



Lake Frederick Democrats and Independents

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VOTE IN PERSON BEFORE ELECTION DAY

You have another option if you want to vote in person. Frederick County will allow “early voting” **beginning on Friday, September 18th and ending on Saturday, October 31st**. Thanks to our Democratic legislature, you no longer need an excuse to vote early. Any registered voter may vote early.

Early voting will take place at two locations.

First, you can vote early at a Winchester strip mall known as Sunnyside Plaza. The exact address is 263 Sunnyside Plaza Circle, Winchester, VA. That address is a small storefront at the far right-hand side of a mostly empty strip mall. It’s about 17 miles from Lake Frederick. There is lots of parking in the mall parking lot. It will be open from 10 am to 6 pm on Mondays through Fridays. It will also be open from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on two Saturdays: October 24th and October 31st. If you’re disabled and 65 or over, poll workers can bring the equipment to the curb for you. (More info at elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/accessible-voting/#curbside).

Second, you can vote at the registrar’s office at 107 N. Kent St., Winchester VA. The registrar’s office is about 12 miles from Lake Frederick and there is on-street parking and a parking lot across from the building. The registrar’s office will be open for early voting from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm on Mondays through Fridays from Friday, September 18th through Saturday, October 31st. It will also be open from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on two Saturdays: October 24th and October 31st. And, it will be open until 7:00 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. If you’re disabled and 65 or over, poll workers can bring the equipment to the curb for you. (More info at elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/accessible-voting/#curbside).

Early voting at both locations will be similar to voting on Election Day. You will need an ID, although not a photo ID. You can use your driver’s license, but you can also use other documents. Please check the vote.elections.virginia.gov Citizen Portal (IDs Required to Vote) if you have any questions. You’ll vote using a paper ballot and you’ll put it into the scanning machine. Bring a black ball-point (not gel) pen with you if you don’t want to use the same pen as others. Ask for your “I Voted” sticker on the way out. Take a selfie for our Facebook page!

So, the pros of this approach are that it will seem pretty familiar to you and you won’t have to worry about mail delivery. Hopefully, because people have 45 days to vote early, you’ll be able to pick a date and time when you won’t have to stand in line. Another advantage is that you’ll be a good citizen. If you vote early, you won’t be taking up a place in line on Election Day and that will make it easier for your neighbors to vote and easier for poll workers. The disadvantages, particularly given COVID, are that you may have to stand in line and you’ll have to go into a room that is being used by other people, you’ll have to touch the same surfaces that other people have been touching, and so on.

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