruscito, NYCOM Counsel at [rebecca@nycom.org](mailto:rebecca@nycom.org).



**Number of Signatures Required for Valid Independent Nominating Petitions**

In villages with 5,000 or more residents, at least 100 registered voters must sign an independent nominating petition. In villages of at least 3,000 residents but fewer than 5,000 residents, at least 75 registered voters must sign an independent nominating petition. In villages with at least 1,000 residents but fewer than 3,000 residents, at least 50 registered voters must sign an independent nominating petition. In villages with fewer than 1,000 residents, at least 5% of the number of voters that were registered at the time of the **last** regular village election must sign an independent nominating petition (see, Election Law § 15-108(6)).

Minimum number of required signers	Population			
	0 – 999	1,000 - 2,999	3,000 - 4,999	5,000 +
	5% of <b>registered</b> voters	50	75	100

Many questions arise concerning the independent nominating process in villages with fewer than 1,000 residents. Although the language of the statute is frequently misread as requiring the number of signatures on independent nominating petitions to equal at least 5% of those individuals who actually voted in the previous village election, the New York State Board of Elections has stated that independent nominating petitions must be signed by registered voters equaling 5% of the total number of individuals registered to vote at the previous village election. For example, if at the last regular village election, 500 of the village’s 900 residents were registered to vote but only 100 residents actually voted, the petition would have to be signed by 25 registered voters ( $500 \times 0.05 = 25$ ).

**Timely Filing of Petitions and Papers**

Petitions **must** be rejected if not timely filed. Additionally, all other papers (e.g., certificates of acceptance/declination, written objections, written specifications, etc.) that are not filed within the time prescribed by the Election Law are **NOT** valid.

As stated above, Election Law § 1-106, requires any paper that must be filed pursuant to the Election Law, to be filed between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., unless otherwise specifically provided by law.

*NOTE: Clerks **MUST** provide for acceptance of filings until 5:00 P.M. on the last day of a filing, even if normal business hours of the office end earlier than 5:00 P.M.*

## ***Early Mail Voting***

Chapter 481 of the Laws of 2023 authorized early mail voting. Known at the “New York Early Mail Voter Act,” this method of voting is available to voters for all elections, including village elections conducted by the village clerk pursuant to Article 15 of the Election Law. The process for early mail voting is largely consistent with the applying for and casting of absentee ballots.

A registered voter of a village may vote by early mail ballot for any general or special village election in which he or she is eligible to vote, provided that such voter files a written application with the village clerk.

The **village clerk must examine each application for an early mail ballot to determine whether the applicant is a qualified to receive the early mail in ballot** (Election Law § 15-119(7)).

This requirement is **distinct from the clerk’s review of absentee ballot applications as clerks do not determine whether an absentee ballot applicant is a qualified elector** (Election Law § 15-120(5)). With early mail ballot applications the clerk must examine each early mail ballot application and determine whether:

1. The application is complete;
2. The applicant is a registered voter of the village at the address listed in the application; and
3. The applicant is eligible to vote in the election.

Upon determining that an applicant for early mail ballot is qualified to receive the early mail ballot, the clerk must deem the application accepted and provide the early mail ballot to the voter accordingly (Election Law § 15-119(7)).

Village clerks must mail, by regular mail, an early mail ballot to each qualified applicant at the address set forth in their application at least six days before the election. Voters may submit applications as late as the day before the election if the application is submitted in person. **Early mail ballot applications may not be provided to voters nor accepted by the clerk on Election Day** (Election Law § 15-119(7)).

Like absentee ballot applications, the clerk must prepare a list of all persons who submit an early mail ballot application (Election Law § 8-702(4)).

## ***Campaign Finance***

All candidates have an independent responsibility to comply with the state's campaign finance laws and regulations. **Although NYCOM's Calendar of Dates includes the deadlines for candidates to file their statements of campaign receipts and expenditures, NYCOM does not offer guidance on or answer questions regarding campaign finance matters. Likewise, village clerks should NOT provide candidates with advice regarding the state's campaign finance filing requirements.**

Candidates with campaign finance questions should be advised to consult with an elections attorney. Information relating to filing requirements and campaign finance reporting, including forms and filing instructions is available on the New York State Board of Elections' website: <https://elections.ny.gov/campaign-finance>.

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## March Village Election ▪ Wednesday, March 18, 2026

*NOTE: In any year in which the third Tuesday of March falls on the seventeenth day of March, the board of trustees **must** adopt a resolution **at least sixty days** before the village election stating that the election will be held on the eighteenth day of March. **For all village elections scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, the village board of trustees must pass a resolution designating Wednesday, March 18, 2026 as village election day.***

*NYCOM recommends adopting the resolution **prior to Monday, November 17, 2025**, the deadline for publishing notice designating the office(s) to be filled at the election and the term(s) thereof. Designating March 18<sup>th</sup> as the day of the election may be contained within the same resolution adopted by the board of the trustees providing the polling place in each election district and the hours during which the polls will be open, which must be adopted not later than Friday, January 16, 2026.*

***Changing the date of the village election to March 18, 2026 will not otherwise alter the political calendar, which continues to be computed from the third Tuesday of March (see, Election Law § 15-104(1)(b)).***

*NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post any required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given. Election Law § 15-104(5).*

**Friday, October 17, 2025** – For villages whose March elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the village clerk to transmit to the county board of elections a certificate setting forth each village office to be filled.  
*Election Law § 4-106(2). At least five months prior to the election.*

**Monday, November 17, 2025** – For villages whose March elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the board of trustees to submit to the county board of elections a list of polling places within the village.  
*Election Law § 4-104(1). At least four months prior to the election.*

**Monday, November 17, 2025** – Last day for the village clerk to publish a notice designating the office(s) to be filled and the term(s) thereof.  
*Election Law § 15-104(3)(a). At least four months prior to the election.*

