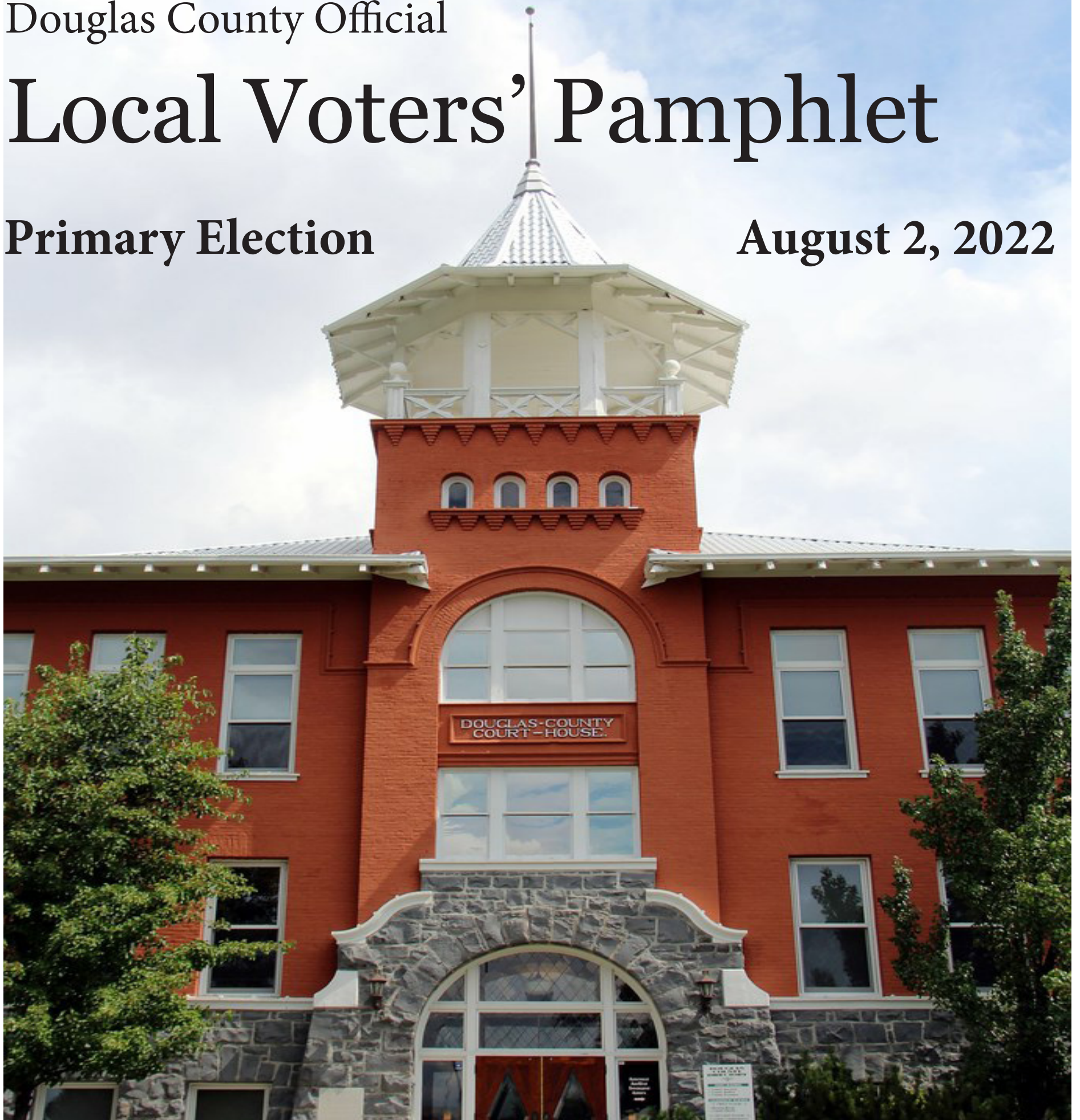


Douglas County Official

Local Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election

August 2, 2022



Dear Voters,

Welcome to our Primary Election Local Voters' Pamphlet! State law now requires each county to produce a local voters' pamphlet for every election.

