

# An Introduction to Sussex County Government

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the League of Women Voters of  
Sussex County, Delaware,  
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and  
Sussex 2030  
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# TOPICS

- **Sussex in Context**
- **Sussex County Structure**
- **Sussex County Council**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission**
- **County Administration**
- **Voting Information**

# Sussex in Context

# Sussex County, Delaware

## SUSSEX IN CONTEXT

- Delaware's southernmost county
- 938 square miles, or 600,320 acres
- Approx. 256,000 residents



# Sussex County Political Landscape

## SUSSEX IN CONTEXT

- **1970**
  - Delaware instituted an Administrative form of government, giving individual counties more authority to legislate and govern themselves (AKA “home rule”).
    - “Home Rule” is a misnomer because the State can rescind the authority given to the County.
  - Agriculture was and is the leading economic driver; farmers did not want government telling them how to use their land (AKA “property rights”).
- **Today**
  - The wave of new residents from out-of-state suburban settings is changing Sussex politics.
  - “Motor Voter” means nearly 80% of eligible Sussex County residents are registered to vote.

# Delaware State Legislative Areas

## SUSSEX IN CONTEXT

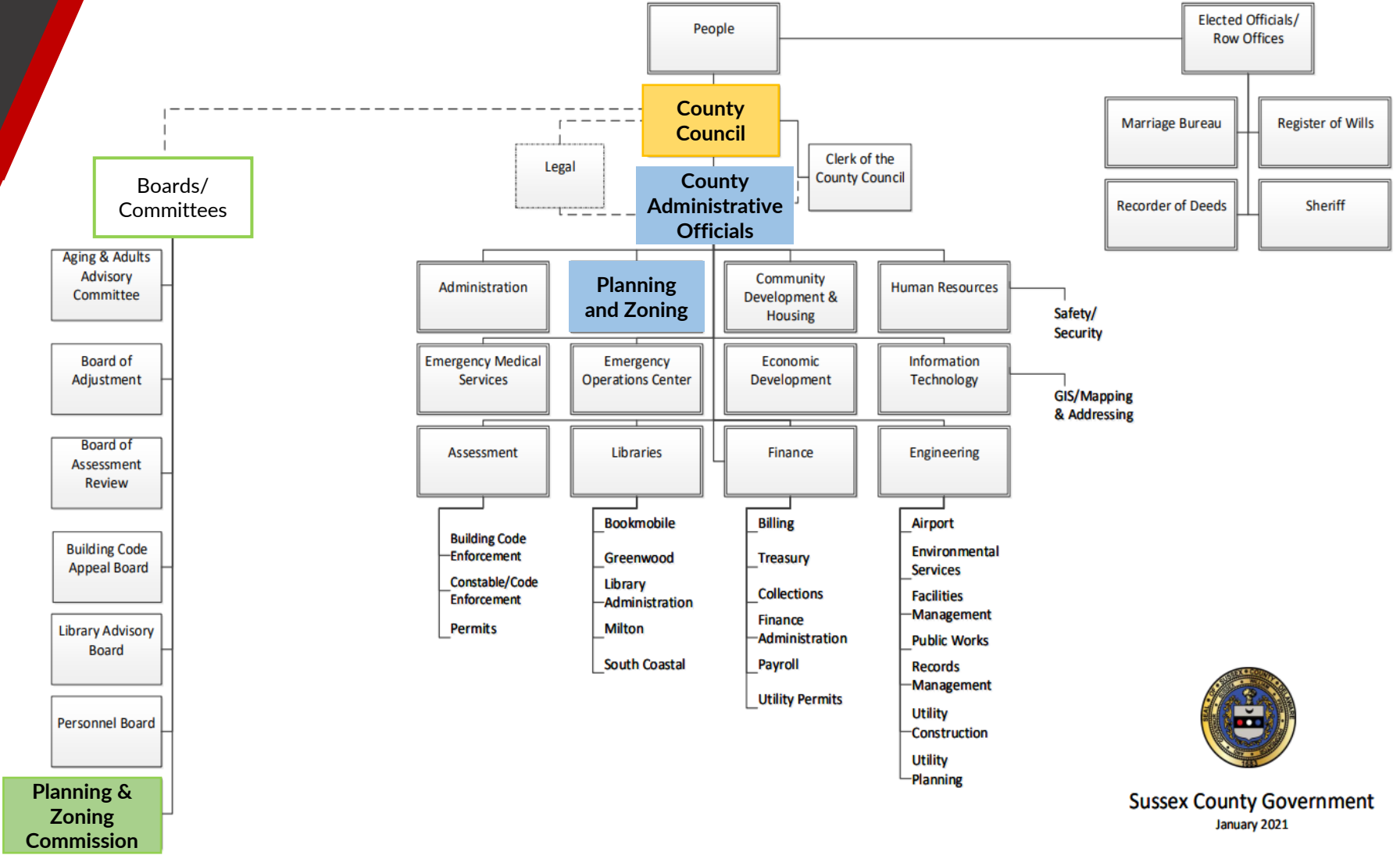
- SD – Senate District
  - Electoral constituency that elects a member of the Senate in the Delaware General Assembly
- RD - Representative District
  - Electoral constituency that elects a member of the House of Representatives in Delaware General Assembly
- ED – Election District
  - Territorial subdivision of the RD for electing members to a legislative body

SD's & RD's are based on population

# Sussex County Structure

# Sussex Government Organization

## SUSSEX IN CONTEXT



Sussex County Government  
January 2021



# Sussex County Council

# Election

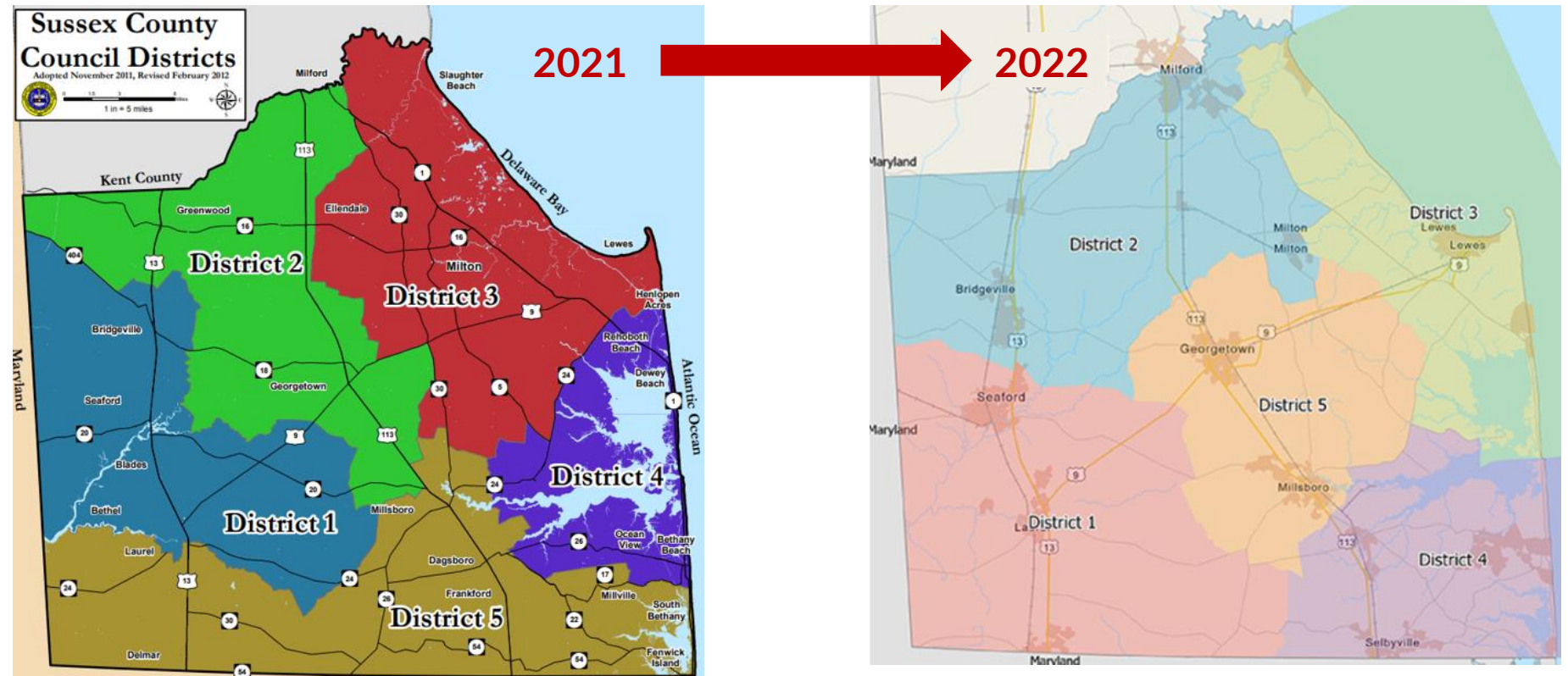
## COUNTY COUNCIL

- Five members elected for a 4-year term from each of the five Council Districts.
  - Districts 1, 2, and 3 – Election in 2024
  - District 4 and 5 – Election in 2026
- Candidate Qualifications
  - 18 years old or older
  - A resident of the Council District he or she is running for

# County Districts

## COUNTY COUNCIL

- Sussex County Council comprises five seats representing single-member districts within the county.
- Each member is elected from within his/her district and serves a four-year term.
- These districts are updated through a redistricting process every 10 years, following the release of the U.S. Census results.