*NOTE: In any year in which the third Tuesday of March falls on the seventeenth day of March, the board of trustees must adopt a resolution at least sixty days before the village election stating that the election will be held on the eighteenth day of March. NYCOM recommends adopting the resolution prior to Monday, November 17, 2025, so that the notice the designating the office(s) to be filled at the election and the term(s) thereof indicates that the village election will be held on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**Monday, November 17, 2025** – First day that the village clerk may accept absentee ballot applications.  
*Election Law § 15-120(5). Not earlier than four months prior to the election.*

**Monday, November 17, 2025** – First day that the village clerk may accept early mail ballot applications.

*Election Law § 15-119(7). Not earlier than four months prior to the election.*

*NOTE: The village clerk must examine each early mail ballot application and make a determination as to the applicant's qualifications for an early mail ballot. The early mail ballot application must be accepted when (1) the application is complete, (2) the applicant is a registered voter of the village at the address listed in the application, and (3) the applicant is eligible to vote in the election.*

**Monday, November 17, 2025** – Last day to divide the village into election districts.

*Election Law § 15-110(5). At least 120 days before the election.*

**Monday, December 1, 2025** – First day that an individual may sign a party primary designating petition.

*Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six weeks prior to the last day to file party primary designating petitions.*

**Friday, December 26, 2025** – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 32 days before the primary.*

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025** – First day that individuals may sign independent nominating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six weeks before the last day to file independent nominating petitions.*

**Wednesday, January 1, 2026** – First day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the first day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

*Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.*

*NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before January 1<sup>st</sup> or after March 1<sup>st</sup> a special election must be held.*

*NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the motion is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the first day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory*

*referendum or submit a permissive referendum to the voters upon a motion of the board and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.*

*NOTE: For more information relating to the conduct of referenda, please refer to NYCOM Municipal Management Series **Enacting Local Legislation and Conducting Referenda**.*

**Thursday, January 1, 2026** – Last day that a vacancy in an elected village office may occur and be placed on the general election ballot or cause a special election if a general election is not scheduled.

*Village Law § 3-312(3)(b)(1). If a vacancy occurs at least 75 days prior to the third Tuesday of the month preceding the end of the official year, a special election to fill the unexpired term must be held.*

*Village Law § 3-312(3)(b)(2). If a vacancy occurs less than 75 days prior to the third Tuesday of the month preceding the end of the current official year and, if the term of office does not expire at the end of such year, a special election to fill the unexpired term must be held the following year.*

*NOTE: For more information relating to filling vacancies, please refer to Chapter 4 of the NYCOM Handbook for Village Officials. To access this publication, please visit [www.nycom.org](http://www.nycom.org).*

**Monday, January 5, 2026** – First day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not earlier than 22 days before the primary.*

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026 to Tuesday, January 13, 2026** – First day political parties may publish notice of a party caucus in a newspaper.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(c). Not earlier than two weeks before the caucus.*

*NOTE: The exact deadline depends on the actual date the caucus is to be held.*

**Thursday, January 8, 2026 to Thursday, January 15, 2026** – Last day to file a declination of a party primary designation.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(e). Within three days of filing of the designating petition.*

*NOTE: Within one day of a declination being filed, the village clerk must notify the committee to fill vacancies named in the petition. Failure to designate a committee to fill vacancies on the petition will not invalidate the petition, but a vacancy may not be filled in the event of a declination.*

*NOTE: The exact deadline depends upon the date the designating petition is filed. Therefore, it is possible that the last day to file a declination of party primary designation will be before Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> if the designating petition is filed before Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.*

**Monday, January 12, 2026 to Tuesday, January 20, 2026** – Last day to post and file notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections.

*Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c). At least 10 days before the scheduled caucus.*

*NOTE: When the last day to post and file a notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day. Thus, if 10 days before a scheduled caucus falls on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> or Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup>, the posting and filing deadline is extended to Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Similarly, if the last day to post and file notice falls on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, then the posting deadline is extended to Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, because Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.*

*NOTE: The exact date depends upon the scheduled date of the caucus.*

**Monday, January 12, 2026** – Last day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not later than 15 days prior to the primary.*

*NOTE: Upon the filing of a designating petition, the village clerk must notify via mail each individual designated. The notice must (1) state the last day to decline the designation and (2) include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.*

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026** – Last day to file written objections to party primary designating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.*

**Thursday, January 15, 2026** – Last day to file written specifications of objections to party primary designating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.*

*NOTE: If an objection to a party primary designating petition is filed before Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, the written specifications will be due before Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>; the exact date is dependent upon the filing date of the objection. For example, if a written objection was filed on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the written specifications would be due on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.*

**Thursday, January 15, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution abolishing the village registration day.

*Election Law § 15-118(3). Resolution is effective for all village elections held more than 60 days after the resolution is adopted.*

*NOTE: This resolution will be effective for all village elections held after the adoption of the resolution, until it is repealed. When village registration day is abolished, only those persons whose names are on the county registration list are permitted to vote in the village election.*

**Friday, January 16, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution identifying the polling place in each district and the hours the polls will be open. Polls must be open from at least 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. This is also the deadline by which the board of trustees **must** adopt a resolution stating that the election will be held on March 18, 2026.

*Election Law §§ 15-104(1)(b) and 15-104(3)(b). Must be adopted at least 60 days prior to the election.*

*NOTE: In any year in which the third Tuesday of March falls on the seventeenth day of March, the village board of trustees MUST adopt a resolution providing that the election will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The election's political calendar continues to be computed from the third Tuesday of March.*

**Friday, January 16, 2026** – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 11 days before the primary.*

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026** – Earliest date for holding a party caucus.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not more than 56 days before the election.*

*NOTE: Party officials must either:*

- a. publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two nor less than one week before the caucus, or*
- b. post notice of the caucus in six public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.*

*Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).*

**Thursday, January 22, 2026** – First day a certificate of party nomination may be filed.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not earlier than 54 days prior to election.*

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026** – Primary day in villages where party nominations are made via a primary.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Must be 49 days prior to the village election.*



*NOTE: Party officials must publish notice of the primary in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the village of the primary at least once a week for two weeks prior to the primary. Election Law § 15-108(2)(b).*