This pamphlet is a guide designed as a reference tool to help you make informed decisions. Inside you will find useful information about voter registration, deadlines for returning your ballot and ballot drop box locations. This pamphlet also includes ballot measures that may be on your Primary Election ballot.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your vote counts and participation matters. Voting is an important opportunity to elect public servants of your choice and to help decide how tax dollars are spent. The freedom to vote has been secured and preserved by men and women who were willing to fight and sacrifice their lives for the right to be heard; this should not be taken lightly or for granted.

Remember, your vote is your voice!

Sincerely,

Douglas County Election Department

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Local Jurisdictions Participating in the Election:

Douglas County, Okanogan and Douglas County Public Hospital District #1,

Douglas County Fire Protection District No. 2

Important Dates

Ballots MailedJuly 12, 2022
18 Day Voting Period BeginsJuly 15, 2022

Last day to register to vote:

Online & by mailJuly 25, 2022
In personAugust 2, 2022

Election DayAugust 2, 2022
Ballots postmarked byAugust 2, 2022
Drop box close @ 8 p.m.August 2, 2022

Douglas County:

Certifies the electionAugust 16, 2022

You may not be voting on every item in this voters' pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.

Registering to Vote

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You can register to vote through Election Day!

You can now register to vote, update your address, or make other updates to your voter registration in person at the Douglas County Courthouse in Waterville through 8 p.m. on Election Day. But why wait? Register or update your registration at www.votewa.gov.

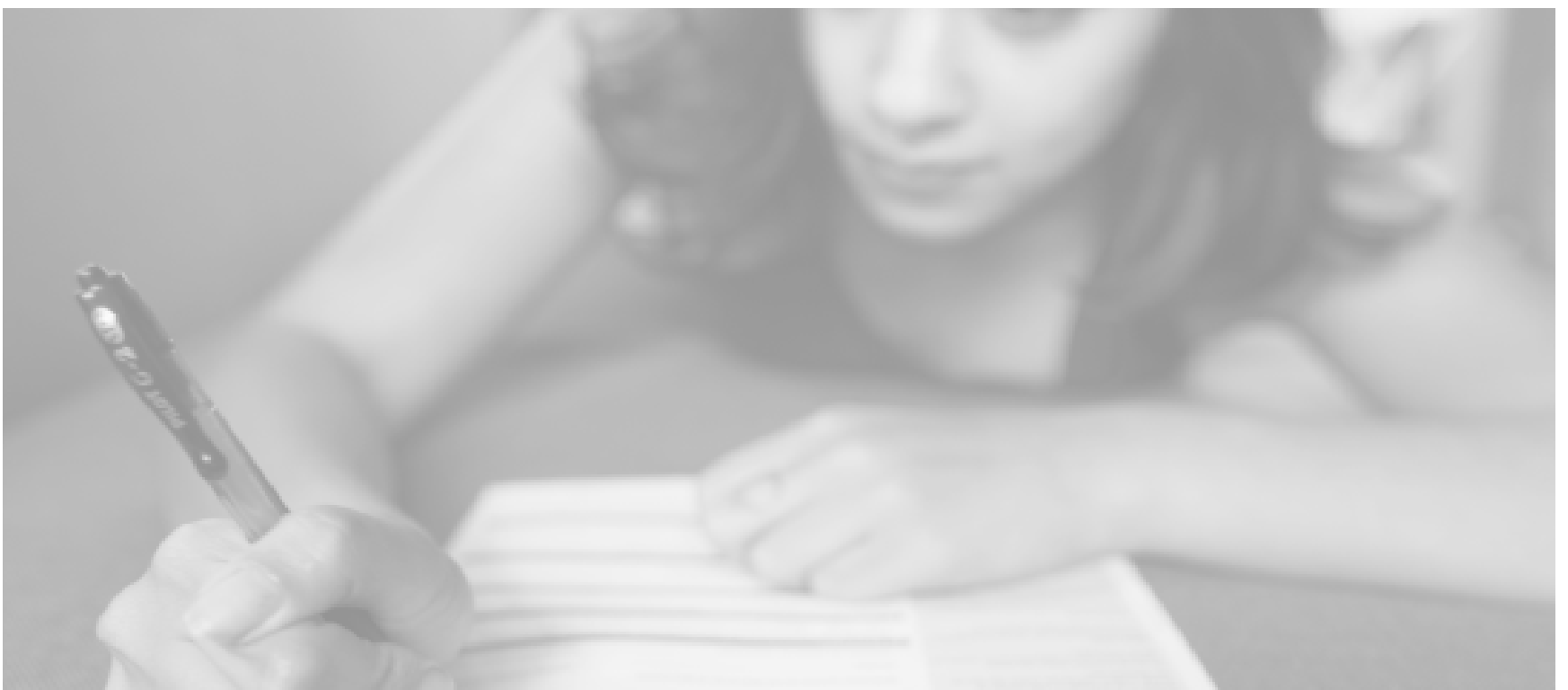
Registering to vote through the Department of Licensing or Health Benefit Exchange just got easier!