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# Responsibilities

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### Establishing

Policies for the health, safety, and welfare of County residents

### Adopting

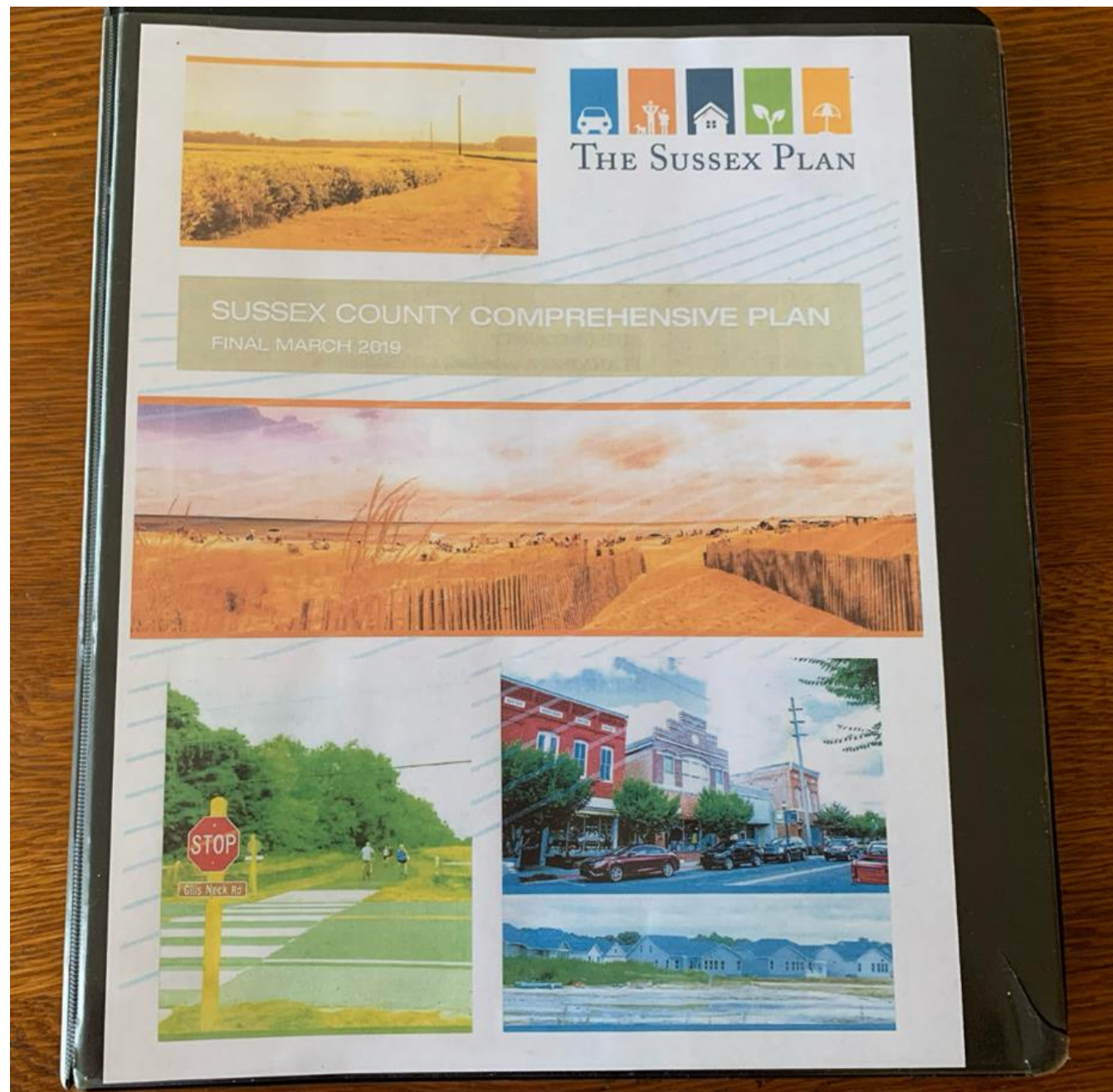
An annual budget for county government operations

### Enacting

Plans for county growth, development, and employment

# Sussex County Comprehensive Plan - March 2019

## COUNTY COUNCIL



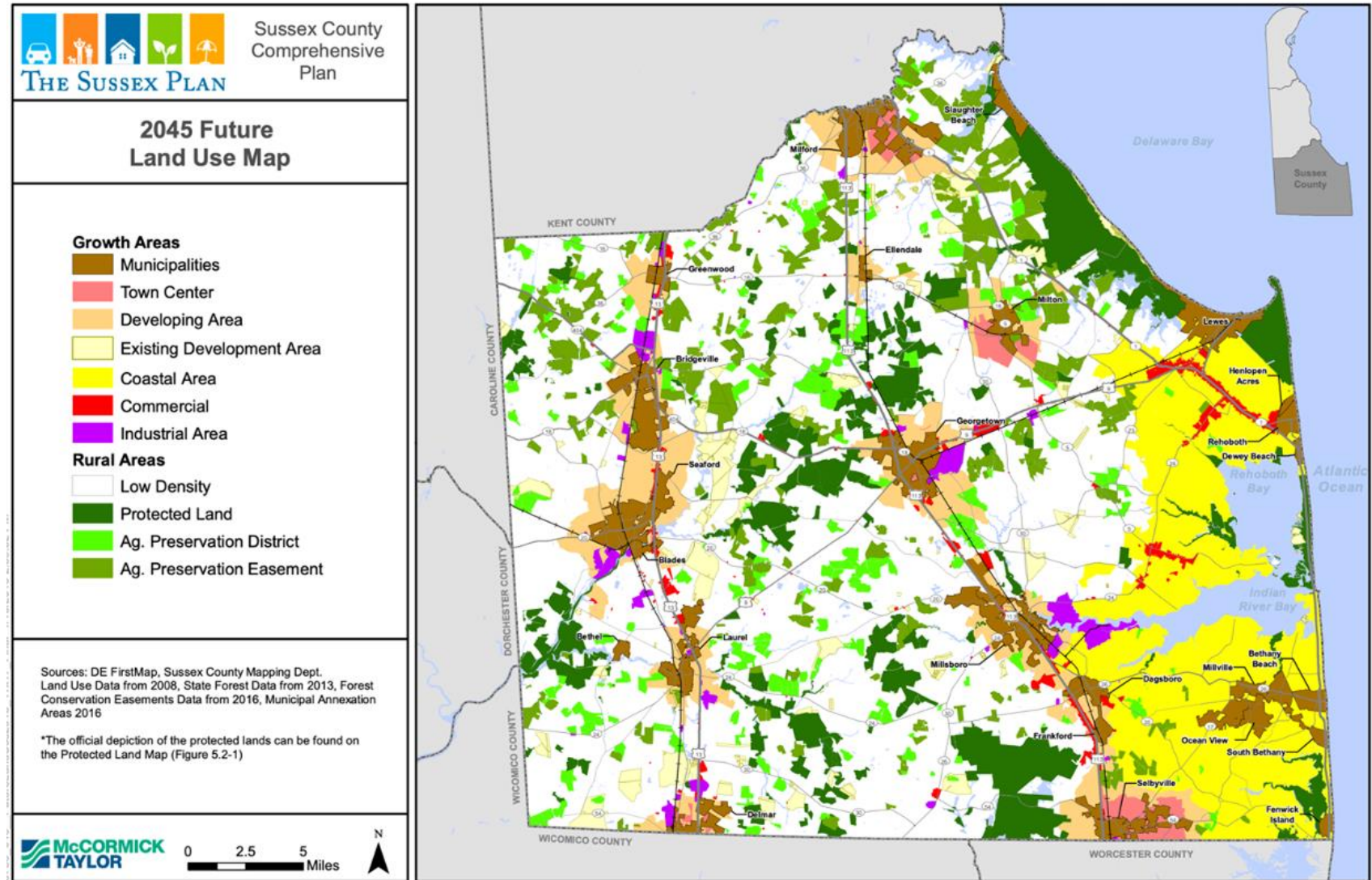
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# The Future Land Use Map, 2045

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### This map carries the force of law.



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# Appointments & Hires

## COUNTY COUNCIL

<p><b>Administrator (full-time employee)</b></p>	<p><b>County Administrator</b></p>
<p><b>All Board/Committee Members (Some are non- compensated Appointees)</b></p>	<p><b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Board of Adjustment Board of Assessment Review Pension Committee Airport Committee, etc.</b></p>
<p><b>All Departments &amp; Division Heads</b></p>	<p><b>Directors</b></p>

# Public Meetings

## COUNTY COUNCIL

- Normally held Tuesdays a month at 10 a.m.
  - Some zoning hearings are held at 1:30 p.m.
- Usually in the Council Chambers
  - County Administrative Office Building  
2 The Circle, Georgetown
- Meetings are live-streamed at  
<https://sussexcountyde.gov/council-chamber-broadcast>



# Public Comments

## COUNTY COUNCIL

- At the beginning of every Council Meeting:
  - The public is allowed to speak for 3 minutes on any topic:
    - Over which the Council has control, and
    - That is not subject to a public hearing on that day.
- At the public hearing of a particular land-use application:
  - The public is allowed to speak on that application without time limit.

# Council Members

## COUNTY COUNCIL



**Council President  
Council District 1  
Michael H. Vincent  
Contact: (302) 629-2396**



**Council Vice President  
Council District 5  
John L. Rieley  
Contact: (302) 858-8649**



**Council District 2  
Cynthia Green  
Contact: (302) 855-7743**



**Council District 3  
Mark Schaeffer  
Contact: (302) 855-7743**



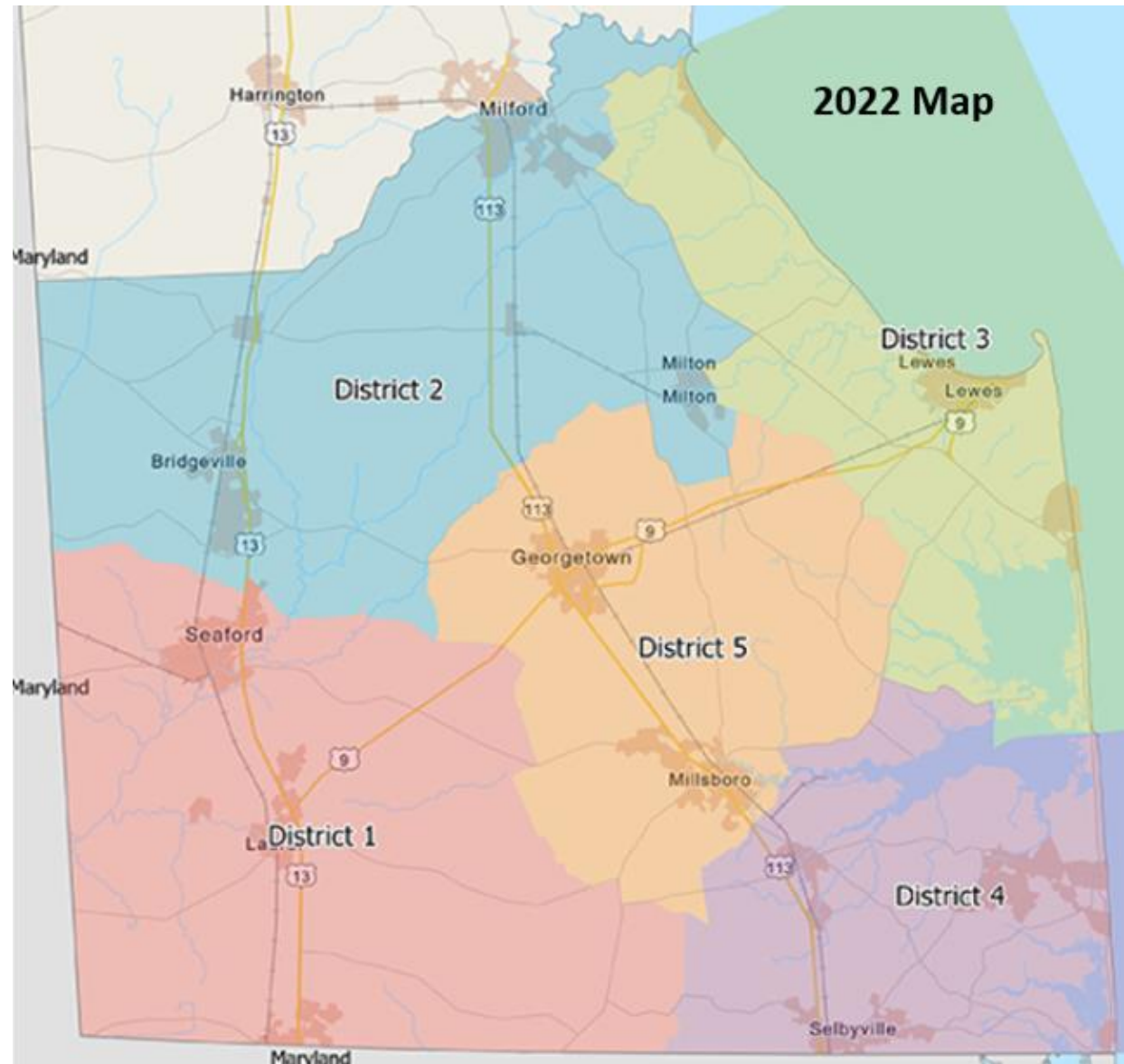
**Council District 4  
Douglas B. Hudson  
Contact: (302) 542-1432**

