May 20, 2025 Special District Election Update April 17, 2025 BCC Business Meeting

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November 5, 2024 General Election by the Numbers

- 319,822 Eligible Voters. 77.83% Turnout.
- 3,827 ballots (1.5%) challenged & could not be accepted because of signature issues.
- Election cost per eligible voter \$2.39.
- Election personnel cost per 1,000 ballots processed \$1,139.





May 20, 2025 Special District Election: What's on my ballot?

- Special District Offices
 - Schools
 - Fire
 - Water
 - Other Special Districts
- Seven Local Measures
 - City of Gladstone
 - Mt. Hood Community College District
 - Gladstone School District
 - Portland Public School District
 - Tigard-Tualatin School District
 - Molalla Fire District
 - Hoodland Fire District



May 20, 2025 Special District Election

 April 22 – Voters' Pamphlets begin to arrive for all Clackamas County households.

April 29 - Voter Registration Deadline. Office open until 7 p.m.

May 20, 2025 Special District Election - Updates

- Ballot Processing area has been partially remodeled. New Mail Ballot Sorter is in place, integrated with our systems, and staff were trained last week.
- Colton area Official Ballot Drop Site is temporarily closed this year while the ColtonTel site has construction.
- Happy Vote Center in partnership with the Happy Valley Library will continue into 2025 to serve voters.





May 20, 2025 Special District Election

- April 30 Ballots mailed out to registered voters.
- May 5 Happy Valley Vote Center Opens

 May 20 – 8 p.m.
Ballots must be mailed with a postmark or received in an Official Ballot Drop Site.

Two Voter Service Locations

Happy Valley Vote Center

inside the Happy Valley Library 13793 SE Sieben Park Way Happy Valley OR 97015 **OPEN May 5 – May 20**

Clackamas County Elections Office

Oregon City Red Soils Campus 1710 Red Soils Ct., Suite 100 Oregon City OR 97045 OPEN Year-round

Hours for both locations:

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Election Day, Tuesday, May 20, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.





Sign Up for Track Your Ballot



Know that your vote counts with simple, secure, mail ballot tracking. Receive alerts via text, phone, or email. Know when your ballot is mailed to you. After you vote and return your ballot, be alerted when it has been accepted for counting. Your vote remains anonymous and confidential.

Sign up with QR code or link - <u>www.clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot</u>





Our Elections are a County-Wide Effort

Internal

- 100-150 on-call sworn elections workers
- CCEA staff from Elections, Recording & Records Management
- Finance
 - Facilities
 - Grants Team
 - Janitorial Staff
 - Mailroom
- Human Resources
- Public and Government Affairs
 - Website Support

- Technical Services
 - Help Desk
 - Cybersecurity
- County Treasurer
- Disaster Management
- Sheriff's Office
- Administration

External

- United States Postal Service
- Local Law Enforcement and Safety Partners
- City of Happy Valley and Happy Valley Library



Equity and Inclusion

Every eligible voter has the resources they need to vote easily and without barriers.

- 20% of Clerk staff are bilingual and in permanent positions that require Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Ukrainian, and/or Vietnamese language fluency.
- Absentee ballots are available in our office and by mail for voters who will be away from home on Election Day.
- Extended office hours April 29 until 7 p.m. for voter registration assistance.
- Happy Valley Vote Center open May 5 -20 to help voters needing in-person assistance living in Happy Valley and surrounding areas.



Election Integrity

Our elections are safe and secure; accurate and transparent.

- Ballot Processing area remodel increases transparency of signature verification processes and accommodates a larger, more powerful mail ballot sorter technology.
- We take immediate and direct action when notified by SOS of DMV errors resulting in potential non-citizens being registered to vote through an automatic voter registration process.
- Voter registration maintenance is a continuous task done at the county level by four elections staff.



Ready. Set. VOTE!



- Sign up for Track Your Ballot. Visit <u>clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot</u>
- Register to vote, update your information, or choose your political party. Visit <u>oregonvotes.gov</u>
- Visit your elections office and be an election observer.