If you are getting an enhanced driver license, you will now be automatically registered to vote or have your address updated. Don't wish to register? You can opt out. If you are getting a non-enhanced license, you will still be asked if you would like to register to vote. You can now also register to vote while signing up for or renewing your health insurance through the Health Benefit Exchange.

Pre-registration for teens

16 and 17 year olds may now pre-register to vote. Registrations submitted online, by mail, or in person will be assigned a 'pending' status until they turn 18.

If the registrant turns 18 before the next scheduled Election Day, they will automatically be mailed a ballot at their registered address.



Who can Register

To register to vote in Washington, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States;
- Have lived at the current address in Washington for at least thirty days immediately before the next election at which you vote;
- Be at least 16 years old on election day;
- Not be serving a sentence of total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction;
- Not be disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not be currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.



Keep Your Voter Registration Current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply update your information online or submit a new registration form by July 25, 2022 for this election or visit us in person through August 2, 2022, Election Day.



Douglas County Election Department

Contact Information

PHONE:.....509.888.6402

EMAIL:..... elections@co.douglas.wa.us

LOCATION:.....213 S. Rainier St
Waterville WA 98858

WEBSITE: www.douglascountywa.net

MAILING: PO Box 853
Waterville WA 98858

Voting Tips

Filling out your ballot:

You may use blue or black ink. You do NOT need to vote for every race.

Signing your envelope:

Don't forget to sign the back of your return envelope so your ballot can be counted!

Returning your ballot:

Mailing your ballot? No stamp needed! USPS recommends dropping your ballot in the mail one week prior to Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.
You can also return your ballot at one of our ballot drop box locations. Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day.



Contact Information for Election Related Organization

Public Disclosure Commission:

View contributors for candidates and measures.
Visit www.pdc.wa.gov or
call toll free (877) 601-2828

Douglas County Democratic Party:

www.DouglasCountyDems.com
douglascntydemocrats@gmail.com

Douglas County Republican Party:

www.DouglasCountyRepublicans.org
dcrccemail@gmail.com

Accessible Voting

Returning Your Ballot



Douglas County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU).

AVU's are available in the Auditor's Office starting 18 days before Election Day, until 8 p.m. on Election Day. AVU's are wheelchair accessible, screened from other voters to maintain privacy, and can accommodate your headphones or sip and puff tools.

If you have questions or concerns regarding accessibility, please contact the Douglas County Elections Office at 509-888-6402.

Replacement Ballot

If you have lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, replacement ballots are available. To get a replacement ballot:

- By email: elections@co.douglas.wa.us
- Online: www.VoteWA.gov
- By phone: 509-888-6402 or 509-888-6407
- In person: Douglas County Courthouse
213 S. Rainier St
Waterville WA 98858

Drop boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time! Drop boxes are securely locked and emptied by teams of two trained election officials. Drop boxes are the most direct and secure way to return ballots!

Boxes are open 24/7 beginning no less than 18 days before the Election and closed promptly at 8 p.m. on Election night.

Douglas County Drop Box Locations:

Waterville:

Douglas County Courthouse 213 S. Rainier St

East Wenatchee:

Public Service Building..... 140 19th St. NW

City Hall..... 271 9th St. NE

Office of Public Defense Building..... 110 2nd St. NE

Coulee Dam

Coulee Dam Town Hall 3 Lincoln Ave.

Rock Island

Rock Island City Hall 5 N. Garden Ave.

Bridgeport

Bridgeport City Hall..... 1206 Columbia Ave.

Mansfield

Mansfield City Hall..... 26 Main St.