**Michael Vincent**  
**District 1**  
**Councilman &**  
**Council President**

**COUNTY**  
**COUNCIL**



Serving his  
4th term: 16  
years



Map courtesy <https://sussexcountyde.gov/sussex-county-district-map>

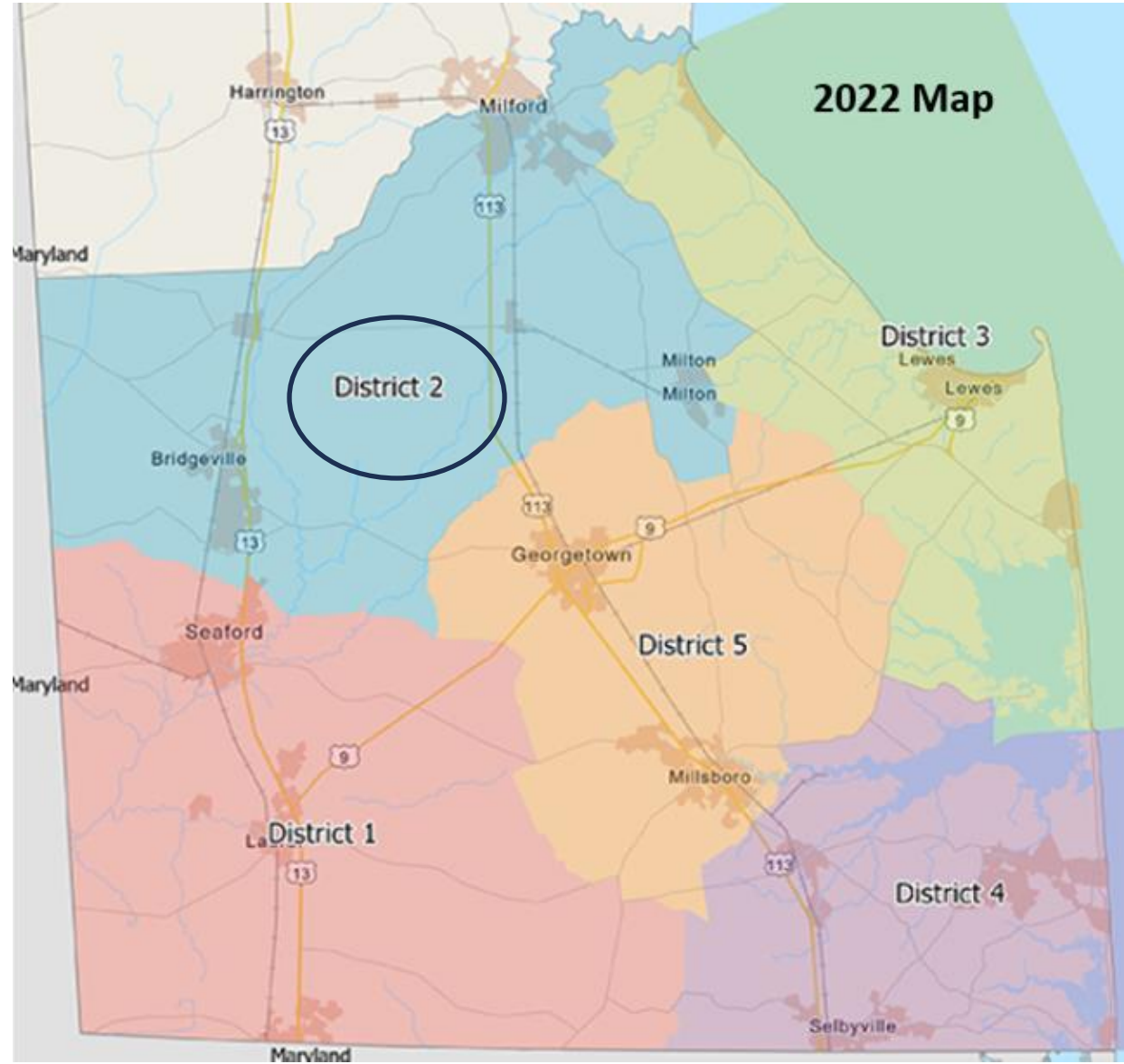
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# Cynthia Green District 2 Councilwoman

## COUNTY COUNCIL



Serving 4 years:  
1 term



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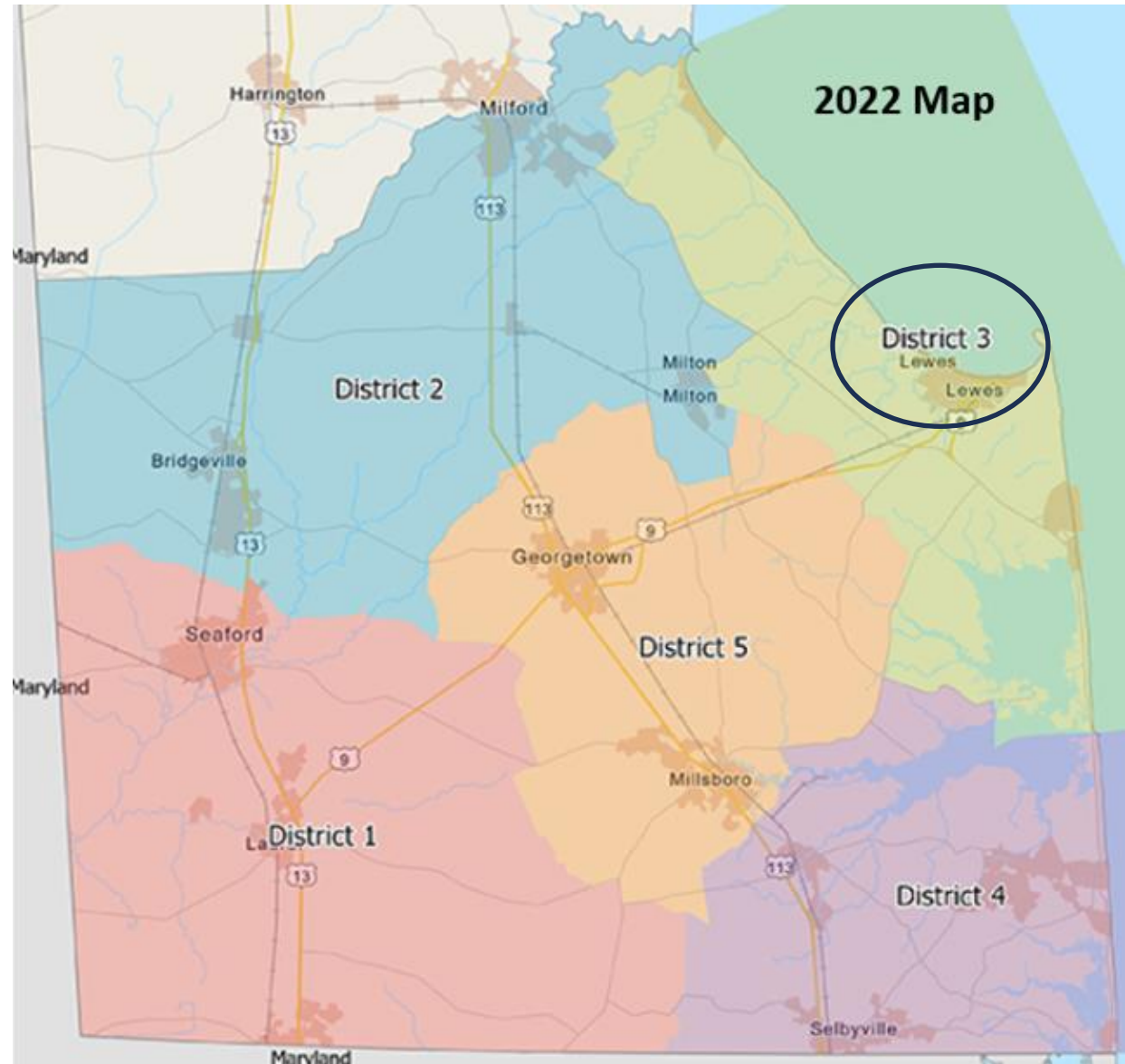
Mark Schaeffer