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026** – Last date for holding a party caucus.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not later than 49 days prior to the village election.*

*NOTE: Party officials must either:*

- a. publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two nor less than one week before the caucus, or*
- b. post notice of the caucus in six public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.*

*Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).*

**Thursday, January 29, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate of party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not later than 47 days prior to the village election.*

*NOTE: If a list of caucus or primary participants is not filed with the certificate, the clerk must immediately mail notice to those who signed the certificate, stating that the list of participants must be filed within five days of mailing the notice. Election Law § 15-108(2)(e).*

*NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or a petition nominating a person, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline the nomination and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.*

*NOTE: While Election Law § 6-144 only requires that the village clerk state the last day to **decline** the party nomination, NYCOM strongly recommends that the notice clearly state that the candidate must accept the party nomination by filing a certificate of acceptance of party nomination by the deadline. Moreover, the statement should indicate that, unless the candidate is an enrolled member of the party having filed the nomination, failure to accept the party nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as nominated by the nominating party. See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109.*

*NOTE: While the village clerk must mail the notice to each individual nominated, the clerk may also email a copy of the notice if the email addresses of the individuals nominated are made known to the clerk.*

**Friday, January 30, 2026** – Last day to file written objections to certificates of party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one day after the last date to file the certificate of party nomination with the village clerk.*

**Monday, February 2, 2026** – Last day to file written specifications of objections to certificates of party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two days of filing the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the certificate and the county board of elections.*

*NOTE: If an objection is filed on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, or Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, the last day to file written specifications on the objection would be on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> or Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, respectively. Pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file is extended to the next business day, which is Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*NOTE: The exact date depends upon the date the written objections are filed.*

**Monday, February 2, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(b). Not later than 44 days prior to the election.*

*NOTE: Forty-four days prior to the election is Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. When the last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination falls on a Sunday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day.*

*NOTE: Unless the candidate is an enrolled member of the party having filed the nomination, failure to file a certificate of acceptance of a party nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as being nominated by the nominating party. See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109.*

**Tuesday, February 3, 2026** – First day to file an independent nominating petition.

*Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not earlier than 42 days before the village election.*

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026** – Last day to fill a vacancy caused by a declination of a party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(c). Not later than 41 days prior to the village election.*

**Thursday, February 5, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to appoint election inspectors.

*Election Law § 15-116(1). At least 40 days before the general village election (See special provisions for Nassau County. Election Law § 15-116(2)).*

*NOTE: Failure to appoint inspectors by this deadline will not impact the conduct of the election, but every effort should be made to comply with this timeframe.*

**Friday, February 6, 2026** – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 10 days after the primary.*

**Sunday, February 8, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution establishing a second registration day to be 12 days before the election.

*Election Law § 15-118(5). Not later than 37 days prior to the first election for which it is effective.*

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026** – Last day to file independent nominating petitions for an office to be filled at the general village election.

*Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not later than 35 days before the village election.*

*NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or an independent nominating petition, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline the nomination and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.*

*NOTE: While Election Law § 6-144 only requires that the village clerk state the last day to **decline** a nomination, NYCOM strongly recommends that the notice clearly state that the candidate must accept an independent nomination by filing a certificate of acceptance of independent nomination by the deadline.*

*Moreover, the statement should indicate that failure to accept the independent nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the independent nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as so nominated. Unlike party nominations, there are no default acceptances for independent bodies as no person is an enrolled member of an independent nominating body. Consequently, candidates nominated by independent nominating petitions **must file a certificate of acceptance to properly appear on the ballot.** See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109.*

*NOTE: While the village clerk must **mail** the notice to each individual nominated, the clerk **may also email** a copy of the notice if the email addresses of the individuals nominated are made known to the clerk.*

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026** – Last day to file written objections to independent nominating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.*

**Friday, February 13, 2026** – Last day to file written specifications of objections to independent nominating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.*

*NOTE: If an objection to an independent nominating petition is filed before Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, the written specifications will be due before Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The exact date depends on when the objection is filed.*

**Friday, February 13, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the village election.  
*Election Law § 15-108(8)(b). Not later than three days after the last day to file the petition.*

*NOTE: Failure to file a certificate of acceptance of an independent nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the independent nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as so nominated. See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109.*

**Friday, February 13, 2026** – For villages with two registration days, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare the register and the hours and place of registration.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the first registration day.*

**Friday, February 13, 2026** – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. At least 32 days before the election.*

**Sunday, February 15, 2026** – For villages with one registration day, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare the register and the hours and place of registration.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the registration day.*

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate to fill a vacancy caused by declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the general village election.

*Election Law § 15-108(8)(c). Not later than three days after the last day to file a certificate of declination.*

*NOTE: Three days after the last day to file a certificate of declination of an independent nomination is Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, which is Washington's Birthday. When the deadline to file a certificate to fill a vacancy caused by the declination of an independent nomination falls on a public holiday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the certificate is extended to the next business day.*

**Friday, February 20, 2026 (Approximately)** – NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and provide the candidates with an opportunity to review the draft ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any mailed ballots. Once reviewed by the candidates, the finalized sample ballot should be made available to the public.

*NOTE: Chapter 411 of the Laws of 2019 amended Election Law § 7-128 to require sample and official ballots for all elections conducted by the county boards of election to be made available as soon as practicable. While village elections*

*conducted pursuant to Article 15 are specifically exempted from this provision, NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots to adhere to the spirit and intent of this law.*

*NOTE: Due to the timing of referenda, a petition for a permissive referendum filed on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> will cause the proposition to appear on the general village election ballot. Similarly, the board of trustees may pass a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory referendum or submit the permissive referendum to voters on its own motion on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> and have that proposition appear on the general village election ballot. Consequently, ballots may be subject to change to include the presentation of propositions after this date, up to and including March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Monday, February 23, 2026** – For villages with two registration days, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters for the first registration day.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to the first registration day.*

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026** – For villages with one registration day, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to registration day.*

**Monday, March 2, 2026** – Last day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the last day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

*Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.*

*NOTE: The first day of March falls on a Sunday. Pursuant to General Construction Law § 25-a(1), when any period of time, computed from a certain day, within which or after which or before which an act is authorized or required to be done, ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday, such act may be done on the next succeeding business day. Consequently, the petition to cause a permissive referendum may be filed on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before January 1<sup>st</sup> or after March 1<sup>st</sup>, or this year, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, a special election must be held.*

*NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the motion is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the last day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory referendum or submit a permissive referendum to voters on its own motion and have such proposition appear on the general village election ballot.*

**Thursday, March 5, 2026** – First registration day in villages with two registration days.

*Election Law § 15-118(5). Twelve days before the general village election.*

*NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).*

**Friday, March 6, 2026** – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 11 days before the election.*

**Friday, March 6, 2026** – Last day individuals may register with the county board of elections to be eligible to vote in the village election.

