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Cumberland County Clarifies Information Regarding Mail-in and Absentee Ballot Delivery

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Elections wants to clear up any misinformation regarding the receipt of mail-in and absentee ballots. The board reminds residents who are voting by mail that mail-in and absentee ballots are available to voters three to four weeks prior to any election.

“We have been hearing from voters and other entities that ballots will be going out on Monday, September 16, that is not accurate,” said Cumberland County Elections Director Bethany Salzarulo. “Historically mail-in and absentee ballots are sent out three to four weeks prior to any election, and we are on track to do the same for the upcoming presidential election.”

According to Salzarulo, the confusion may have stemmed from the news that the Bureau of Elections must begin to process the applications for mail-in or absentee ballots no later than Monday, Sept. 16.

The Board of Elections wants to inform residents that processing applications is not the same as sending mail-in or absentee ballots to voters. Processing an application for a ballot begins by entering voter information into the State Unified Registry of Electors (SURE) System to verify voter eligibility. That stage of the process must begin on or before Monday, Sept. 16. Once the information is verified, the next stage of the process will be assembling the mail-in and absentee balloting materials.

Residents can check the status of their ballots by visiting:
www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/2374/Absentee-Mail-In-Ballots.

Dates to remember:

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| Monday, Oct. 21, 2024: | Last day to register before the election. *Postmarks will not be accepted. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024: | Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. |
| Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024: | Last day to receive voted mail-in or absentee ballots. The Cumberland County Election Office must receive ballots by 8 p.m. *Postmarks will not be accepted. |
| Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024: | Last day to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots:
*Submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4 |

The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections maintains voter registrations, conducts elections, prepares official ballots, and trains polling staff. The office is committed to providing clear and transparent voter services to Cumberland County residents.

Visit the [Bureau of Elections](#) for polling place locations, links to forms, information about voter services and frequently asked questions. Residents can contact the Bureau of Elections at 717.240.6385 or 888.697.0371, ext. 6385, or at Bureauofelections@cumberlandcountypa.gov.

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