District 3  
Councilman

COUNTY  
COUNCIL



Serving 4 years:  
1 Term



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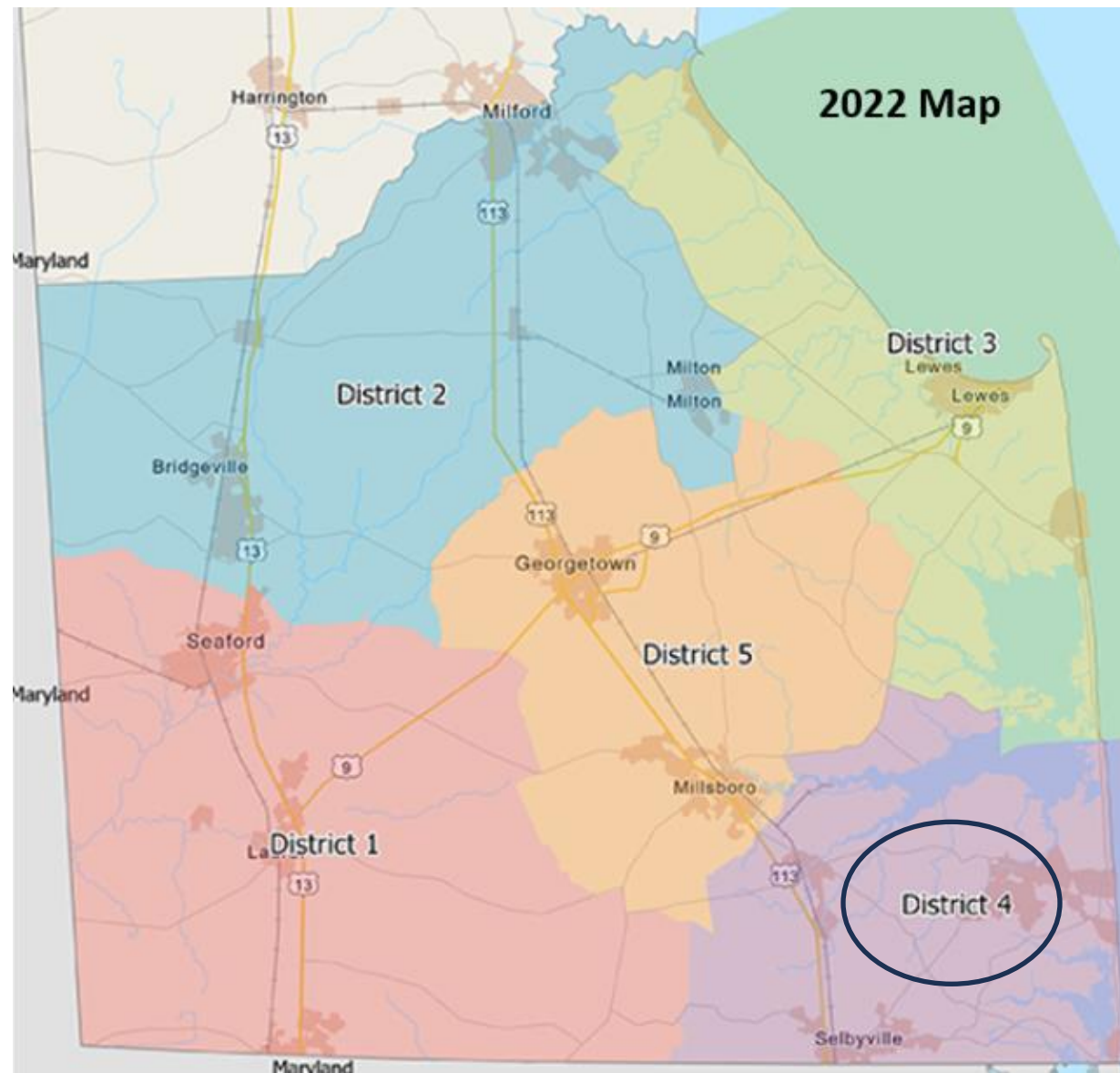
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# Doug Hudson District 4 Councilman

## COUNTY COUNCIL



Serving 6 years:  
In his 2nd term



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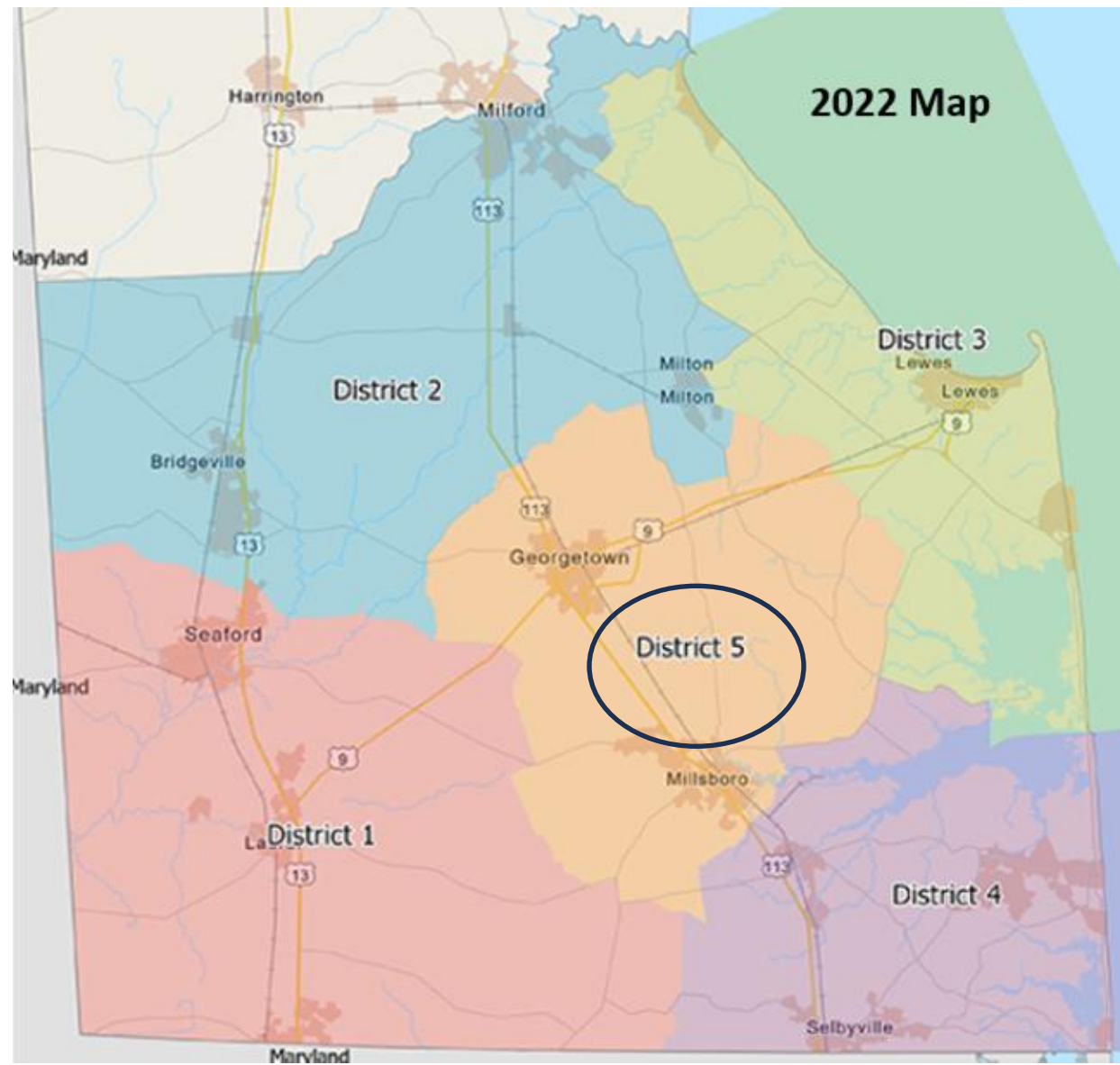
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**John Rieley**  
**District 5**  
**Councilman &**  
**Council VP**

**COUNTY**  
**COUNCIL**



Serving 6  
 years:  
 In his 2nd term



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# Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z)



# Commissioners

## P&Z COMMISSION

Name	Role	Council District	Year Appointed	Term Ends (on June 30 <sup>th</sup> )
Robert Wheatley	Chairman	1	1995	2025
Brian Butler		2	2023	2026
Gregory Scott Collins		3	2023	2026
J. Bruce Mears		4	2019	2026
Holly Wingate	Vice Chair	4	2024	2027

# Responsibilities

## P&Z COMMISSION

- 1. Following the codes and ordinances set forth by the County Council, the appointed P&Z Commission has the authority to grant or deny subdivision applications.**
  - P&Z receives and evaluates:**
    - State's PLUS Report (Preliminary Land Use Survey)
    - Subdivision applications
    - Developer's Comments
    - Public Comments
- 2. P&Z is an autonomous group. They report to no one, not even the Public.**
- 3. They act as an advisory board to the County Council.**

# Hearing & Public Record

## P&Z COMMISSION

- **P&Z Meetings** are usually two Wednesdays a month.
- The public is allowed to speak for 3 minutes on any topic that the P&Z Commission has control.
- **Public Hearings** are held for standard and cluster subdivision applications.
- Public Comments are added to the record by:
  - Mail – P&Z Office, PO Box 417 Georgetown, 19947
  - Email to [pandz@sussexcountyde.gov](mailto:pandz@sussexcountyde.gov)
  - By speaking during Planning & Zoning public hearings
- **Public Record** typically is closed at the end of the public hearing for that application.

# County Administrative Officials

# Todd Lawson County Administrator

## COUNTY ADMIN. OFFICIALS



- County's Chief Administrative Officer
- Appointed by County Council
- Oversees the day-to-day operations of the government
- Carries out the policies and laws set forth by the County Council
- Prepares and submits an annual budget
- Attends meetings of County Council

**Jamie  
Whitehouse  
P & Z Director**

**COUNTY  
ADMIN.  
OFFICIALS**



- Reports to the County Administrator
- Administers the land use process
- P&Z Office supports the P&Z Commission and the County Council on land use applications
- P&Z Staff manage land use applications and schedule public hearings on subdivision, zoning, and other land use applications
- P&Z Staff coordinate inspections of properties—including investigating public complaints—to ensure compliance with County codes.

***In sum:  
Sussex County Council's  
5 elected members  
are  
Sussex County  
Government***

# Voting in Sussex



So, Why Vote?

VOTING IN  
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# ***YOUR VOTE COUNTS!***

Your voice counts; make it heard.

Voting is the power to make positive change.

State and local elections impact your well-being.

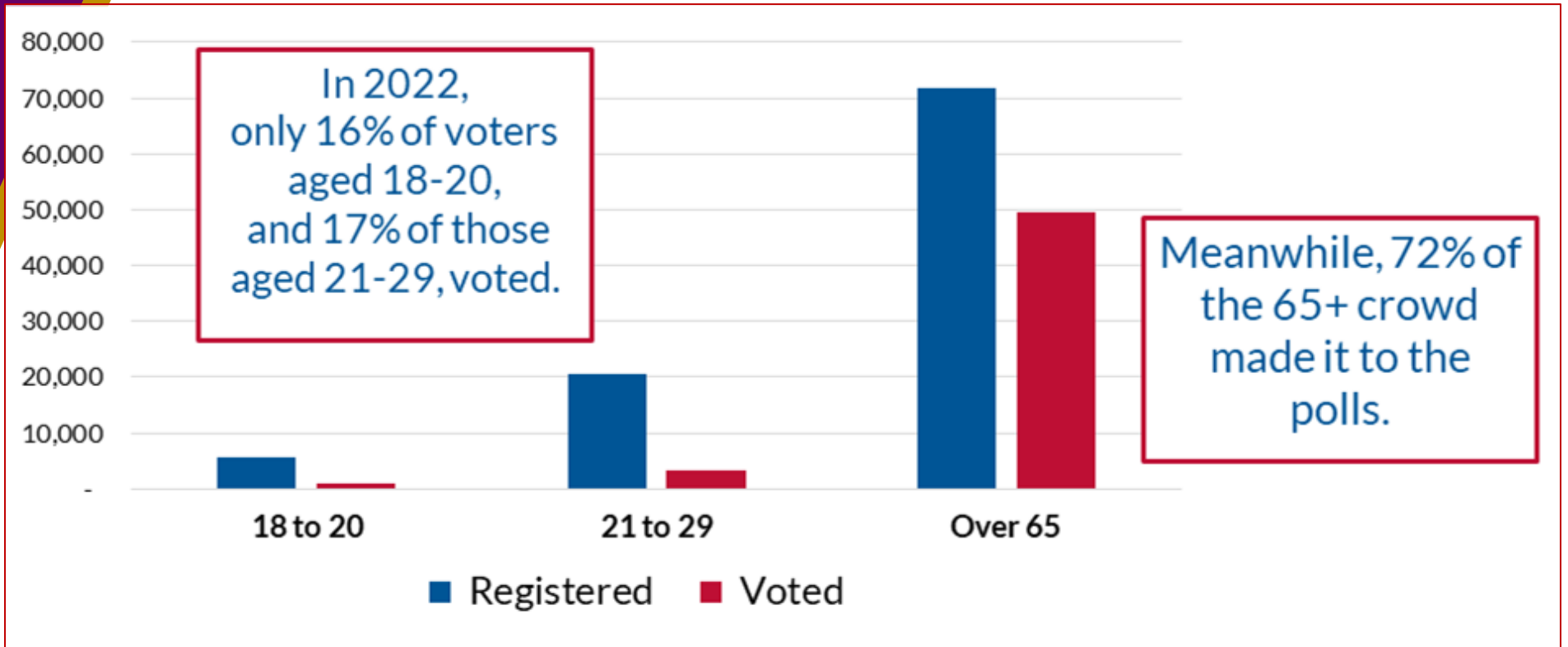
If you don't vote, others decide your future.

