

We want to make sure that everyone who is able to vote knows of all the options available to them.

Voters Encouraged to Register Now with Clerk for April 7th Spring Election

Valerie Carpenter, Washington Island Clerk, is reminding Wisconsin area residents that voters who want to vote in the Spring Election, but are not yet registered may register in the following ways:

March 18th: Last day for Electors to register ***by mail***.

April 6th: Last day Voters may register and/or vote in the clerk's office.

On Election Day: Voters may register at the polling place.

All that is required to register is proof of residency (10 day in Wisconsin prior to Election Day) and proper completion of a voter registration form.

To prove residency, Wisconsinites can use the following documents if they contain a full name and a current island address of the voter:

- A current Wisconsin driver's license
- A current Wisconsin I.D. card
- Any other official I.D. card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- Any employer-issued photo I.D. card, issued in the normal course of business, but not including a business card
- A university, college or technical college fee card or I.D. card with your photo and current address. (May be used even if the card does not contain the cardholder's address, if the educational institution provides a certified student list for use at the polling place.)
- A utility bill (e.g., gas, electric, cable TV or telephone) for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before election day
- A bank statement
- A real estate (i.e., property) tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A current residential lease which is effective for a period that includes election day
- A pay check or a government check or other document issued by unity of government

On the registration form, new voters must provide their Wisconsin driver's license number or Wisconsin ID number, and write their name exactly as it is on the license. If they have neither one, they may use the last four digits of their Social Security number.

Voters with questions about voter registration or absentee voting should contact Valerie Carpenter, Town Clerk at (920) 847-2522, or see the State Elections Division website at <http://elections.wi.gov>.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Valerie Carpenter, Town of Washington Clerk is encouraging voters to vote by Absentee Ballot for the Spring Election if they will not be on the Island, shut-in or otherwise occupied on April 7th. Even if you leave the Island for the day but plan to return on a later ferry to vote, consider voting by Absentee Ballot. Your plans to return (or the ferry) may be delayed causing you to miss voting in the election.

You may obtain an Absentee Ballot Application at the Town Office. You may return the completed Application form to the Town Office where you will be mailed a Voting Ballot when they become available (generally by the week of March 16th). Also once the ballots become available, you may stop at the Town Office and actually vote prior to the election. Your ballot will be opened and counted on Election Day. The ballot must be delivered to the polling place by 8:00p.m. April 7th (Day of Election) to be counted.

WRITE-IN VOTES

If a voter wishes to write in a vote for a candidate not on the ballot, which is an option available to each voter, please make certain that such a vote is cast for a viable candidate – who is an actual person. Voting is one of the most valuable and precious rights we have as American citizens. Especially in our small community, your vote does count and may be the determining factor in an election.