*Election Law § 15-118(2). At least 10 days before the election.*

*NOTE: At least 10 days before the election is Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. As county boards of election are closed on Saturdays, the last day to register and ensure voter eligibility is Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**Saturday, March 7, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to publish notice setting forth the (1) polling place in each district, (2) hours during which the polls are open (at least 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.), (3) names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for, and (4) abstract of any proposition. The notice must also be posted in six conspicuous places in the village and at each polling place at least one day before the election.

*Election Law §§ 15-104(3)(c) and (4). Notice must be published at least 10 days prior to general village election. Notice must be posted at least one day prior to the general village election.*

*NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given. Election Law § 15-104(5).*

**Saturday, March 7, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to publish a list of the polling places and the date and hours of the election when the village election is conducted by the board of elections.

*Election Law § 4-120(2). At least 10 days prior to election.*

*NOTE: The notice may include a brief description of the boundaries of each election district and must identify any polling places that do not provide access to disabled voters.*

**Saturday, March 7, 2026** – Registration day in villages with one registration day. For villages with two registration days, this is the second registration day.  
*Election Law § 15-118(5). 10 days prior to election.*

*NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).*

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026** – Last day for the board of elections to provide a list of registered voters to the village clerk.

*Election Law § 5-612(1). At least seven days prior to general village election.*

*NOTE: The village clerk must contact the county board of elections for a list of registered voters.*

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-120(5). At least seven days prior to election.*

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive applications for early mail ballots to be mailed to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-119(7). At least seven days prior to election.*

*NOTE: The village clerk must examine each early mail ballot application and make a determination as to the applicant's qualifications for an early mail ballot. The application must be accepted if (1) the application is complete, (2) the applicant is a registered voter of the village at the address listed in the application, and (3) the applicant is eligible to vote in the election.*

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to mail absentee ballots to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-120(6). Not later than six days before the village election.*

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to mail early mail ballots to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-119(8). Not later than six days before the village election.*

**Sunday, March 15, 2026** – Sample ballots must be made available for public inspection not later than this day.

*Election Law § 7-128(1). Not later than two days prior to the election.*

*NOTE: NYCOM recommends that the clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review it as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots.*

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive personal applications for an absentee ballot from applicant or applicant's agent.

*Election Law § 15-120(5). Not later than one day prior to the election.*

*NOTE: Upon receiving an application, the clerk must deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant or their agent named in the application.*

*NOTE: Pursuant to Election Law § 15-104(1)(b), changing the date of the village election to March 18, 2026, does not otherwise alter the political calendar, which continues to be computed from the third Tuesday of March. However, pursuant to Election Law 15-120(5), voters are entitled to apply for an absentee ballot until the day before the village election. Consequently, if village offices are open on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, NYCOM strongly recommends allowing voters to submit ballot applications through that date to ensure voter enfranchisement in keeping with the state's public policy.*

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive personal applications for an early mail ballot from applicant or applicant's agent.

*Election Law § 15-119(7). Not later than one day prior to the election.*

*NOTE: Upon receiving an application, the clerk must deliver the early mail ballot to the applicant or their agent named in the application if (1) the application is complete, (2) the applicant is a registered voter of the village at the address listed in the application, and (3) the applicant is eligible to vote in the election.*

*NOTE: Pursuant to Election Law § 15-104(1)(b), changing the date of the village election to March 18, 2026, does not otherwise alter the political calendar, which continues to be computed from the third Tuesday of March. However, pursuant to Election Law 15-119(7), voters are entitled to apply for an early mail ballot until the day before the village election. Consequently, if village offices are open on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, NYCOM strongly recommends allowing voters to submit ballot applications through that date to ensure voter enfranchisement in keeping with the state's public policy.*

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026** – The village election.

*Election Law § 15-104(1)(a). The general village election shall be held on the third Tuesday in March except in any village which presently elects, or hereafter adopts a proposition to elect, its officers on a date other than the third Tuesday in March.*

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026** – Village clerk must deliver the absentee ballots to the board of inspectors of the appropriate election district.

*Election Law § 15-120(8). On the day of the general village election. Last day for the village clerk to receive absentee ballots in person or by mail.*

*NOTE: Absentee ballots cast in village elections must be received by the close of the polls on the date of the general village election in order to be canvassed. Absentee ballots may be delivered to the village clerk or the board of inspectors in the appropriate election district on the day of the village election until the close of polls.*

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026** – Village clerk must deliver the early mail ballots to the board of inspectors of the appropriate election district.

*Election Law § 15-119(10). On the day of the general village election. Last day for the village clerk to receive early mail ballots in person or by mail.*



*NOTE: Early mail ballots cast in village elections must be received by the close of the polls on the date of the general village election in order to be canvassed. Early mail ballots may be delivered to the village clerk or the board of inspectors in the appropriate election district on the day of the village election until the close of polls.*

**Thursday, March 19, 2026** – Inspectors must file a certificate of canvass of voters with the village clerk.

*Election Law § 15-126(1). Before 9:00 a.m. of the day following the village election.*

**Thursday, March 19, 2026** – The board of trustees must meet to canvass the election returns when a village has more than one election district.

