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Dear Friends,

As we maneuver through 2021, we must take a moment to relish in a new season of gratitude and welcome change like the autumn leaves. In this Election season, be the change you see in yourself and have your voice be heard. My Election Staff, along with the offices of the Superintendent of Elections and the Board of Elections are at your service for your 2021 November General Election needs!

Elections

The Hudson County Clerk's Office has launched the "Civic Engagement Election Portal," which is designed to organize all critical election information for our constituents and provide a year-end review of the previous years' voter satisfaction surveys. This portal is a new medium of communication that offers further outreach to voters and delivers information in one central location. In a year of massive voting changes, easy access to information and the ability to easily communicate information is critical.

We are always striving for new ways to engage the public, establish benchmarks for future goals, and gain an objective viewpoint on how we are performing across the County Clerk, Board of Elections and Superintendent of Election Offices. The Portal provides us a great opportunity to improve communications and connectivity with voters. The Civic Engagement Election Portal is a perfect medium to be able to disseminate new and vital information in a quick and organized manner.


In addition to dispersing voting information, the portal has also allowed us to share previous years' voter satisfaction surveys. We undertook the survey project to obtain feedback to allow us to improve our operations and overall voter experience.

For this portion of the program, we employed local university students to staff the interviewer positions, which conducted the voter satisfaction surveys at each municipality within the County. The results provided tremendous insight, both in real-time allowing us to adjust the amount of staff present in high volume locations to lessen wait times, and with hindsight review for future improvements.

We encourage anyone interested in working this years 2021 General Election to visit the "Civic Engagement Election Portal" at <https://vote2021.hcnj.us/> and fill out an application located at the top of the page. Workers are guaranteed to earn a minimum of \$15.00 HR for all work leading up to Election Day as well as \$300.00 for Election Day on November 2, 2021.



HOW TO VOTE IN HUDSON COUNTY




3 Ways To Vote in the upcoming 2021 November General Election

1. VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

Registered voters can apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot by following the instructions found at VOTE.NJ.GOV, by visiting: www.hudsoncountyclerk.org, or contacting our office at 201-369-3470-Option#6

Then, VOTE and RETURN your ballot one of the following ways:


- Mail: Your Vote-By-Mail ballot MUST be postmarked on or before 8:00 p.m. November 2 and be received by your county's Board of Elections on or before November 8.
- Secure Ballot Drop Box: Place your vote-by-mail ballot in one of your county's secure ballot drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 2. Drop box locations can be found at VOTE.NJ.GOV.
- Board of Elections Office: Deliver your vote-by-mail ballot in person to your county's Board of Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on November 2.



2. IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

This new option enables all registered voters to cast their ballot in person, using a voting machine, during a nine-day period prior to Election Day. You can now choose to vote, in person, when it's most convenient for your schedule. No matter where you live in the county, you can vote your specific ballot at any of your county's designated in-person early voting locations. Find your county's locations at <https://vote2021.hcnj.us>


In-person early voting locations will be open Saturday, October 23 through Sunday, October 31. Hours will be Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities.




3. AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY

Vote in person at your polling place, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 2. Accommodations will be made for voters with disabilities. Go to <https://vote2021.hcnj.us> to find your polling place.

NOTE: Vote-by-mail ballots CANNOT be returned to ANY early voting location or polling place





#SafeSimpleSecure #HCVOTE2021

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2021 Hudson County Early Voting Centers

<p><u>Bayonne:</u> Bayonne City Hall 630 Avenue C Council Chambers</p>	<p><u>Kearny:</u> Kearny Town Hall 402 Kearny Ave. 1st Floor Records Room</p>
<p><u>Hoboken:</u> Hoboken City Hall 94 Washington St. 1st Floor Conference Room (Newark St. Entrance)</p>	<p><u>North Bergen:</u> North Bergen Town Hall 4233 J.F.K. Blvd. City Council Chambers (Side Entrance)</p>
<p><u>Jersey City:</u> Pershing Field Community Center 816 Summit Ave.</p> <p>Jersey City Hall 280 Grove St. Ground Floor Council Caucus Room</p> <p>Hank Gallo Community Center Lincoln Park</p> <p>Moose Lodge 60 West Side Ave.</p>	<p><u>Union City:</u> Mobile Trailers 410 27th St. New York Ave. Between 27th and 28th Avenues</p> <p><u>West New York:</u> Sunshine Garden Community Room 515 54th St.</p>