New this election

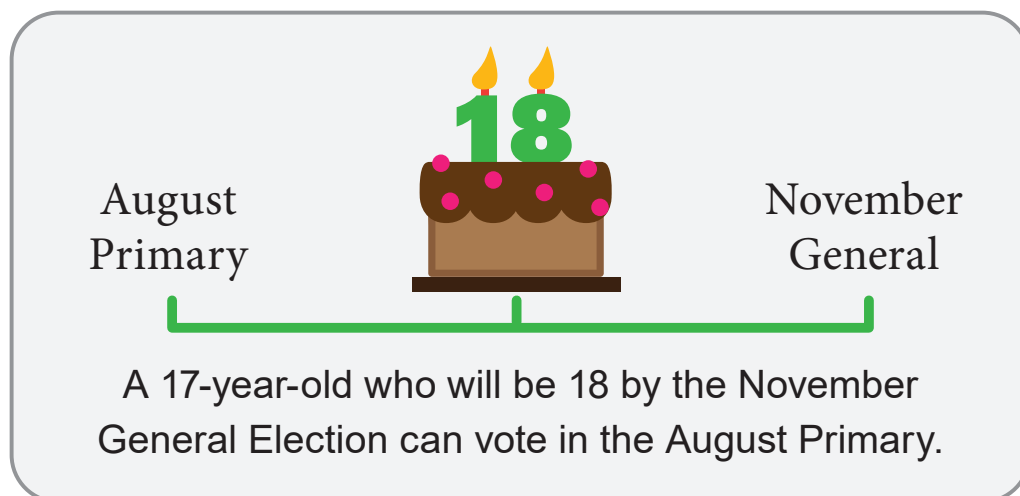
Primary Only Voters

17-year old voters

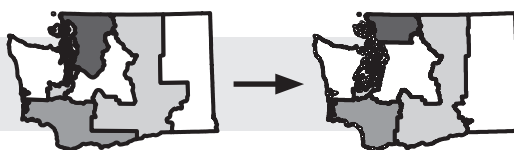
New Washington Legislation passed in March of 2020 allows 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the November General Election to vote in the August Primary starting this year!

Primary-only voters are authorized to participate only in races in the primary election that are selecting candidates for the general election. If there are measures or other races in the primary election that will not go through to the general election, Primary-only voters are not permitted to vote on those races.

Specifically, a Primary-only voter can vote on the following contests: nonpartisan candidate races that contain three or more candidates and partisan candidate races, regardless of the number of candidates, appearing on a primary election ballot.



Your district may have changed



Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, legislative and congressional district boundaries are redrawn in a process called redistricting.

Redistricting ensures that each district has about the same number of people, which means equal representation in government.

As a result of redistricting, you may have been assigned to a new legislative or congressional district.

If you have changed districts, you will vote on different legislative or congressional races, beginning this year.

For more information about new district boundaries or the redistricting process, visit www.redistricting.wa.gov.

Ballots will be mailed July 12.

If you have not received a ballot by July 22 or you need a replacement ballot call the Douglas County Election office at:
509-888-6407
or 509-888-6402.



www.votewa.gov

Use VoteWA to:

- Register to vote
- Check or update your voter registration information
- View a list of your elected officials
- Contact your county elections office
- View your online voter guide
- Fill out or print a replacement ballot
- Find an official ballot drop box
- Check the status of your ballot

VoteWA is a collaboration between the Office of Secretary of State and all 39 Washington counties to create an advanced, centralized system for both voter registration and election management.

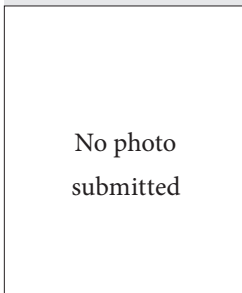
WASHINGTON STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

- In each race, you may vote for any one candidate listed.
- The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary will advance to the General Election.
- Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

TOP 4 REASONS A BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED

- Ballot received with a late postmark.
- Signature on the ballot envelope doesn't match the signature we have on file.*
- Ballot envelope is not signed.*
- Someone other than the voter has signed the envelope for them.*

*If a ballot is not signed or the signature doesn't match the signature on your voter registration, the voter is mailed a form to correct the issue.



Jim
Ruud
(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience
No Information Submitted
Other Professional Experience
No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I'm seeking my fifth term as Douglas County Assessor. With Washington's budget-based taxing system, the total tax to be collected is determined by the budgets of all the various taxing districts in which a property resides. The value of each parcel determines its share of this tax liability. As your Assessor, I strive to see that all real property receives a fair and equitable evaluation. I'm a fourth generation Douglas County resident I own and along with family operate the oldest continually working wheat and cattle ranch in Douglas County, established in 1883. I look forward to serving the people of Douglas County.