*Election Law § 15-126(1). Not later than 8:00 p.m. of the day after the village election.*

**Friday, March 20, 2026** – The last day a recanvass of the vote may be requested.

*Election Law § 15-126(3). Not later than two days after the date of the election.*

*NOTE: The village clerk may, of his or her own volition, and must, upon the written request of any candidate, cause a recanvass of the votes cast in the village election.*

**Saturday, March 21, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to notify the winners of the election the results and that they must file an oath of office with the village clerk within 30 days of the commencement of their term.

*Election Law § 15-128. Within three days after the village election.*

**Monday, March 23, 2026** – The deadline by which the village clerk must notify the county board of elections of a request for recanvass.

*Election Law § 15-126(3). Within one day after receiving the written request.*

*NOTE: One day after the last day to request a recanvass is Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. As county boards of election are closed on weekends and public holidays, the last day for the village clerk to notify the county board of elections of a request for recanvass is extended to Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> as it would be impossible to notify the county of a request of a recanvass that is submitted at 5 p.m. on the last day to request a recanvass.*

*NOTE: This is the last possible date the village clerk may notify the county board of elections of the request to recanvass. If the village clerk receives the written request prior to Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, he or she has one day to notify the county board of elections.*

**Monday, April 6, 2026** – Start of the village's official year.

*Village Law § 3-302. The official year begins at noon on the first Monday in the month following the date of the general village election or the date such an election would have been held had elections been held annually.*

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026** – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be no later than 27 days after the election.*

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026** – Deadline for an elected official to file their written oath of office with the village clerk.

*Public Officers Law §§ 10 and 30. Every officer must take and file their written oath of office prior to assuming their office and within 30 days of the commencement of their term of office. If an elected official fails to file their oath of office within the required 30 days, a vacancy is created in their office.*

*NOTE: Elected officers may take and file their written oaths of office any time after the election results are certified, including prior to the official commencement of their term of office.*

## June Village Election ▪ Tuesday, June 16, 2026

*NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post any required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given. Election Law § 15-104(5).*

**Friday, January 16, 2026** – For villages whose June elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the village clerk to transmit to the county board of elections a certificate setting forth each village office to be filled.

*Election Law § 4-106(2). At least five months prior to the election.*

**Friday, February 13, 2026** – For villages whose June elections are conducted by the county board of elections, last day for the board of trustees to submit to the county board of elections a list of polling places within the village.

*Election Law § 4-104(1). At least four months prior to the election.*

*NOTE: Four months before the election is Monday, February 16th, which is Washington's birthday. As county boards of election are closed on public holidays, the last day for the village clerk to submit to the county board of elections a list of polling places within the village is Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.*

**Monday, February 16, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to publish a notice designating the office(s) to be filled and the term(s) thereof.

*Election Law § 15-104(3)(a). At least four months prior to the election.*

**Monday, February 16, 2026** – First day that the village clerk may accept absentee ballot applications.

*Election Law § 15-120(5). Not earlier than four months prior to the election.*

**Monday, February 16, 2026** – First day that the village clerk may accept early mail ballot applications.

*Election Law § 15-119(7). Not earlier than four months prior to the election.*

*NOTE: The village clerk must examine each early mail ballot application and make a determination as to the applicant's qualifications for an early mail ballot. The early mail ballot application must be accepted when (1) the application is complete, (2) the applicant is a registered voter of the village at the address listed in the application, and (3) the applicant is eligible to vote in the election.*

**Monday, February 16, 2026** – Last day to divide the village into election districts.

*Election Law § 15-110(5). At least 120 days before the election.*

**Monday, March 2, 2026** – First day that an individual may sign a party primary designating petition.

*Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six weeks prior to the last day to file party primary designating petitions.*

**Friday, March 27, 2026** – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 & 6200.2. Must be 32 days before the primary.*

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026** – First day that individuals may sign independent nominating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(9). Not earlier than six weeks before the last day to file independent nominating petitions.*

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026** – First day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the first day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

*Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.*

*NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before April 1<sup>st</sup> or after June 1<sup>st</sup>, a special election must be held.*

*NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the motion is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the first day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory referendum or submit a permissive referendum to the voters upon a motion of the board and have such proposition appear on the general election ballot.*

*NOTE: For more information relating to the conduct of referenda, please refer to NYCOM Municipal Management Series **Enacting Local Legislation and Conducting Referenda**.*

**Thursday, April 2, 2026** – Last day that a vacancy in an elected village office may occur and be placed on the general election ballot or cause a special election if a general election is not scheduled.

*Village Law § 3-312(3)(b)(1). If a vacancy occurs at least 75 days prior to the third Tuesday of the month preceding the end of the official year, a special election to fill the unexpired term must be held.*

*Village Law § 3-312(3)(b)(2). If a vacancy occurs less than 75 days prior to the third Tuesday of the month preceding the end of the current official year and, if the term of office does not expire at the end of such year, a special election to fill the unexpired term must be held the following year.*

*NOTE: For more information relating to filling vacancies, please refer to Chapter 4 of the NYCOM Handbook for Village Officials. To access this publication, please visit [www.nycom.org](http://www.nycom.org).*

**Monday, April 6, 2026** – First day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not earlier than 22 days before the primary.*

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026 to Tuesday, April 14, 2026** – First day political parties may publish notice of a party caucus in a newspaper.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(c). Not earlier than two weeks before the caucus.*

*NOTE: The exact date depends upon the date the caucus is to be held.*

**Thursday, April 9, 2026 to Thursday, April 16, 2026** – Last day to file a declination of a party primary designation.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(e). Within three days of filing of the designating petition.*

*NOTE: Within one day of a declination being filed, the village clerk must notify the committee to fill vacancies named in the petition. Failure to designate a committee to fill vacancies on the petition will not invalidate the petition, but a vacancy may not be filled in the event of a declination.*

*NOTE: The exact date depends upon the date the designating petition is filed.*

**Monday, April 13, 2026 to Monday, April 20, 2026** – Last day to post and file notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections if the county board of elections conducts the village election.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(c). Notice must be filed in the offices of the village clerk and the county board of elections, if the county board of election conducts the village election, at least 10 days before the scheduled caucus.*