Bad politicians are voted into office by good people  
who don't vote.

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# Young Voters in Sussex

## VOTING IN SUSSEX



# Impact of 2024 County Council Election

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

- Seats in **Council Districts 1, 2, and 3** are up for re-election.
- This is consequential because it takes **three votes to enact Ordinances and Codes (such as land use regulations and zoning)**, and to confirm future appointments.

# Council Seats Up for Election

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

### LOCAL PRIMARIES ARE IMPORTANT THEY CAN DETERMINE ELECTION OUTCOMES

**District 1:** Michael Vincent (incumbent - R) or

**Matt Lloyd (R) or Christie Shirey (R)**

**District 2:** Cynthia Green (incumbent - R) or

**Steve McCarron (R)**

**District 3:** Mark Schaeffer (incumbent - R)  
vs. Jane Gruenebaum (D)

**GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,  
7:00 am – 8:00 pm**

# 2024 Voting Deadlines

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

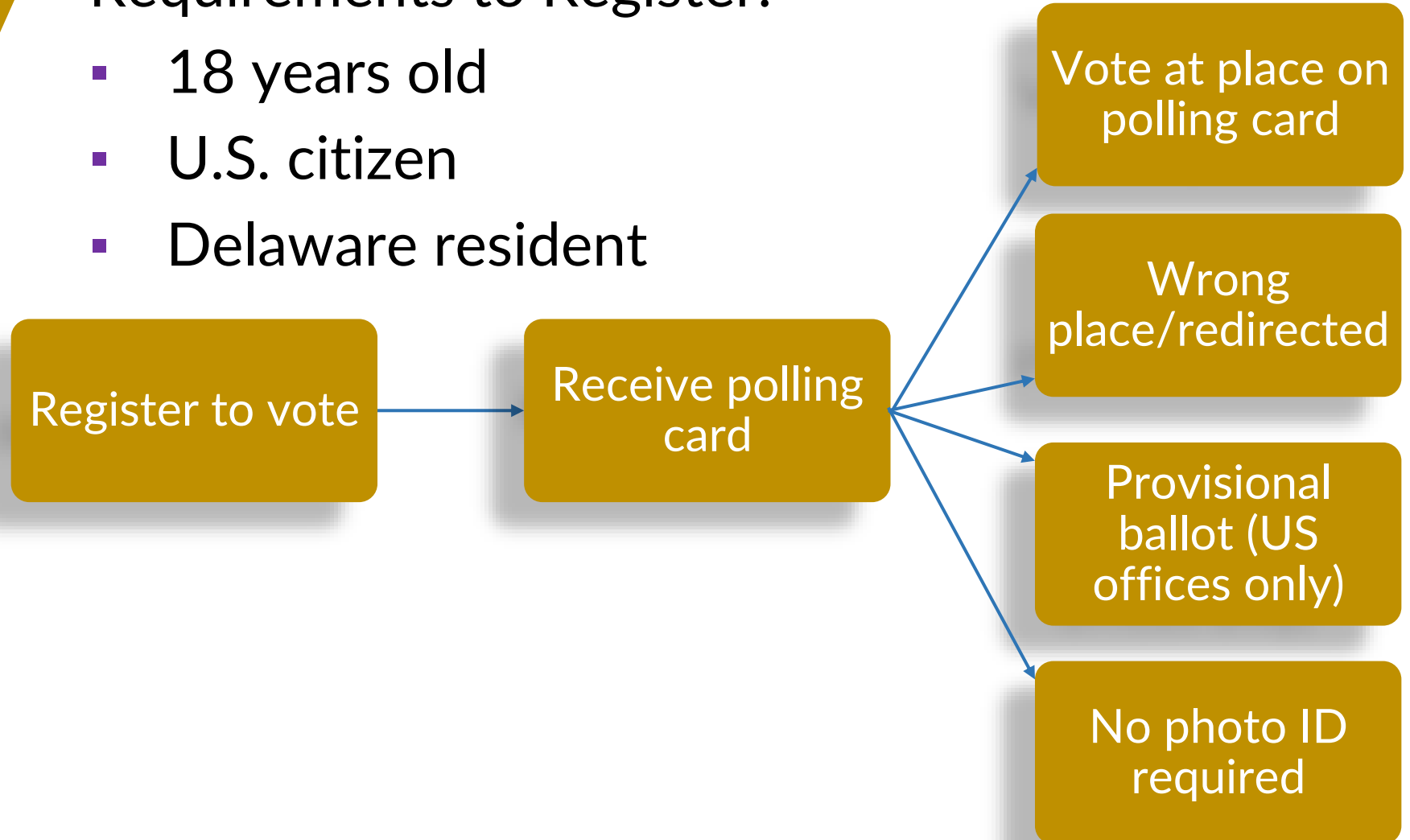
- ~~8/17~~ — ~~Last day to register to vote in September primaries~~
- ~~8/31 – 9/8:~~ — ~~Early voting for primaries~~
- ~~9/10:~~ — ~~Primary election. Deadline to return completed absentee ballot.~~
- 10/12:**      **Deadline to register to vote in November 5 general election**
- 10/21:**      **Deadline for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote in November 5 election**
- 10/25 – 11/3:** **Early voting for November 5 election**
- 11/5:**        **General election. Deadline to return completed absentee ballot.**

# Delaware Voting Process

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

### Requirements to Register:

- 18 years old
- U.S. citizen
- Delaware resident



# Delaware Voting Resources, cont'd

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

To register to vote, you need to provide one of the following forms of ID:

- Delaware drivers license
- State ID card
- Copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address

# Delaware Voting Resources

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

Important websites that can provide info, answer questions, help you register, and more:



### **Vote 411 (League of Women Voters):** [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org)

- Register and check your registration
- Find what's on your ballot
- Learn about candidates in their own words



### **Delaware Department of Elections:** [elections.Delaware.gov](https://elections.Delaware.gov)

- Voter portal (registration and more):  
[ivote.de.gov](https://ivote.de.gov)
- Voting districts and polling places:  
[gis.elections.Delaware.gov](https://gis.elections.Delaware.gov)



# VOTE 411

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

The screenshot displays the VOTE 411 website interface. At the top, there are four main navigation categories: VOTING IN MY STATE, VOTER REGISTRATION, VOTER GUIDES, and ABOUT VOTE411. Each category has a list of sub-links. Below the navigation is a hero section titled 'ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED' with three primary action buttons: Register to Vote, Check Your Registration, and Find What's on Your Ballot. A yellow banner below the hero section asks 'HAVE YOUR CANDIDATES ANSWERED OUR QUESTIONS?' and provides a link to find out. The main content area features a 'PERSONALIZED VOTING INFORMATION' section with a list of services and a form to enter an address for personalized results.

**VOTING IN MY STATE**

- Select your State
- Compare State Issues

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

- Registration Deadlines
- Register to Vote

**VOTER GUIDES**

- Candidate and Ballot Measure Information
- Make Your Voting Plan
- Nationwide Voting Rules Quick View

**ABOUT VOTE411**

- About
- Sponsors and Partnerships
- Support VOTE411

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**HAVE YOUR CANDIDATES ANSWERED OUR QUESTIONS?** If not, see how you can help! Find out

**PERSONALIZED VOTING INFORMATION**

- See What's On Your Ballot
- Check Your Voter Registration
- Find Your Polling Place
- Discover Upcoming Debates in Your Area
- And Much More!

**Enter Your Address to Get Started:**

34170 CLAY RD

Lewes Delaware

19958

Submit

# VOTE 411

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

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Select your State

Compare State Issues

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MORE RESOURCES

Find what's on your Ballot  
Learn more

Find your Polling Place  
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Register to vote in Delaware  
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## DELAWARE VOTING INFORMATION

### Absentee Ballot Process

Campaign Finance Information

Candidate and Ballot Measure Information

Drop Boxes

Early Voting

Election Dates

Eligibility Requirements

ID Needed for Voter Registration

ID Needed for Voting

Official Results

Overseas and Military Voters

Poll Worker Information

Polling Place Hours

Polling Place Locator

Primary Election Process

Provisional Voting

Provisions for Voters with Disabilities

Registration Deadline

Time Off To Vote

Verify Voter Registration

Voting Machines

### Absentee Ballot Process

Spread the word



To request an absentee ballot, track your ballot, or learn more about the absentee process, please click [here](#).

To vote absentee you must qualify for one of the reasons listed below:

- You are in public service or are a spouse or dependent living with or accompanying the person in public service. This also applies to members of the Uniformed Services.
- You cannot make it to the polls due to the nature of your business or occupation. This includes people providing care to a parent, spouse or child living at home and requiring constant care; students; and otherwise eligible people who are incarcerated.
- You are sick or temporarily or permanently physically disabled
- You are absent from the district while on vacation
- Due to the tenets or teachings of your religion
- You are temporarily living outside the US or are a spouse or dependent living with the person living outside the US (if you choose this reason you will receive a full primary ballot, however, you will only have the Federal Offices on your General Ballot).

If you choose options 1, 3 or 6 above, you have the ability to make yourself a permanent absentee voter by checking the box on the request form.

You can check the status of your affidavit and your ballot [here](#). Absentee ballots for School Board Elections have a separate application process. You can [start here](#).

#### How to Vote in Person if Vote-by-Mail Ballot was Requested:

Those who requested an absentee ballot but end up voting in person: When voters arrive at their polling place, an election officer (poll worker) will confirm via the pollbook that their VBM ballot has not been returned to the Department. The voter's unreturned VBM ballot will be voided, and they will be allowed to vote in person at the polling place.

