

## Three Ways to Vote

\* **Absentee-by-mail**

\* **One-Stop Early Voting**

\* **Election Day - (vote at your assigned precinct)**

**DON'T MISS THIS  
OPPORTUNITY!**

**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT  
TO VOTE!**

Photo ID is not required to vote unless you are a first time voter who did not provide either the Drivers License # or the last four digits of the SSN# when you registered.



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### Important Dates NOVEMBER 2016

**Absentee-by-Mail Ballots start being mailed:**

Monday, September 9, 2016

**Voter Registration Deadline:**

Friday, October 14, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

Military/Overseas Voter: Monday,

Nov. 7, 2016 @ 5:00 pm

**One-stop Early Voting Begins:**

Thursday, October 20, 2016 @ 8:00 am

**Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot by**

**Mail:** Tuesday, Nov. 1 @ 5:00 pm

Military/Overseas voter: Mon, Nov. 7 @ 5:00 PM

**One-stop Early Voting Ends:**

Saturday, November 5, 2016 @ 1:00 pm

**Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot by**

**Mail:** Tuesday, November 8 @ 5:00 pm

Military/Overseas Voter: @ 7:30 pm

**General Election Day:**

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Polls open 6:30am-7:30 pm

**County Canvass:** Friday, Nov. 18 @ 11:00 am

**One-Stop Absentee Voting (Early Voting)**

Starts: Thurs., Oct. 20 Ends: Sat., Nov. 5, 2016

**Locations and Times:**

**Thurs. Oct. 20-Sat. Nov. 5:**

Board of Elections 406 Craven St., New Bern

**8-6pm weekdays; 8-7pm 11/3, 11/4;**

**1-5pm Sun. 10/23; 8-1pm Saturdays**

**Thurs. Oct. 27-Sat. Nov 5: Additional Sites**

**9-6pm weekdays; 9-1pm Sat. 10/29 & 11/5**

**1-Cove City Fire Dept., 425 S Main St., Cove City**

**2-Havelock: New Beginnings of Faith Ministry.**

**30 Park Lane, Havelock**

**3-Grantham-No. 7 Fire Dept., 1705 Old Cherry**

**Point Rd., New Bern**

**4-Rhems Fire Dept., 5860 US HWY 17 S, New Bern**

**5- Vanceboro Fire Dept, 375 NC HWY 43,**

**Vanceboro**

**6-West New Bern Recreation Center**

**1225 Pinetree Dr, New Bern**

Craven County



Board of Elections

## Voting Guide NOVEMBER 2016

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Monday-Friday

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go to the Elections Department

## VOTING INFORMATION

### Who can vote ?

Any person who is registered to vote in North Carolina can vote an absentee-by-mail ballot or at a One-Stop early voting site in their county before the day of the Election (this is known as Absentee Voting) or vote on Election Day.

Photo ID is not required unless you are a first time voter who did not provide a Drivers License# or last four digits of the SSN# when you registered.

### Requesting a ballot by mail (Absentee by mail)

If it is more convenient for you to vote by mail, you may request an absentee ballot by mail by filling out the **required State Absentee Request form** which is found on our webpage, in our office, or the office can mail you one.

Request forms have to be requested and signed by the voter or a near relative can request for the voter. **Note: A Power of Attorney is not allowed to sign for a voter.**

**The last day an absentee-by-mail ballot request can be received and processed is 5:00 pm on the last Tuesday before the election.**

Once your request is received, it will be processed and your ballot will be mailed.

**NOTE: A request form must be received for each election that a voter desires to vote an Absentee-by-mail ballot.**

Voters may submit an Absentee-by-Mail request prior to the schedule established by law for the Board of Elections to mail out a ballot. Voters should be cautious to allow adequate time for the passage of their request and ballot through the mail. The Board of Elections will begin mailing ballots 50 days prior to Election Day for Primaries and General Elections AND 30 days prior for municipal elections. Again, it is in the best interest of the voter to submit a request for an Absentee-by-mail ballot as early as possible.

**Military/Overseas voters go to [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) for more information on voting Absentee.**

**More information is available on our webpage!**

### Request on behalf of near relatives:

If you qualify as a “near relative”, you may request an absentee ballot by mail on the voter’s behalf. To qualify as a “near relative”, you must have one of the following relationships:

- Spouse
- Sibling (brother or sister)
- Parent
- Grandparent/Grandchild
- Child
- Mother/Daughter-in-law or Father/Son-in-law
- Stepparent/Stepchild



**You are required to identify the relationship in your request.**

*Absence for Sickness/Physical Disability: A voter or voters’ near relative or legal guardian may go in person to the Board of Elections after the Tuesday before the election, but not later than 5 pm the day before the election, because of a voters’ sickness or other physical disability and make a request for an absentee ballot.*

### One-Stop Absentee Voting

One-Stop Absentee voting (Early Voting) is available beginning the 3rd Thursday before and ending at 1 pm on the last Saturday before Election Day. Times are determined by the Board of Elections and approved by the State Board of Elections before each election. **More information is available on our webpage!**

### Election Day Voting

**Any registered voter in the County can vote on Election Day at their assigned precinct (polling place) between the hours of 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. By law must have lived in the precinct area for 30 days or more to be able to vote in that precinct to receive a regular ballot.**



### Voting an absentee by mail ballot

An absentee-by-mail ballot packet will include; an instruction sheet, a paper ballot, a return envelope.

It is very important for voters to fully **read the provided instruction sheet carefully.** All instructions need to be followed to ensure each vote is to be counted. These instructions will direct voters on proper writing instruments to be used in the proper marking of the ballot, remind a voter to have witnesses to sign and address the return envelope.

After marking the ballot, PLEASE place it in the return envelope and drop in the mail, with the proper postage, or you may personally deliver it to the Board of Election’s office.

### RETURNING THE BALLOT

**1– Voters must sign or make their mark on the returned ballot envelope. 2– Voters must have all the required information/signatures completed to assure ballot will count.**

**Note: POA’s cannot sign for a voter-Voters’ must make their own signature marks.**

**Ballots may only be returned in person or by a near relative of the voter.**

### RETURN DEADLINE

**The deadline for a voted absentee-by-mail ballot to be received by our office is 5 pm the day of the Election.**

Ballots are timely if postmarked by Election Day and received by 5:00 pm the Friday after Election Day if postmark from Post Office is visible.



### SAMPLE BALLOTS

Available 50 days prior to an Election Day for primaries and general elections and 30 days *pri-* or to municipal elections. Found on web page and copies available in the Craven Co. Bd of Elections office after ballots have been received.

**Ballots are voter specific and are based on the voter’s residence address and proper jurisdictions a voter is eligible to vote in.**