*NOTE: When the last day to post and file a notice of the party caucus in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day. Thus, if 10 days before a scheduled caucus falls on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the last day to post and file is Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. This is also the case if the last day to post and file falls on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, in which case the filing deadline is extended to Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*NOTE: The exact date depends upon the scheduled date of the caucus.*

**Monday, April 13, 2026** – Last day to file party designating petitions for village primaries.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(d). Not later than 15 days prior to the primary.*

*NOTE: Upon the filing designating petition, the village clerk must notify via mail each individual designated. The notice must (a) state the last day to decline the*

*designation, and (b) include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.*

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026** – Last day to file written objections to party primary designating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.*

**Thursday, April 16, 2026** – Last day to file written specifications of objections to party primary designating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.*

*NOTE: If an objection to a party primary designating petition is filed before Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the written specifications will be due before Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>; the exact date is dependent upon the filing date of the objection.*

**Thursday, April 16, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution abolishing the village registration day.

*Election Law § 15-118(3). Resolution is effective for all village elections held more than 60 days after the resolution is adopted.*

*NOTE: This resolution will be effective for all village elections held after the adoption of the resolution, until it is repealed. When village registration day is abolished, only those persons whose names are on the county registration list are permitted to vote in the village election.*

**Friday, April 17, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution identifying the polling place in each district and the hours the polls will be open. Polls must be open at minimum from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

*Election Law § 15-104(3)(b). Must be adopted at least 60 days prior to the election.*

**Friday, April 17, 2026** – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 11 days before the primary.*

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026** – Earliest date for holding a party caucus.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not earlier than 56 days before the election.*

*NOTE: Party officials must either:*

- a. publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two nor less than one week before the caucus, or*
- b. post notice of the caucus in six public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.*

*Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).*

**Thursday, April 23, 2026** – First day a certificate of party nomination may be filed.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not earlier than 54 days prior to election.*

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026** – Primary day in villages where party nominations are made via a primary.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Must be 49 days prior to the village election.*

*NOTE: Party officials must publish notice of the primary in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the village at least once a week for two weeks prior to the primary. Election Law § 15-108(2)(b).*

**Tuesday, April 28, 2026** – Last date for holding a party caucus.

*Election Law § 15-108(2)(a). Not later than 49 days prior to the village election.*

*NOTE: Party officials must either:*

- a. publish notice of the caucus in a newspaper not more than two nor less than one week before the caucus, or*
- b. post notice of the caucus in six public places in the village at least 10 days before the caucus.*

*Notices must also be filed and posted in the offices of the village clerk and county board of elections at least 10 days before the caucus. Election Law §§ 6-202(3) and 15-108(2)(c).*

**Thursday, April 30, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate of party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(a). Not later than 47 days prior to the village election.*

*NOTE: If a list of caucus or primary participants is not filed with the certificate, the village clerk must immediately mail notice to those who signed the certificate, stating that the list of participants must be filed within five days of mailing the notice. Election Law § 15-108(2)(e).*

*NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or a petition nominating a person, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline the nomination and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.*

*NOTE: While Election Law § 6-144 only requires that the village clerk state the last day to **decline** the party nomination, **NYCOM strongly recommends** that the notice clearly state that the candidate must accept the party nomination by filing a certificate of acceptance of party nomination by the deadline. Moreover, the statement should indicate that, unless the candidate is an enrolled member of the party having filed the nomination, failure to accept the party nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as nominated by the nominating party. See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109.*

*NOTE: While the village clerk must **mail** the notice to each individual nominated, the clerk may also email a copy of the notice if the email addresses of the individuals nominated are made known to the clerk.*

**Friday, May 1, 2026** – Last day to file written objections to certificates of party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Not later than one day after the last date to file the certificate of party nomination with the village clerk.*

**Monday, May 4, 2026** – Last day to file written specifications of objections to certificates of party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two days of filing the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the certificate and the county board of elections.*

*NOTE: If an objection is filed on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> or Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the last day to file written specifications of the objection would be on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively. When the last day to file written specifications to certificates of party nomination falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the written specifications is extended to the next business day, Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*NOTE: If an objection to a certificate of party nomination is filed before Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the written specifications will be due before Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>; the exact deadline depends on the date the objection is filed.*

**Monday, May 4, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(b). Not later than 44 days prior to the election.*

*NOTE: Forty-four days prior to the election is Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. When the last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of a party nomination falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then, pursuant to Election Law § 1-106, the last day to file the notice is extended to the next business day.*

*NOTE: Unless the candidate is an enrolled member of the party having filed the nomination, failure to file a certificate of acceptance of a party nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as being nominated by the nominating party. See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109*

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026** – First day to file an independent nominating petition.

*Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not earlier than 42 days before the village election.*

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026** – Last day to fill a vacancy caused by a declination of a party nomination.

*Election Law § 15-108(7)(c). Not later than 41 days prior to the village election.*



**Thursday, May 7, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to appoint election inspectors.

*Election Law § 15-116(1). At least 40 days before the general village election (See special provisions for Nassau County. Election Law § 15-116(2)).*

*NOTE: Failure to appoint election inspectors by this deadline will not impact the conduct of the election, but every effort should be made to comply with this timeframe.*

**Friday, May 8, 2026** – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village primary.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 10 days after the primary.*

**Sunday, May 10, 2026** – Last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution establishing a second registration day to be held 12 days before the election.

*Election Law § 15-118(5). Not later than 37 days prior to the first election for which it is effective.*

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026** – Last day to file independent nominating petitions for an office to be filled at the general village election.

