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Elections Office Mails Nearly 19,000 Ballots to City of Missoula Primary Voters

The Missoula County Elections Office on Friday mailed nearly 19,000 ballots to voters in Wards 1, 3 and 4 ahead of the City of Missoula primary in September.

The 18,994 ballots were sent to registered voters in those wards who were already on the absentee mail ballot list. The Elections Office also sent mailers to 9,344 additional voters who are not currently on the absentee mail ballot list. The mailer includes a pre-filled, postage paid form that those voters can use to request a mail ballot. Voters will simply need to sign and mail back the form by Tuesday, Sept. 3, to receive a ballot in the mail. After that date, voters will need to request an absentee ballot in person at the Elections Office.

If they don't choose to vote by mail, those voters can cast their ballot on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the designated polling place in their ward:

- **Ward 1:** Rattlesnake Elementary, 1220 Pineview Dr.
- **Ward 3:** Missoula Senior Center, 705 S. Higgins Ave.
- **Ward 4:** Lewis and Clark Elementary, 2901 Park St.

Missoula County typically holds all-mail elections for local races, but because the Elections Office was late in submitting a mail ballot plan to the Montana Secretary of State, the county is required to hold a polling place election. This means voters can cast their ballot either at their polling place or by mail.

The Elections Office is currently located in Building 15 of the Missoula County Fairgrounds, 1101 South Ave. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. With renovation construction continuing at the fairgrounds, the Elections Office urges voters to take care of any election-related needs as soon as possible to alleviate crowding at the facility in the days leading up to the primary.

In addition to requesting absentee ballots, Elections Office staff can help with all voter services, including voter registration, address changes, retrieving undeliverable ballots and issuing replacement ballots. Voters can check their ward, registration status and polling place location at www.missoulavotes.com.

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