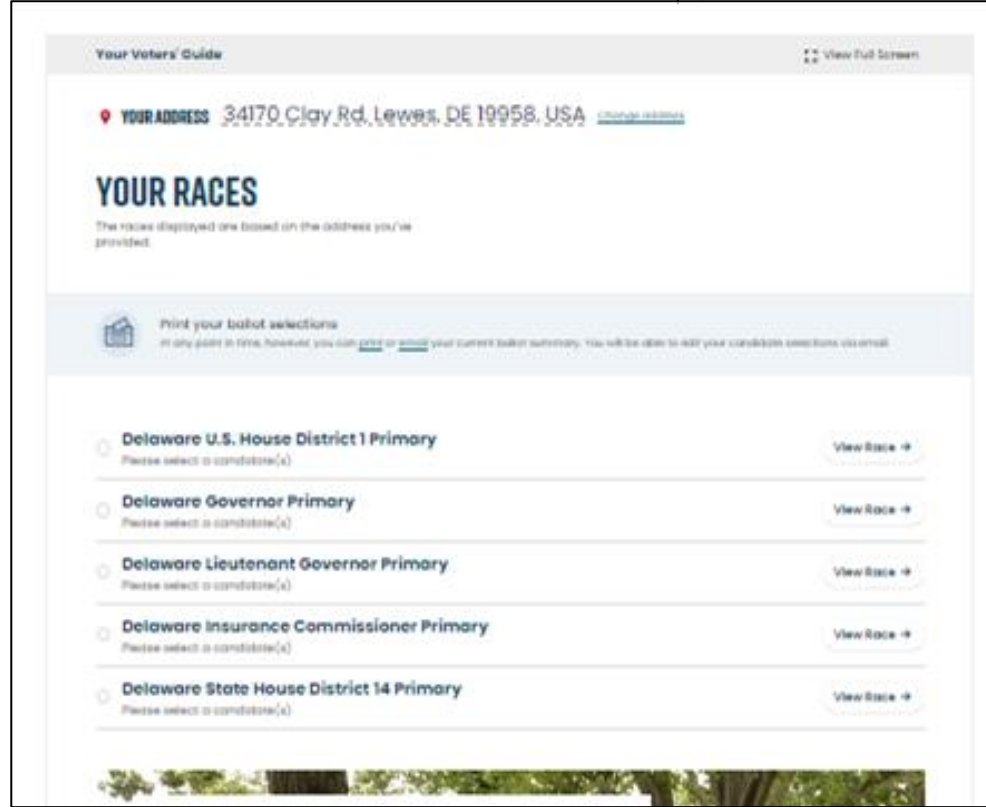
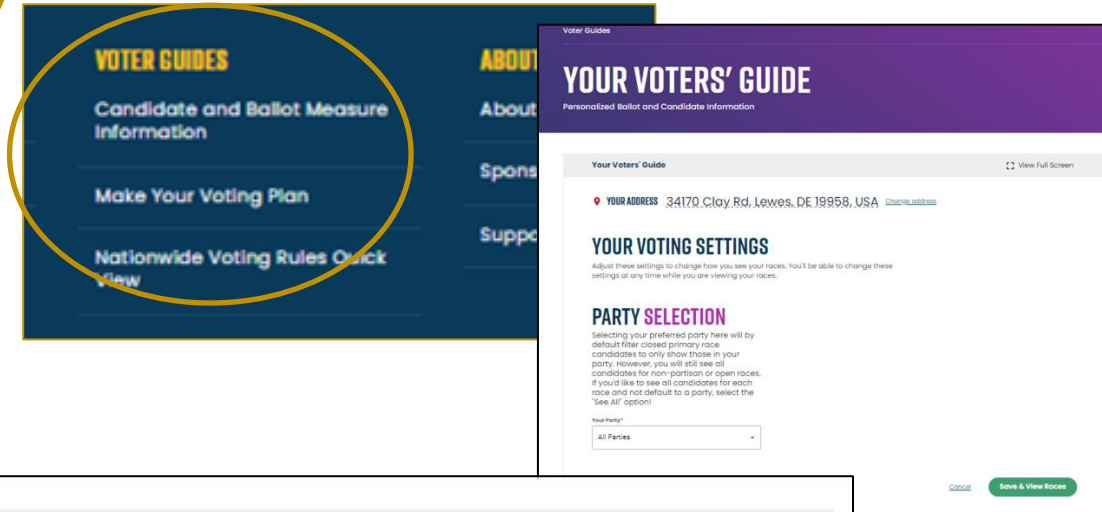
Overseas citizens and U.S. military personnel can find information on how to register to vote and request an absentee ballot at the [Overseas Vote Foundation](#).

[Request your Ballot](#)

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## VOTING IN SUSSEX



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Personalized Voting Information

## PLAN YOUR VOTE

**Delaware Local Elections**  
Local elections occur throughout the year. To find local elections in your community, please review the Delaware Board of Elections Resource.

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

**NEXT ELECTION: PRIMARY**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 2024**  
[View details](#)

**Registration Deadlines**

<b>ONLINE</b> Saturday, August 17, 2024	<b>5 NOV</b> <b>Tuesday, November 5, 2024</b> STATE <a href="#">View details</a> <a href="#">View all election dates</a>
<b>BY MAIL (POSTMARKED)</b> Saturday, August 17, 2024	
<b>IN PERSON</b> Saturday, August 17, 2024	

## KNOW YOUR BALLOT

**Your Voters' Guide** [View Full Screen](#)

**YOUR ADDRESS** 34170 Clay Rd, Lewes, DE 19958, USA [Change address](#)

### YOUR VOTING SETTINGS

Adjust these settings to change how you see your races. You'll be able to change these settings at any time while you are viewing your races.

### PARTY SELECTION

Selecting your preferred party here will by default filter closed primary race candidates to only show those in your party. However, you will still see all candidates for non-partisan or open races. If you'd like to see all candidates for each race and not default to a party, select the "See All" option!

Your Party\*  
All Parties

[Cancel](#) [Save & View Races](#)

## POLLING PLACE AND DROP BOX FINDER


Find your polling place or drop box location.

Election Day  Early Voting  Drop-off Location

**CAPE HENLOPEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
1250 KINGS HWY, LEWES DE 19958  
**ELECTION DAY**  
Hours of Operation: Tue, Sep 10: 7 am - 8 pm

**Polling Locators Provided by Your State or Local Government**  
[Delaware Poll Locator](#)

**POLLING PLACE**  
Map Satellite



## DEBATES & FORUMS

**There are no upcoming events or forums scheduled at this time.**

Come back later to...

- See when debates & forums are happening in your state.
- Get details to attend in person or stream live.

## RECORDED

**Monday, July 15, 2024**  
Lieutenant Governor - MWUL, APRI, Canaan Baptist Church Recording

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024**  
Governor of Delaware - Spur Impact Recording

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**  
Mayor of Wilmington - Rotary Club of Wilmington Recording

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**  
Youtube Livestream

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**  
Mayor of Wilmington - DE Economic Development Collective Recording

[Next](#)

## RESOURCES TO EXPLORE NOW

We've got additional resources for you even when there are no current elections in your district.

DE About School Boards

Poll Locator: DE Gov. Site

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT VOTING IN DELAWARE

Such as voter registration, ID requirements, absentee voting, voting machines, and more!!

[Learn more](#)

# Department of Elections Website

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

The screenshot shows the Delaware Department of Elections website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Agencies, News, Topics, and Contact. Below this is a banner for the "State Primary Election" on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The banner includes the Delaware Elections logo and a map of Delaware. Below the banner are three main service portals: "Voter Portal" (Register to vote, Request an Absentee Ballot, and more), "Voting Location & Districts Lookup by Address Tool" (Find your Polling Place & Early Voting Sites, Districts & District Maps), and "Campaign Finance Reporting" (Reporting, Certification of Intention, Register a Committee). At the bottom, there are three smaller sections: "Public Notices", "Elections", and "Voter Services".

[elections.Delaware.gov](https://elections.delaware.gov)

### Voter view (iVote) Voting districts & polling places

- Campaign finance reporting
- Public notices
- Election info

### Voter Services

- Candidate services
- Schools
- Municipal elections
- Maps
- Forms and publications
- Election Results

#### Voter Services

##### Ways to Vote in Delaware

Learn about the voting options available to Delaware voters.

##### Voter Registration

Determine if you are qualified to vote in Delaware. See all the ways you can get yourself registered.

##### Persons Convicted of a Felony

Felons are eligible to vote if they meet these requirements.

##### Delaware's Voting Machines

Find information about the machine and how to use it.

##### Uniformed and Overseas Voters

Military and Overseas voters

##### Vote by Absentee Ballot

Unable to vote in person? Learn how to vote by Absentee Ballot.

##### Provisional Voting

What to do if your name does not appear on the official poll list.

##### Voters With Special Needs

Find information about accessible voting and voter registration.



Are You  
Registered?

VOTING IN  
SUSSEX

<https://ivote.de.gov/VoterView>

Delaware Department of Elections ▶ Vote

## Registration Lookup & Absentee Ballot Requests

To review your registration, make updates, or request an absentee ballot, please search for your record by entering your information to the right.

[Not yet registered?](#)


[Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#)

**First Name**

**Last Name**

**Date of Birth**  
 Month  Day  Year

**Drivers License or State ID Number**

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**Look Up**

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## Polling Location Search

PLEASE NOTE: Your polling place location will be displayed when polling places for the election you have selected have been finalized. You may view your polling location anytime by visiting [gis.elections.delaware.gov](https://gis.elections.delaware.gov).

Enter your residential location

**View Locations**

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# Registration Information on iVote

# VOTING IN SUSSEX

Back to Lookup / Registrant Detail

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[Edit Your Registration](#) [Cancel Your Registration](#) [Absentee Ballot](#) [Request a Polling Place Card](#)

Election Details: 09/10/2024 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

To request an absentee ballot for a school board election, click the Absentee Ballots button above. Permanent absentee voters must request absentee ballots for school board elections via the link at the bottom of this page in the Additional Links section or visit <https://de.gov/schabsapp>

**Polling Location**

CAPE HENLOPEN HIGH SCHOOL  
1250 KINGS HWY LEWES, DE 19958

Polis open from  
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

[View larger map](#)

**Sample Ballots**

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**Ballot Styles**

- 14-08-DEM
- 14-08-REP
- AVR

**Districts** [Show](#)

**Voting History** [Show](#)

**Additional Links** [Show](#)

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School Board Absentee Ballot

# Federal Post Card Application

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

[Back to Lookup](#) / Federal Post Card Application

### Your Progress

- 1 Terms and Agreement
- 2 Confirm Eligibility
- 3 Personal Information
- 4 Address Information
- 5 Contact Information
- 6 Political Party
- 7 Signature
- 8 Confirmation


### Terms and Agreement


Uniformed and overseas voters are United States Citizens who are members of the Army, Navy, Air Force Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, family members of the above and United States citizens residing outside of the country.

If you belong to any of the above groups you can use the FPCA option to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.