NOTICE

GOVERNOR MURPHY SIGNED P.L. 2020. C72 TO SECURE A BALLOT DROP BOX IF A VOTER CHOOSES NOT TO RETURN THEIR BALLOT THROUGH THE POST OFFICE.

WE HAVE LISTED ALL SECURE DROP BOX BALLOT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AS FOLLOWS:

<p>City of Bayonne City Hall 630 Avenue C</p> <p>Borough of East Newark Municipal Building 34 Sherman Avenue Toward Corner of John Street & Sherman Avenue</p> <p>Town of Guttenberg Town Hall 6808 Park Avenue 100 ft. Towards 69th Street</p> <p>Town of Harrison Town Hall 318 Harrison Avenue</p> <p>City of Hoboken City Hall 94 Washington Street Newark Street Location</p> <p>Stevens University Hudson Street & 6th Street</p>	<p>City of Jersey City Earl Morgan Library (A Ward) 1841 John F. Kennedy Blvd</p> <p>NUJU – John J. Moore Recreation Center (A Ward) Culver Avenue & Westview Court</p> <p>St. Peter's University (B Ward) Corner of Montgomery Street & John F. Kennedy Blvd</p> <p>Hudson County Plaza (C Ward) 257 Cornelison Avenue Corner of Academy Street & Cornelison Avenue</p> <p>Jersey City Free Public Library (D Ward) 14 Zabriskie Street</p> <p>Jersey City (E Ward) City Hall 280 Grove Street</p> <p>City Hall Annex (F Ward) 1 Jackson Square</p>	<p>Town of Kearny Town Hall 402 Kearny Avenue</p> <p>Township of North Bergen Town Hall 4233 John F. Kennedy Blvd Municipal Chambers Entrance</p> <p>Town of Secaucus Town Hall 1203 Paterson Plank Road</p> <p>City of Union City City Hall 3715 Palisade Avenue</p> <p>Township of Weehawken Municipal Building 400 Park Avenue</p> <p>Town of West New York Town Hall 428 69th Street</p>
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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



The **Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCCNJ)**, whose mission is to promote the continued growth and development of the New Jersey business while upholding the highest standards of conduct, held an event where Clerk Maldonado was proud to represent Hudson County by congratulating the HETP and LETS Pitch Competition 2021 finalists and top 3 winners.

The **New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC)** had its first in-person 2021 Annual Conference since COVID which took place October 12th through October 14th at Caesar's in Atlantic City. The festivity brought together over 500 elected and appointed officials, as well as business leaders to focus on issues that impact our counties and residents within the State of New Jersey. Attendees, like County Clerk Maldonado, had the opportunity to participate in educational seminars, approved for continuing education credits, and interact with county and State government officials that make New Jersey wonderful.



Public Records

Need a VETERAN ID CARD?

Please see Veterans ID Application Requirements Below

1. Applicant must be an honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
2. Applicant must appear in person at the Hudson County Clerk's Office, Division of Public Records.
3. Applicant must present his or her DD-214 Military Discharge Record.
4. Applicant must present proof of identity. Accepted forms of Photo ID: NJ Driver's License, Non-Driver's ID, U.S. Passport, Employment ID, other form of Military photo ID.
5. Applicant must present proof of legal Hudson County residency. Accepted forms of proof of residence: Valid NJ Driver's License, Non-Driver's ID, current utility bill, credit card statement, or bank statement (all mail must be within 90 days) P.O. Box not accepted
6. There is no fee for a Veteran ID card.