Contact (509) 745-8697 jruud78@gmail.com PO Box 442 Waterville, WA 98858

Unopposed



Thad
Duvall
(Prefers Nonpartisan Party)

Elected Experience
I have a varied background with experience in farming, real estate, banking and county appraisal work. For the past 25 years I served all citizens of Douglas County overseeing various functions of the office including elections, licensing, recording, accounts payable, payroll and budgeting. I am a state and nationally certified election official. Our election office has conducted approximately 75 elections since 1997. I am past president of Washington State Association of County Auditors, Finance Chair for the Washington Counties Risk Pool, Licensing Committee Lead on Legislation, DOL Education Committee, County Representative on the AWC L&I Retro Pool Advisory Board, etc.

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

It has been my pleasure and distinct honor to serve all the citizens of Douglas County since 1997. I have appreciated all the support from our voters who elected me County Auditor 7 times. I not only thank the voters of Douglas County but also especially my staff members past and present who worked tirelessly to provide excellent and efficient customer service to all the citizens of Douglas County. The world is very different now than when I was appointed County Auditor in 1997. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead for county government and know that I and my team are up to the task. I pledge to serve with all my skill and ability in this vitally important office. As your current County Auditor I would be remiss if I didn't urge all eligible voters in Douglas County to register and vote in every election. Remember, your voice is your vote!

Contact (509) 669-4855 tlduvall@charter.net

Unopposed



Jenn

Biggar

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

Currently serving as the Douglas County Clerk of Superior Court.

Other Professional Experience

Nine years experience in criminal justice.

Education

Currently pursuing an AAS in Criminal Justice.

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

I have had the pleasure of serving as the Douglas County Clerk of Superior Court since July of 2021. I came into this position with a strong understanding of the local criminal justice system. Since coming into office, my focus has been creating a service for Douglas County that is efficient, accurate and secure. I am committed to providing the highest level of customer service and would be honored to continue serving our community.

Contact

(509) 760-7889

jennbiggar@yahoo.com

PO Box 323

Waterville, WA 98858

Unopposed

Douglas County | Commissioner No. 3 | 4 Year Term



Marc

Straub

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

I have had the honor of serving the citizens of Douglas County as County Commissioner for the 3rd District the last four years. In addition, I continue to serve as a Precinct Committee Officer.

Other Professional Experience

17 years as CEO for Building North Central Washington

5 years as COO for Total Office Concepts

Small business owner

Insurance agent

Restaurant manager

Education

Finance/Economics, Central Washington University

Community Service

Lions Club member

WVTSC Construction Trades Program Advisory Board member

Board member for several local community organizations

Statement

When I ran for County Commissioner four years ago, I committed to the citizens of Douglas County to prioritize economic development; responsibly maintain County infrastructure; decrease senseless regulatory burdens; support law enforcement and public safety; and tackle the affordable housing crisis. I have worked diligently to honor these commitments since taking office, and this has been illustrated by my track record. There is still more work to be done and I promise to keep fulfilling these commitments moving forward.

It has been a true honor to serve the citizens of Douglas County as your County Commissioner these past four years. I look forward to continuing my service to and representing all the citizens of Douglas County.

I would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve you for another four years. Thank you for your support!

Contact

(509) 387-7086

electmarcstraub@gmail.com

PO Box 256

Orondo, WA 98843

Unopposed



Tanner

Bateman

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

Douglas County Deputy Coroner. Where I conduct investigations of all unexpected, unattended, and suspicious deaths.

Other Professional Experience

Worked with the Kittitas County Coroner and Johnston and William Funeral Home in Ellensburg. Where I learned the essential skills needed to conduct a thorough death investigation. U.S. Army active duty veteran.

Education

Wenatchee Valley Community College. Where I received my associates' degree. Central Washington University. Where I graduated with a bachelors' degree, majoring in biological sciences. Working to gain my certificate through the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

Community Service

Member of the Douglas County Sheriff's Volunteer Auxiliary. Member of the East Wenatchee Rotary Club.

Statement

I am running for this position because I care deeply about our community and assisting local families through one of the more difficult times in their lives – the passing of a loved one.