I agree to the Terms and Agreement

\* Agreement is required

 Cancel

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# Ways to Register Offline

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- Dept. of Elections offices; or call and ask them to mail an application to you
- DMV when applying for, renewing or updating a driver's license or State ID Card
- State Service Centers (Department of Health and Social Services) when applying for services
- Department of Labor: Division of Training and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- WIC Program offices
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
- Some Social Security offices
- Institutions of higher education when you register for classes
- Voter registration event such as those hosted by the Sussex LWV (check [sussexlwv.org](https://sussexlwv.org))

**Sussex**  
**Department of**  
**Elections**

**VOTING IN**  
**SUSSEX**

**Office      Mailing Address**

119 N. Race St.      PO Box 457

Georgetown, DE 19947      Georgetown, DE 19947-0457

**Phone:** (302) 856-5367

**Fax:** (302) 856-5082

**Email (General Info):** [votesc@delaware.gov](mailto:votesc@delaware.gov)

**Email (Absentee Voting):** [absenteesc@delaware.gov](mailto:absenteesc@delaware.gov)

**Email (Working at the Polls):** [electionofficersc@delaware.gov](mailto:electionofficersc@delaware.gov)

## Other Ways to Register

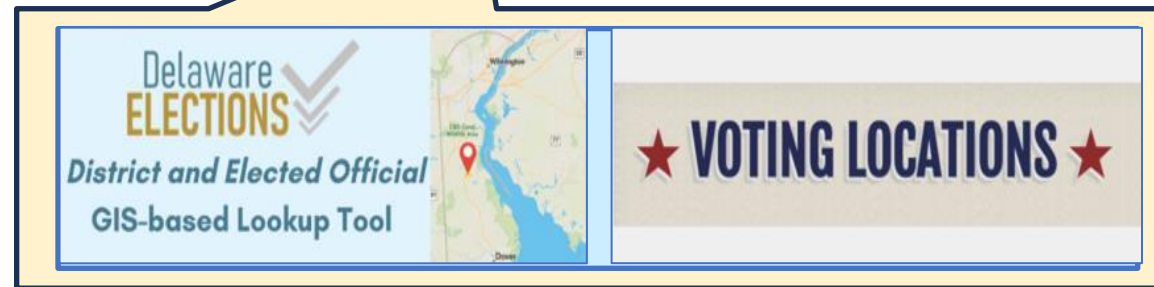
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- In addition, military and overseas citizens can use the Federal Voting Assistance Program website (FVAP.gov) and then mail, email, or fax the application to the Department's Office for their county.

# Finding Your District

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

<https://gis.elections.Delaware.gov>



# District and Elected Official Lookup Tool

## VOTING IN SUSSEX



Delaware Elections

**Districts Lookup Tool**

34170 CLAY RD, LEWES, DE, 19958

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**Senate District**  
District: 6  
Legislator: Russ Huxtable

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**Representative District**  
District: 14  
Legislator: Pete Schwartzkopf

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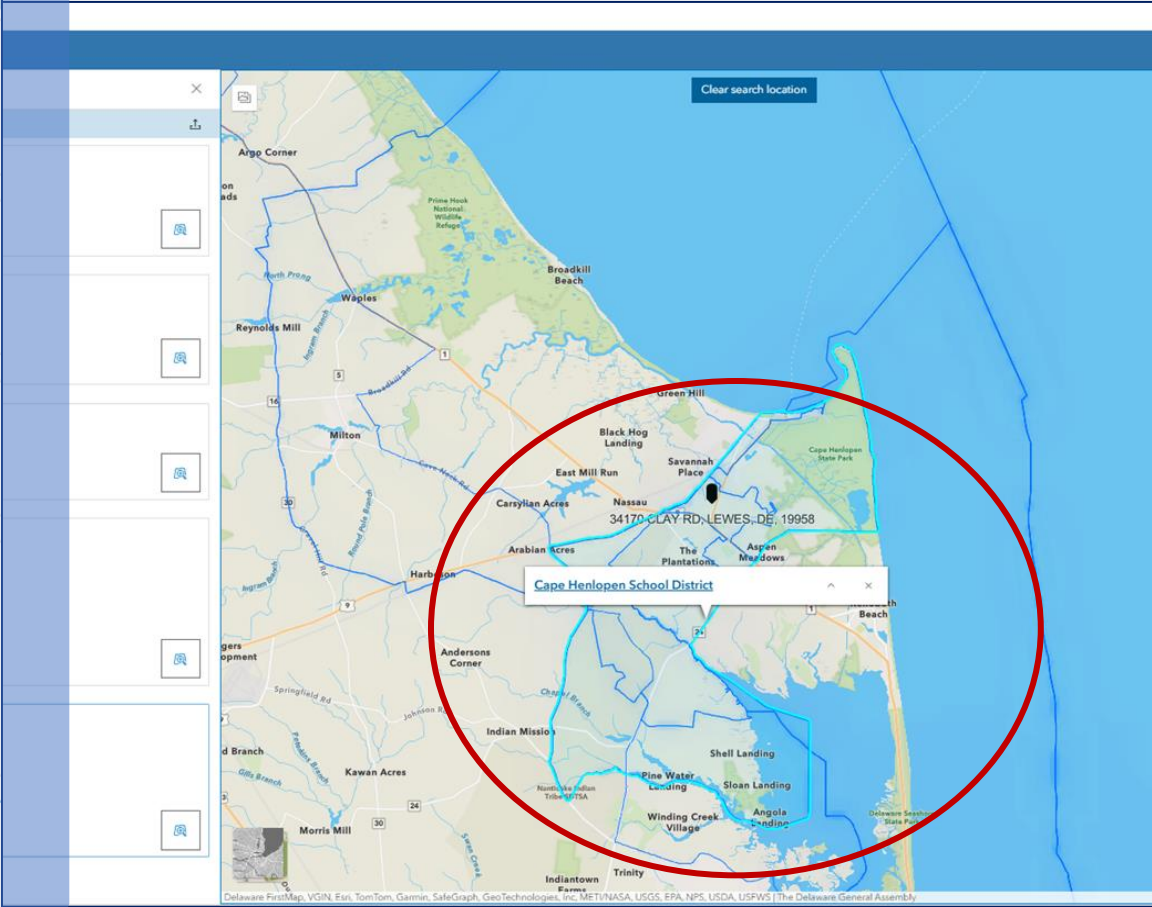
**Election District**  
Precinct: 14-08

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**Sussex County District**  
Clerk of the Peace: Norman A. Jones, Jr.  
Register of Wills: Greg Fuller  
Recorder of Deeds: Alexandra Reed Baker  
3rd County Council District  
Council Member: Mark Schaeffer  
Sheriff: Robert T. Lee

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**Cape Henlopen School District**  
Nominating District: C  
At-Large Board Member 1: Bill Collick  
At-Large Board Member 2: Janis Hanwell  
At-Large Board Member 3: Alison J. Myers  
District Board Member 1: Janet Maul-Martin





# Voting Locations Tool

## VOTING IN SUSSEX



Delaware Elections  
Polling Places & Early Voting Sites Lookup Tool

34170 CLAY RD, LEWES, DE, 19958

Results: 2

[Designated Polling Place for Election District: 14-08](#)  
Polls are open from 7AM until 8PM on Election Day.

Click location for address:  
CAPE HENLOPEN HIGH SCHOOL

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[Sussex County Early Voting Locations](#)  
**EARLY VOTING TIMES & LOCATIONS**

Primary Election Early Voting Dates & Times:

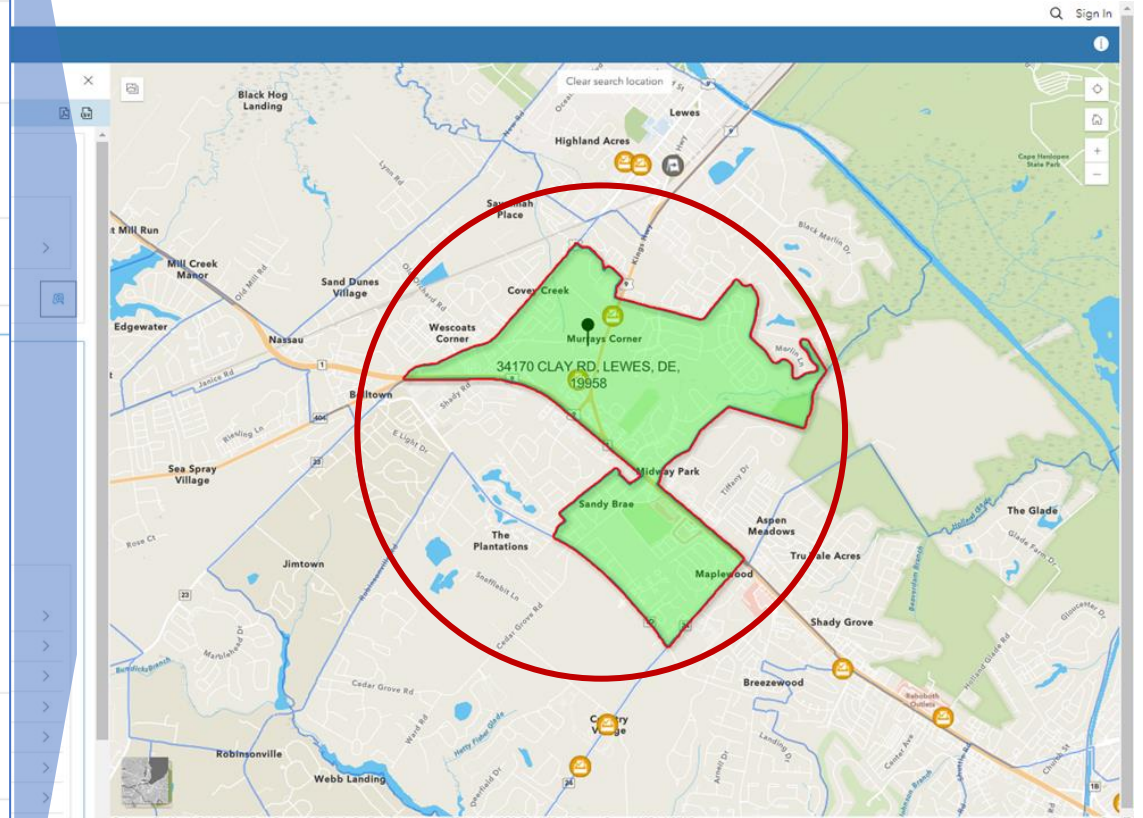
- August 28, 2024 - August 31, 2024, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- September 3, 2024, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- September 4, 2024 - September 8, 2024, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

General Election Early Voting Dates & Times:

- October 25, 2024 - October 29, 2024, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- October 30, 2024 - November 3, 2024, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