*Election Law § 15-108(8)(a). Not later than 35 days before the village election.*

*NOTE: Upon the filing of a certificate of nomination or an independent nominating petition, the village clerk must immediately notify via mail each individual nominated. The notice must state the last day to decline the nomination and include a statement that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears in the notice. Election Law § 6-144.*

*NOTE: While Election Law § 6-144 only requires that the village clerk state the last day to **decline** a nomination, NYCOM strongly recommends that the notice clearly state that the candidate must accept an independent nomination by filing a certificate of acceptance of independent nomination by the deadline. Moreover, the statement should indicate that failure to accept the independent nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the independent nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as so nominated. Unlike party nominations, there are no default acceptances for independent bodies as no person is an enrolled member of an independent nominating body. Consequently, candidates nominated by independent nominating petitions **must file a certificate of acceptance to properly appear on the ballot.** See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109.*

*NOTE: While the village clerk must mail the notice to each individual nominated, the clerk may also email a copy of the notice if the email addresses of the individuals nominated are made known to the clerk.*

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026** – Last day to file written objections to independent nominating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10)(d). Not later than one day after the last date to file the petition with the village clerk.*

**Friday, May 15, 2026** – Last day to file written specifications of objections to independent nominating petitions.

*Election Law § 15-108(10). Written specifications of the grounds of the objections must be filed with the village clerk within two days after the filing of the written objections. Upon receipt of such written specifications, the village clerk must notify each candidate named in the petition and the county board of elections.*

*NOTE: If an objection to an independent nominating petition is filed before Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the written specifications will be due before Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>; the exact deadline is dependent upon the filing date of the objection.*

**Friday, May 15, 2026** – For villages with two registration days, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare the register and the hours and place of registration.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the first registration day.*

**Friday, May 15, 2026** – Deadline for filing the first statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 32 days before the election.*

**Friday, May 15, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate of acceptance or declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the village election.

*Election Law § 15-108(8)(b). Not later than three days after the last day to file the petition.*

*NOTE: Failure to file a certificate of acceptance of an independent nomination will result in the candidate's declination of the independent nomination and prevent the candidate's name from being printed on the ballot as so nominated. See, 1963 Op. Atty. Gen. 109.*

**Sunday, May 17, 2026** – For villages with one registration day, last day for the board of trustees to adopt a resolution stating the place and hours at which inspectors will meet to prepare the register and the hours and place of registration.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 20 days before the registration day.*

**Monday, May 18, 2026** – Last day to file a certificate to fill a vacancy caused by declination of an independent nomination for an office to be filled at the general village election.

*Election Law § 15-108(8)(c). Not later than three days after the last day to file a certificate of declination.*

**Thursday, May 21, 2026 (Approximately)** – NYCOM recommends that the village clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any mailed ballots. Once reviewed by the candidates, the finalized sample ballot should be made available to the public.

*NOTE: Chapter 411 of the Laws of 2019 amended Election Law § 7-128 to require sample and official ballots for all elections conducted by the county boards of election to be made available as soon as practicable. While village elections conducted pursuant to Article 15 are specifically exempted from this provision, NYCOM recommends that the village clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots to adhere to the spirit and intent of this law.*

*NOTE: Due to the timing of referenda, a petition for a permissive referendum filed on or after April 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> will cause the proposition to appear on the general village election ballot. Similarly, the board of trustees may pass a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory referendum or submit the permissive referendum to voters on its own motion on or after April 1<sup>st</sup> and on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> and have that proposition appear on the general village election ballot. Consequently, ballots may be subject to change to include the presentation of propositions after this date, up to and including June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

**Monday, May 25, 2026** – For villages with two registration days, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to registration day.*

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026** – For villages with one registration day, last day to publish and post in each election district a copy of the resolution stating the date, place, and time when inspectors will meet to register voters.

*Election Law § 15-118(4). At least 10 days prior to registration day.*

**Monday, June 1, 2026** – Last day to file a petition to cause a permissive referendum to appear on the general election ballot. This is also the last day that the board of trustees may (a) pass a local law or resolution that is subject to a mandatory referendum or (b) adopt a legislative act that is subject to a permissive referendum and submit the question to voters on its own motion, and have such propositions appear on the general election ballot.

*Village Law § 9-902(6). If such petition is filed on or after the first day of the month two months prior to the month in which the general village election is to be held and on or before the first day of the month in which the general village election is to be held, a proposition for the approval of such act or resolution must be submitted at the general village election.*

*NOTE: Pursuant to Village Law § 9-902(5), if a petition is filed before April 1<sup>st</sup> or after June 1<sup>st</sup> a special election must be held.*

*NOTE: If Article 9 is being followed for a mandatory referendum, the date that the board of trustees adopts the local law or resolution is deemed the date the petition is filed. Similarly, if a permissive referendum is submitted to the voters upon the board of trustee's own motion, the date the motion is adopted is deemed the date that the petition is filed. Consequently, this is the last day that the board of trustees may adopt a legislative act that is subject to a mandatory referendum or submit a permissive referendum to voters on its own motion and have the proposition appear on the general village election ballot.*

**Thursday, June 4, 2026** – First registration day in villages with two registration days.

*Election Law § 15-118(5). Twelve days before general village election.*

*NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).*

**Friday, June 5, 2026** – Deadline for filing the second statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.

*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. At least 11 days before the election.*

**Friday, June 5, 2026** – Last day individuals may register with the county board of elections to ensure voter eligibility in the village election.

*Election Law § 15-118(2). At least ten days before the election.*

*NOTE: At least 10 days before the election is Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. As county boards of elections are closed on Saturdays, the last day to register and be eligible to vote is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**Saturday, June 6, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to publish a list of the polling places and the date and hours of the election when the village election is conducted by the board of elections.

*Election Law § 4-120(2). At least 10 days prior to election.*

*NOTE: The notice may include a brief description of the boundaries of each election district and must identify any polling places that do not provide access to disabled voters.*

**Saturday, June 6, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to publish notice setting forth the (1) polling place in each district, (2) hours during which the polls are open (at least 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.), (3) names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for, and (4) abstract of any proposition. The notice must also be posted in six conspicuous places in the village and at each polling place at least one day before the election.