During my time as Deputy Coroner I have taken the initiative to build our county's coroner office to become a fully functional investigative coroner's office to meet the needs of our community. In the past year I have already instituted cost effective and cost saving measures. Like in-house transportation of autopsy cases that saves tax dollars instead of outsourcing to a third-party transportation company. I have also initiated the process to begin using virtual autopsies in lieu of the traditional invasive autopsy. Which I hope to utilize as soon as possible.

Going forward I hope to serve our community with innovation. I will obtain the State Accreditation for our county and will improve timeliness and response rates to each case that the Coroner's Office handles. Based on my experience and goals to improve this office, I humbly ask for your vote.

Contact: (509) 881-1230 tannerbateman12@gmail.com

Douglas County | **Prosecuting Attorney** | 4 Year Term



Gordon

Edgar

(States No Party Preference)

Elected experience:

Douglas County Prosecuting Attorney, 2019 to present

Other professional experience:

Deputy Prosecutor: Douglas County 1995 to 2018, Chelan County 1993-95

Private law practice: 1991-93

US Navy: 1980 – 85, Submarine Service, Electronics Technician, Honorable Discharge

US Army NG: 1985-86, 19th SF, Honorable Discharge

Education:

Lewis & Clark Law School, JD, 1991

Community service:

Waterville School Board for 20 years, Lions Club, Youth Sports Coach, Boy Scouts Leader

Statement:

My name is Gordon Edgar and I am running for re-election for Douglas County Prosecuting Attorney. It has been my privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Douglas County for nearly three decades as a career prosecutor. I have worked to distinguish myself as a principled and ethical prosecutor, honoring our constitutional rights, fighting for and protecting the rights of victims, keeping our communities safe, holding offenders accountable, and treating everyone with respect and dignity. Thank you for your support and vote.

Contact: (509) 745-8637 wagoed@nwi.net PO Box 472 Waterville, WA 98858

Unopposed

Unopposed

No Photo
Submitted

Kevin

Morris

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

No Information Submitted

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

No Information Submitted

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

No Information Submitted

Contact: (509) 733-8459

mustangbasketballcoach1617@gmail.com

PO Box 518 Bridgeport WA 98813

Unopposed

Douglas County | Treasurer | 4 Year Short/Full Term



Felisha

Rosales

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

In December of 2021, I was appointed Interim Treasurer for Douglas County and currently serve in this capacity.

Other Professional Experience

I have a combined total of 16+ years in the financial industry serving in both the public and private sector.

Education

Associates Degree from Wenatchee Valley College - 2007

Community Service

No Information Submitted

Statement

Born and raised in the beautiful Wenatchee Valley, I knew as I got older, I wanted to serve my community in some way. I was given that opportunity in the fall of 2014 when I was hired on at the Treasurer's Office. I bring forth extensive experience in customer relations, problem solving and the ability to think critically along with strong mathematical skills. I strive to perfect and streamline procedures while following the mandates required by the State of Washington to operate an effective and, most importantly, accurate office. I value what the Treasurer's Office does as a whole and find extreme importance in what we do for our taxing districts and the constituents of Douglas County. My goal is to provide a high level of quality service to those we encounter and work with daily.

Serving as Douglas County Treasurer for the past several months has been a huge honor and I'd love to continue serving in this capacity for the citizens of Douglas County for the next several years. Your vote and support is very important to me and much appreciated.

Contact: felisharosales4treasurer@gmail.com

Unopposed

Public Hospital District No. 1
Okanogan and Douglas County

Proposition No. 1

ONE-YEAR SPECIAL LEVY

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 1, Okanogan and Douglas Counties, adopted Resolution No. 2022-05 concerning a proposition to finance and maintain the availability of essential health care services. If approved, this ballot proposition will provide funds to pay for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services by levying in 2022 for collection in 2023 a special one-year property tax in the amount of \$844,000, resulting in an estimated levy rate, in excess of the District's regular property tax levy, of 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED []

REJECTED []

Argument For:

Minutes matter. No one knows when a health emergency will strike, but when it does, it is critical to have timely access to emergency care.

For over 70 years, Three Rivers Hospital has provided trained professional staff to meet the healthcare needs of our community. As part of our mission to provide extraordinary service to our community, we are committed to continue staffing our emergency department with experienced physicians dedicated to your care. This has been made possible in part due to the existing tax levy that provides much-needed funding for emergency department operations.

