



Lake Frederick Democrats and Independents

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VOTE BY MAIL

If you don't want to vote in person, you can vote by mail. (There's an exception for people who are voting for the first time from this location. Check with your Street Captain if you have questions). Thanks to our Democratic legislature, you do not need any excuse. Any registered voter can vote by mail.

There are several ways to request a mail-in ballot. It's easier for the registrar if you request your mail-in ballot online. Go to vote.elections.virginia.gov and click on the "Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail" button. Follow the prompts. You are going to need your driver's license. At the end of the process, you will see a screen that says you've applied for a mail-in ballot and gives the date and time. Print that out for your records. Take a selfie of yourself with the print-out and post it on our Facebook page! If you don't want to apply online, you can go to the same website, vote.elections.virginia.gov, and print the form to request a mail-in ballot. Then, you can fill that form out, scan it in, and email it to our registrar at rich.venskoske@fcva.us. (Email it to yourself, too, and save that for your records.) Or, you can mail it to the registrar at Rich Venskoske, 107 N. Kent St., Winchester, VA 2260. You'll need a stamp. You can fax it to the registrar at (540) 665-8976. (Newly registered voters may not use the fax option.) Finally, you can take your form to the registrar's office at 107 Kent St., Winchester, VA.

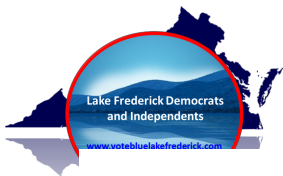
Want more info on requesting a mail-in ballot? See this video:

<https://youtu.be/vkJPBse1m2Q>

When you get your ballot, remember to get your witness' signature and don't forget that you, the voter, must sign the envelope.

Remember to use a black (not gel) ball point pen. Your Street Captain will have several black ball point pens if you need to borrow one. Put the ballot in the return envelope, seal it, and sign it.

Once you've marked your ballot, you have several options for returning it.



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You Can Return Your Ballot by Mail

You can return your mail-in ballot by mailing it back to the registrar. The pros of this approach are that you'll avoid COVID exposure and that it's easy to do. You can take your time and check your ballot over. The possible disadvantage is that, given the prior Republican administration's attempted sabotage of the post office, you may feel some concern about timely delivery.

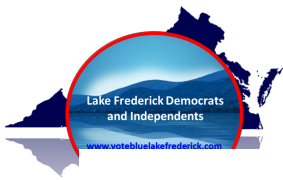
You can put a stamp on it, put it in your mailbox, and raise the flag. Although your mail carrier isn't obliged to pick your mail up before s/he has mail to deliver to you, s/he will often pick it up the next day.

Alternatively, you can mail your ballot at the post office. The White Post post office is at 127 Berry's Ferry Road, White Post, VA. It is approximately 4.4 miles from Lake Frederick and is open from 9:15 am to 1:00 pm and from 2:00 pm to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 9:15 am to 1:15 pm on Saturdays. There is parking in the parking lot and an outside mailbox if you don't want to go into the building. Mailing your ballot from the post office may save a day or two, as you won't have to wait for your carrier to pick it up and take it back to the post office. If you need a stamp, you can purchase it there. (Mail from the White Post post office goes to the Winchester post office and, from there, to a sorting center. So, you may also be able to save another day by posting your ballot from the Winchester post office, which is just inside the pedestrian mall at 132 N Loudon St. It is about 12 miles from Lake Frederick. There is on street parking and an outside mailbox if you don't want to go into the building.)

You may also send your ballot to the registrar using FedEx or UPS if you desire.

You Can Hand Deliver Your Ballot

You can deliver your mail-in ballot to the registrar's office at 107 N. Kent St., Winchester, Va. The registrar's office is about 12 miles from Lake Frederick. There is on-street parking and some parking in a lot across the street. It is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm on Election Day. ~~You may only deliver your own ballot. So, for example, one member of a couple can't bring in their ballot and their partner's ballot.~~ You will need to bring ID, which may be your driver's license but may also be any of the other forms of acceptable ID.



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Please check the [vote.elections.virginia.gov](https://www.vote.elections.virginia.gov) Citizen's Portal (IDs Required to Vote) if you have any questions.

You Can Change Your Mind, Take Your Mail-In Ballot to the Polls, and Vote In-Person

If you decide that you'd rather vote in person, you can take your **UNOPENED** mail-in ballot to the polls. They will take your mail-in ballot, "spoil" it, and let you vote in person. If you don't bring your unopened ballot with you, you can vote a provisional ballot, but that gets complicated. Contact your Street Captain if you must cast a provisional ballot.