*Election Law §§ 15-104(3)(c) and (4). Notice must be published at least 10 days prior to general village election. Notice must be posted at least one day prior to the general village election.*

*NOTE: If the village fails to publish or post required information, the election will not be invalidated, except that a vote on a proposition will be void if the required notice of election is not given. Election Law § 15-104(5).*

**Saturday, June 6, 2026** – Registration day in villages with one registration day. For villages with two registration days, this is the second registration day.

*Election Law § 15-118(5). Ten days prior to election.*

*NOTE: The hours of registration must be at minimum from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Election Law § 15-118(3)(c).*

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026** – Last day for the board of elections to provide a list of registered voters to the village clerk.

*Election Law § 5-612(1). At least seven days prior to general village election.*

*NOTE: The village clerk must contact the county board of elections for a list of registered voters.*

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-120(5). At least seven days prior to election.*

**Tuesday, June 9, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive applications for early mail ballots to be mailed to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-119(7). At least seven days prior to election.*

*NOTE: The village clerk must examine each early mail ballot application and make a determination as to the applicant's qualifications for an early mail ballot. The application must be accepted if (1) the application is complete, (2) the applicant is a registered voter of the village at the address listed in the application, and (3) the applicant is eligible to vote in the election.*

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to mail absentee ballots to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-120(6). Not later than six days before the village election.*

**Wednesday, June 10, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to mail early mail ballots to qualified voters.

*Election Law § 15-119(8). Not later than six days before the village election.*

**Sunday, June 14, 2026** – Sample ballots must be made available for public inspection not later than this day.

*Election Law § 7-128(1). Not later than two days prior to the election.*

*NOTE: NYCOM recommends that the village clerk prepare a draft of the ballot and give the candidates an opportunity to review the draft of the ballot as soon as possible after the slate of candidates has been finalized and prior to sending out any absentee ballots.*

**Monday, June 15, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive personal applications for an absentee ballot from applicant or applicant's agent.

*Election Law § 15-120(5). Not later than one day prior to the election.*

*NOTE: Upon receiving an application, the village clerk must deliver the absentee ballot to the applicant or their agent named in the application.*

**Monday, June 15, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to receive personal applications for an early mail ballot from applicant or applicant’s agent.

*Election Law § 15-119(7). Not later than one day prior to the election.*

*NOTE: Upon receiving an application, the clerk must deliver the early mail ballot to the applicant or their agent named in the application if (1) the application is complete, (2) the applicant is a registered voter of the village at the address listed in the application, and (3) the applicant is eligible to vote in the election.*

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026** – The village election.

*NOTE: By State law, general village elections are held on the third Tuesday in March. However, villages may chose, and many have chosen, to hold their elections on another date. After the third Tuesday in March, the most popular date to hold village elections is the third Tuesday in June.*

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026** – Village clerk must deliver the absentee ballots to the board of inspectors of the appropriate election district.

*Election Law § 15-120(8). On the day of the general village election. Last day for the village clerk to receive absentee ballots in person or by mail.*

*NOTE: Absentee ballots cast in village elections must be received by the close of the polls on the date of the general village election in order to be canvassed. Absentee ballots may be delivered to the village clerk or the board of inspectors of the appropriate election district on the day of the general village election until the close of the polls.*

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026** – Village clerk must deliver the early mail ballots to the board of inspectors of the appropriate election district.

*Election Law § 15-119(10). On the day of the general village election. Last day for the village clerk to receive early mail ballots in person or by mail.*

*NOTE: Early mail ballots cast in village elections must be received by the close of the polls on the date of the general village election in order to be canvassed. Early mail ballots may be delivered to the village clerk or the board of inspectors in the appropriate election district on the day of the general village election until the close of the polls.*

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026** – Inspectors must file a certificate of canvass of voters with the village clerk.

*Election Law § 15-126(1). Before 9:00 a.m. of the day following the village election.*

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026** – The board of trustees must meet to canvass the election returns when a village has more than one election district.

*Election Law § 15-126(1). Not later than 8:00 p.m. of the day after the village election.*

- Thursday, June 18, 2026** – The last day a recanvass of the vote may be requested.  
*Election Law § 15-126(3). Not later than two days after the date of the election.*  
*NOTE: The village clerk may, of his or her own volition, and must, upon the written request of any candidate, cause a recanvass of the votes cast in the village election.*
- Friday, June 19, 2026** – Last day for the village clerk to notify the winners of the election the results and that they must file an oath of office with the village clerk within 30 days of the commencement of their term.  
*Election Law § 15-128. Within three days after the village election.*
- Monday, June 22, 2026** – The deadline by which the village clerk must notify the county board of elections of the request for recanvass.  
*Election Law § 15-126(3). Within one day after receiving the written request.*  
*NOTE: If a request for a recanvass is filed with the village clerk on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, the last day to notify the county board of elections would be Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, which is Juneteenth. As county boards of elections are closed on public holidays, the last day to notify the county of the request for a recanvass is extended to the next business day as it would be impossible to notify the county of a request of a recanvass that is submitted at 5 p.m. on the last day to request a recanvass.*  
*NOTE: This is the last possible date the clerk may notify the county board of elections of the request to recanvass. If the clerk receives the written request prior to Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, he or she has one day to notify the county board of elections.*
- Monday, July 6, 2026** – Start of the village’s official year.  
*Village Law § 3-302. The official year begins at noon on the first Monday in the month following the date of the general village election or the date such an election would have been held had elections been held annually.*
- Monday, July 13, 2026** – Deadline for filing the third statement of campaign receipts and expenditures for the village election.  
*Rules of the State Board of Elections §§ 6200.1 and 6200.2. Must be 27 days after the election.*
- Wednesday, August 5, 2026** – Deadline for an elected official to file their written oath of office with the village clerk.  
*Public Officers Law §§ 10 and 30. Every officer must take and file their written oath of office prior to assuming their office and within 30 days of the commencement of their term of office. If an elected official fails to file their oath of office within the required 30 days, then a vacancy is created in their office.*  
*NOTE: Elected officers may take and file their written oaths of office any time after the election results are certified, including prior to the official commencement of their term of office.*



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