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**City of Beloit Announces Nov. 3, 2020, Election Polling Locations**

**September 22, 2020** - The City of Beloit will operate eight polling locations on the Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, election. The city is consolidating two polling locations; ward 16, which typically votes at First Congregational Church, will vote at Todd Elementary School with wards 17 & 18.

Due to an unprecedented number of absentee ballots that will need to be processed on Election Day, the city needs additional equipment for the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers at City Hall. Due to COVID-19, the City of Beloit could also be facing a staffing shortage. The consolidation of the polling location was completed for those two reasons.

Election workers will be wearing masks and will regularly sanitize their hands and work stations. The City of Beloit will do everything it can to administer this election in a safe manner with proper protective equipment.

The official polling locations approved Monday, September 21, 2020, by the Beloit City Council are:

- Wards 1, 2 & 3: Converse School, 1602 Townline Avenue
- Wards 4, 5 & 6: Gaston School, 1515 W. Grand Avenue
- Wards 7, 8 & 9: Hackett School, 625 Eighth Street
- Wards 10, 11 & 12: Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett Street
- Wards 13, 14, 15 & 22: Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard
- Wards 16, 17 & 18: Todd School, 1621 Oakwood Avenue
- Wards 19, 20 & 21: River of Life UMC, 2345 Prairie Avenue
- Wards 23, 24 & 25: Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road

The eight polling locations in the City of Beloit are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

**Absentee Voting**

As of September 17, 2020, the City of Beloit mailed over 3,500 absentee ballots to individuals who had already requested ballots. The 2020 election is expected to have a record number of absentee ballots cast; the 2012 presidential election currently holds the record with 3,045 absentee ballots cast.

Ballots need to be signed, witnessed and returned to City Hall by 8 p.m. Nov. 3, 2020. The ballots can be returned via U.S. Postal Service or placed in secured absentee ballot drop boxes at City Hall. There are two absentee ballot drop boxes; one is drive-up in the circle drive at the State Street entrance and the other box is inside City Hall on the first floor.

In-person absentee voting at City Hall, 100 State St., begins weekdays on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, and runs through Friday, October 30, 2020 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The City of Beloit will offer a Saturday voting option on October 24 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at City Hall. Don't forget to bring your photo ID. Please wear a face covering and adhere to physical distancing measures.

### **Voter Registration and More**

The Wisconsin Election Commission has a Voter Information Center webpage that voters might find helpful: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>. This site includes information about voter registration, Voter ID implementation, finding your polling place and requesting an absentee ballot. Learn more about voting deadlines at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoterDeadlines>.

If voters are unsure of their polling place and/or voter registration status, or if they have any questions or need additional information, visit [www.beloitwi.gov/elections](http://www.beloitwi.gov/elections) or contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at [StottlerL@beloitwi.gov](mailto:StottlerL@beloitwi.gov).

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