The card identifies the veteran's name, address, branch of service and discharge date. It can be presented at participating Hudson County stores and restaurants for a discount on purchases. A list of participating stores are provided to each veteran applicant. Any discharge documents are considered confidential and can only be accessed by the veteran applicant or his/her family.

Veterans who may have misplaced or cannot locate their DD-214 can obtain a copy by submitting Form SF 180 to the National Archives and Records Administrator (NHP).

To make an appointment for a Veteran ID Card please call 201-369-3470-option#5

If you are a business owner or operator and wish to participate in the County's Veteran ID Card Program by offering veteran applicants a discount on goods or purchases, please visit www.hudsoncountyclerk.org, click on "ID Card" on the top right hand side of the menu, click on "Veteran ID Card," then click on "discount form," print, complete and return to the County Clerk's Office: Division of Public Records at 257 Cornelison Avenue, Jersey City, or e-mail to countyclerk@hcnj.us, or fax it back to us at 201-369-3478.

Veteran Designation on NJ Licenses

A new law (S2508) recently went into effect that allows veterans to use their Hudson County Veteran ID Card as proof of status to obtain a veteran's designation sticker from the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission for his or her New Jersey license/state ID.

Veterans may use a Hudson County Veteran ID Card OR their DD-214 as proof of status to obtain a veteran designation sticker from the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission.

The designation sticker is issued directly by the State of NJ and can be requested in person at a local Division of Motor Vehicles or by mail. Visit <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/vet.htm> for details.

The ID Cards are not designed to replace federal veterans' identification needed to access government programs such as VA hospitals and clinics.

Passports

IMPORTANT NOTICE

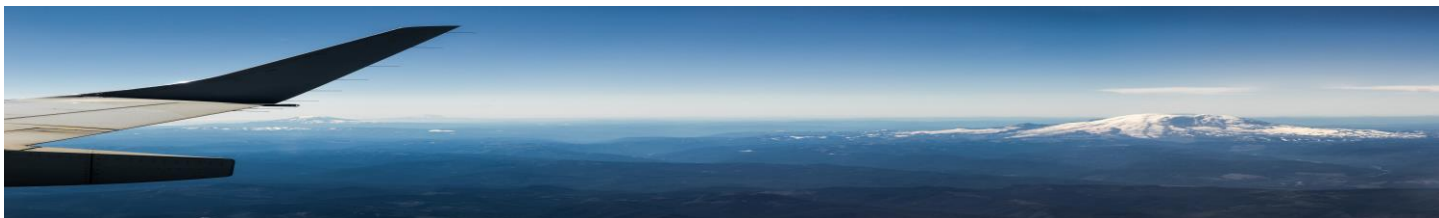
from the U.S. Department of State Passport Services

Updated Information on Service Times as of September 29, 2021

Processing times begin the day that an application is received by the U.S. Department of State Passport Services, not the day that the application is mailed. With this in mind, the service times are as follows (also indicated on www.travel.state.gov):

- **Routine Service** can take up to **16 weeks** from the day an application is submitted at an acceptance facility to the day the passport is received by the customer.
- **Expedite Service** (for an additional \$60) can take up to **12 weeks** from the day an application is submitted at an acceptance facility to the day the passport is received by the customer.
- **For faster mail times** customers may opt to pay for the 1–2-day delivery service for their application to be mailed to Passport Services, and for the return mailing of their new passport.

Customers who have a life-or-death emergency, or urgent travel within 3 business days, should visit our website www.travel.state.gov for information on how Passport Services can assist them.



Hudson County Upcoming Closures

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 - *Election Day*

Thursday, November 11, 2021 - *Veterans Day*

Thursday, November 25, 2021 - *Thanksgiving*

Friday, November 26, 2021 - *Day After Thanksgiving*

Friday, December 24, 2021 - *Christmas (Observed)*

Friday, December 31, 2021 - *New Year's Day 2022 (Observed)*

In Closing

We bid you a safe, warm, and bountiful fall season, as we leave you with wise words from Samuel Butler who once said, "Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits."

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