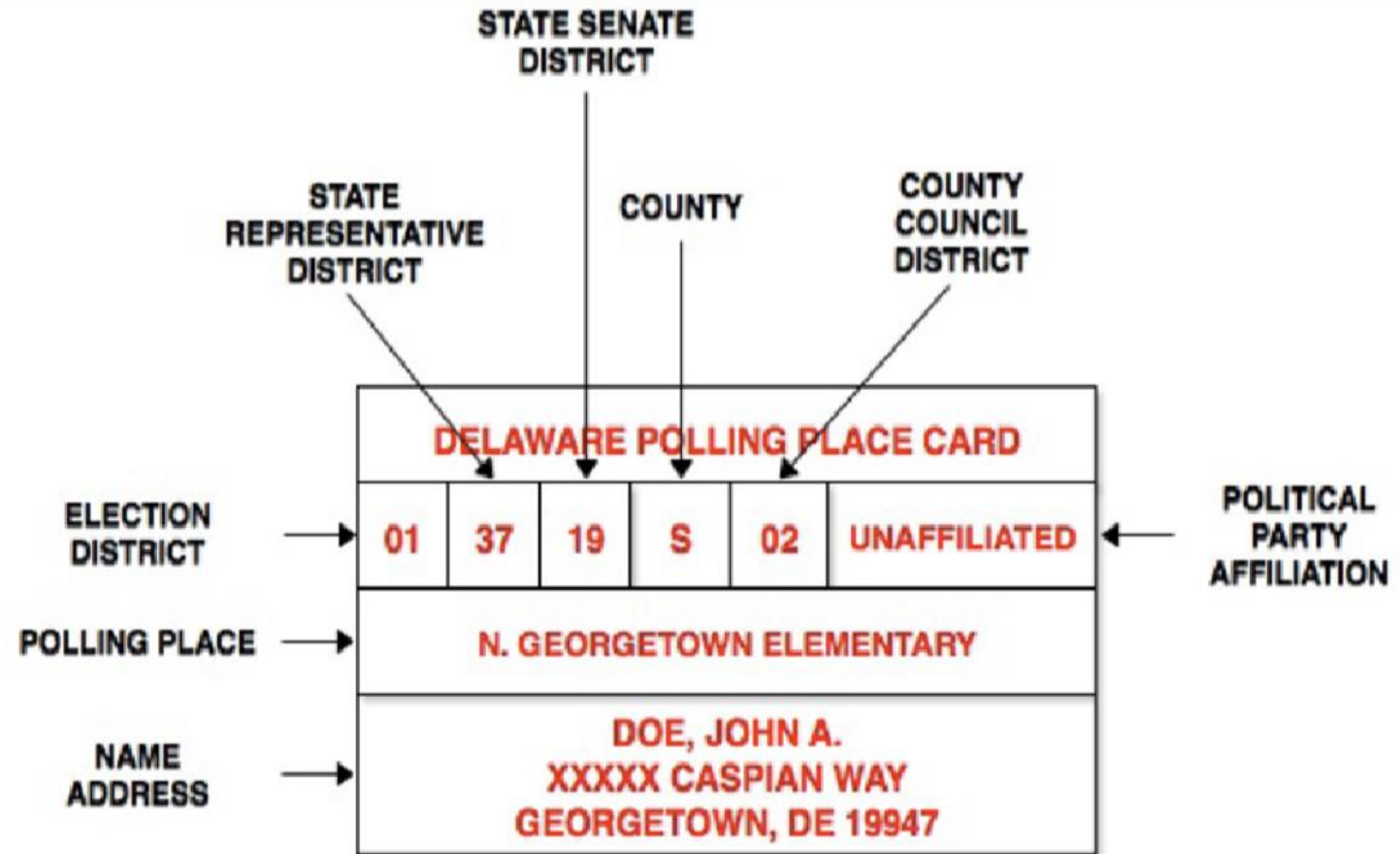
Click location for address:

- American Legion Post 28 Millsboro
- Department of Elections Warehouse - Georgetown
- Department of Elections Warehouse - Seaford
- Ellendale Fire Hall
- Laurel Fire Hall



# Sample Delaware Polling Card

## VOTING IN SUSSEX



# Absentee Ballot

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

- Absentee ballots are mail-in ballots.
- They currently require an approved excuse such as work, health, vacation.
- To request an absentee ballot, you can apply online or complete a paper affidavit and mail or hand-deliver it to the Dept. of Elections.
- Affidavits no longer need to be notarized.

# Absentee Ballot

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

<https://elections.delaware.gov/voter/absentee/index.shtml>

Delaware.gov Agencies News Topics Contact

Delaware ELECTIONS ABOUT SERVICES INFORMATION SOCIAL CONTACT US

### Absentee Voting in Delaware

Your guide to voting by absentee ballot

The quickest and most convenient way to request an absentee ballot is to visit the voter portal, iVote, and follow the instructions there to request a ballot.

Note: If your absentee status in iVote is listed as "Indefinite", this means that you have requested to be a permanent absentee voter. You will automatically receive an absentee ballot for all elections for which you are eligible to vote.

### Voting By Absentee Ballot

Here's a short video on the Absentee Ballot Application:

How To Request An Absentee Ballot

Voting by mail - mail ballots submitted by voters who meet eligibility and ability...

# Submit your request for an absentee ballot.

You may either mail, fax or email the completed absentee ballot application to the Elections office for your county. To get your ballot in time, send your request at least a week in advance of the election.

Watch on YouTube

### Accessible Absentee Voting

Absentee voting options are available to voter who utilize accessibility tools. Delaware law permits electronic delivery and return of absentee ballots to certain voters, including voters who are sick or temporarily or permanently physically disabled. Please complete the absentee ballot application, or request an absentee ballot application via the voter portal, iVote, and request electronic delivery to receive your ballot in a format that will be compatible with accessibility software.

### General, Special & Primary Elections

- Military and Overseas Citizen Voters
- College students
- All other voters

### Public School Elections

- All voters

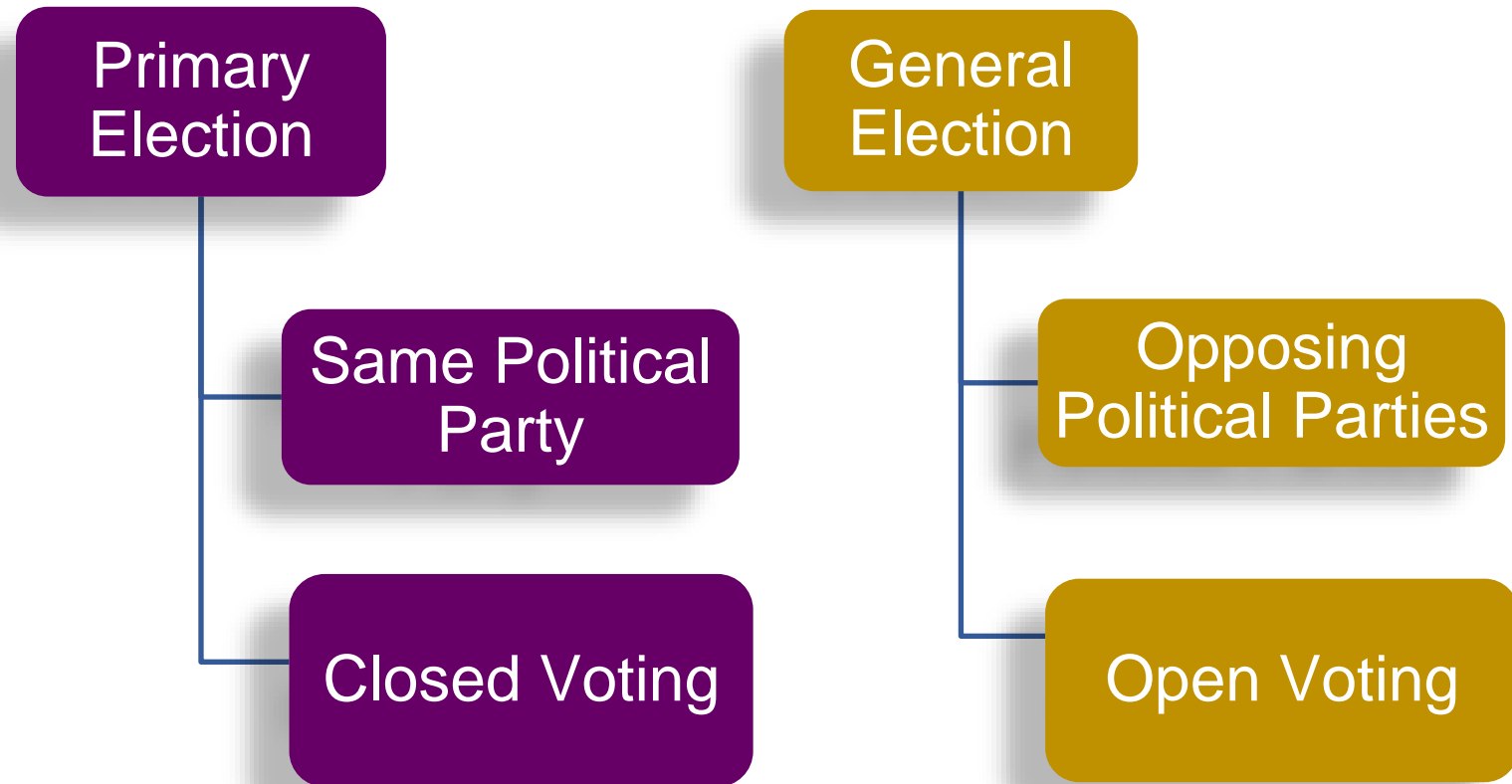
### Absentee Ballot Application Form

- Option 1: Visit <https://vote.de.gov>, lookup your record, and click on "Request an Absentee Ballot"
- Option 2: Download and complete the form then send it back to the Department's office in your county.

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# Election Types

## VOTING IN DELAWARE



# Status of Election Legislation

## VOTING IN DELAWARE

Bill Description	Bill #	Status
Early Voting	HB-38	Passed into law; effective Jan. 2022. <b>Challenged in 2024; DE Supreme Court ruled that the law remains for 2024 general election. Open for challenge in future .</b>
No Excuse Absentee Ballot	HB-73	Did not pass.
Same Day Registration	HS-1 for HB-25	Determined unconstitutional in 2022.
Vote-by-Mail	HB-175	Determined unconstitutional in 2022



# You CAN Make a Difference

## VOTING IN SUSSEX

- **Vote! Primary, General, and School Board elections.**
- Encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to vote.
- **Get involved:**
  - Write a letter to the editor
  - Comment on issues to Governor, Senate & House Representatives, County Council
  - Make public comments at legislative hearings, County Council, Planning & Zoning, and School Board meetings
  - Join an issued-based advocacy group
- **Volunteer for and donate to political campaigns.**
- **Run for office.**
- **Become a poll worker.**



# *Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport.*

## **Get in the Game and Vote!**

# For More Information

**Sussex LWV:** [www.sussexlwv.org](http://www.sussexlwv.org)

**SPC:** [www.sussexpreservationcoalition.org](http://www.sussexpreservationcoalition.org)

**Sussex2030:**  
<https://sites.google.com/view/sussex2030/home>

