

COLUMBIA COUNTY



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TO: THE NEWS MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC

FROM: COLUMBIA COUNTY CLERK & ELECTIONS DEPT.

RE: MAY 15, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION: DROP SITES, PUBLIC CERTIFICATION TEST.

Oregon Primary Election May 15, 2018.

An Oregon Primary Election will be held May 15th 2018. At the Primary Election major political party candidates are nominated for partisan offices to be filled at the General Election the same year, and party precinct committeepersons are elected. Additionally, nonpartisan offices are on the ballot for election or nomination to the General Election and there will be two local measures to be decided on (City of St Helens 5-266 and Clatskanie RFPD 5-267). All active registered voters in Columbia County (approximately 37000) will receive a ballot tailored to their party affiliation, precinct and/or district.

Election details can be found on the Columbia County Elections department page of www.co.columbia.or.us.

Voter registration. The last day for a new registrant to register to vote for this election is April 24th. Already registered voters can review and update their registration information at www.oregonvotes.gov by clicking the "My Vote" tab.

Ballot Mailing. Ballots will be mailed Thursday, April 26th. The last day ballots will be mailed to households will be May 10th.

Returning voted ballots. Ballots must be received by the county clerk or delivered to an official drop site no later than 8:00 p.m. on May 15th, 2018 - postmarks do not count. The United States Postal Service has stated that ballots could take up to 5-7 days to reach county elections offices once they are put in the mail. If you cannot return your ballot by mail by the Thursday prior to Election Day, you should plan on returning your ballot to a Dropsite.

Drop sites for the election will be as follows:

Columbia County Courthouse
24-Hour Drive-up Drop Box
230 Strand St, St. Helens

Scappoose City Hall
24 Hour Drop box
33568 E Columbia Ave

Vernonia Public Library
701 Weed Ave
Closed April 30 - May 6

Clatskanie Library
11 Lillich St, Clatskanie

Rainier City Hall
106 B St W

Mist Birkenfeld RFPD
12525 Hwy 202

Public Certification Test. The Public Certification Test of the counting equipment for the Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018. The testing will begin at 10:00 AM in the County Elections Dept. The public is welcome to attend.

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