

Vassar Township

4505 W. Saginaw Rd. P.O. Box 1651, Vassar MI 48768

Dear Elector:

You may be eligible to obtain an absent voter ballot for the upcoming election if:

- 1) you are 60 years of age or more
- 2) are unable to vote without assistance
- 3) expect to be absent from the village for the entire time the polls are open
- 4) are in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- 5) have been appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside your precinct of residence
- 6) are unable to attend the polls due to religious beliefs

If you wish to receive an absentee ballot, you must request it in writing to the clerk. Absentee ballots will not be delivered as a result of an oral request made in person or over the phone. However, an absent voter ballot application form may be provided as a result of an oral request. I have attached an application for your convenience. Additional applications forms are available on the township's web site at www.vassartownship.org.

All ballots must be issued by mail. Therefore, **the application for the ballot must reach the clerk no later than 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday prior to the General Election (Oct. 30, 2010).**

Absent voter ballots can be requested by voters in person anytime up to 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election (November 1, 2010). A voter who visits the clerk's office on the day prior to the election to obtain an absent voter ballot must vote in the clerk's office; the voter is not permitted to leave the clerk's office with the ballot.

Note: Persons who may be in lawful possession of a signed absent voter ballot application / ballot are limited to:

- 1) the applicant
- 2) a member of the applicant's immediate family
- 3) a person residing in the applicant's household
- 4) a person whose job normally includes the handling of mail during the course of his/her employment
- 5) an authorized election official

A registered elector who returns an absentee ballot application at the request of the applicant must sign the application form.

Once the clerk receives your application, the ballot will be sent to you as soon as possible. Applications will be processed in the order received. The ballots will be sent to your registered address, a hospital or nursing home, or at any address outside of Vassar Township.

As soon as you receive your ballot in the mail, please vote immediately and return the ballot no later than 8 p.m. on the date of the election. **To avoid any appearance of impropriety, absentee ballots should not be delivered by hand unless the hand delivery of the ballot is necessary to ensure the timely return of the ballot. Any individual who provides assistance must also sign the ballot return envelope.**

If you have additional questions about the absentee voter process, please contact the clerk at 989.823.3554.

Respectfully,
Rena Schmettler CPM
Vassar Township Clerk