The Emergency Department is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Quality care is our top priority and having caring ER physicians on our team has allowed us to ensure that quality. We believe the renewal of this one-year levy to be essential and necessary to ensure Three Rivers can continue staffing the Emergency Department with board-certified physicians.

This levy will replace the levy that passed in 2021. The levy rate will remain the same at 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This equates to approximately \$66 per year for a home assessed at \$200,000.

Written by Jennifer Munson, Chief Financial Officer, Three Rivers Hospital

Explanatory Statement

Written by Bradley Berg, Douglas-Okanogan
County Public Health District #1 Special Council

Public Hospital District No. 1, Okanogan and Douglas Counties, Washington (the "District"), operates Three Rivers Hospital in Brewster and other health care facilities within the District.

The District has determined that it is essential for the public health, safety and welfare of the District residents and other persons served by the District that the District provide additional funds for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services, including Three Rivers Hospital.

In order to provide sufficient funds to pay these expenses, the District is proposing a ballot proposition to be voted on by the qualified electors of the District authorizing the District to levy a special one-year excess tax levy.

If approved, this ballot proposition will provide funds to pay for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services by levying in 2022 for collection in 2023 a special one-year property tax in the amount of \$844,000, resulting in an estimated levy rate, in excess of the District's regular property tax levy, of 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Argument Against:

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1 &
Douglas County Fire Protection District No. 2

Proposition No. 1

Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1 and Douglas County Fire Protection District No. 2 have adopted a Joint Resolution approving the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department Plan (“Plan”) concerning the creation of a Regional Fire Authority.

This proposition would approve the Plan and create the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department, effective September 30, 2022 to provide fire protection and emergency medical services funded by a property tax not to exceed \$1.50 per thousand of assessed value to be levied in 2022.

Should the Plan to create the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department be approved?

YES []

NO []

Argument For:

Our valleys Fire District’s, Douglas County Fire District 2 and Chelan County Fire District 1, have decades of history of responding to each District’s respective jurisdictions because neither District can provide sufficient resources alone. It takes a cooperation and collaboration.

Combining the two Fire Districts will allow for efficiencies in administration, facilities, response and specialty teams as well as efficiencies procuring apparatus and equipment.

However, this will not decrease the cost of operating the combined Fire District’s now or in the future.

The increased cost is due to the need to hire additional firefighters. Our volunteer firefighters have declined by 70% in the past 10 years. Both Districts have strategically located fire stations that need to be staffed to adequately serve our community. Our District’s are responding to over 5,200 incidents annually.

The increase in funding will allow a minimum of 2 firefighters at 7 fire stations.

Written by:

Buell Hawkins

buellhawkins@gmail.com

Explanatory Statement

Prepared by: Brian K. Snure, Attorney

PROPOSITION NO. 1

PROPOSED FORMATION OF WENATCHEE VALLEY FIRE
DEPARTMENT

BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If voters approve Proposition 1, Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 1 and Douglas County Fire Protection District N. 2 will create the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department “WVFD” as a regional fire protection service authority operating under chapter 52.26 RCW effective September 30, 2022. The WVFD will operate under a single governing board consisting of three elected commissioners from Chelan FPD 1 and three elected commissioners from Douglas FPD 2. The WVFD will be funded by a property tax not to exceed \$1.50 per thousand of assessed valuation to be levied in 2022 and collected in 2023. The WVFD property tax will replace the regular property tax levies of Chelan FPD 1 and Douglas FPD 2. The Board of Commissioners of Chelan FPD 1 and Douglas FPD 2 have determined that the formation of the WVFD will allow the entities to consolidate resources and more efficiently and cost effectively deliver fire protection and emergency medical services to their citizens. To view the complete Wenatchee Valley Fire Department Plan, please visit: www.chelancountyfire.com

Argument Against:

Existing fire department mutual aid agreements are working great. Inflation and property taxes in today’s environment make this proposal very expensive.

As stated in the ballot measure and news media fire chief interviews; the fire district county property tax rates are increased; up to \$1.50 per thousand dollars. Non voted increases of 6% each year are also authorized in the measure.

A new fire department is proposed, sharing all debts and operating costs across two counties. Local control through our fire commissioners is replaced by a new fire authority board structure.

Written by:

Doug Miller

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