

To All Voters of Georgia,

This letter is to address the concerns raised by members of our community regarding this year's upcoming elections. COVID-19 has impacted the normalcy that we once knew and everyone has had to make adjustments to the way things are done. The upcoming elections are no exception and will be done a little differently this year. The BCA (Board of Civil Authority) and myself are working very hard to make this a smooth transition.

Requests for Ballots

Everyone on the voter rolls in Vermont received a postcard generated by the state. These postcards were created by the state and are for this year's elections:

Tuesday, August 11, 2020	VT Primary Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	General & Presidential Election

These postcards are for you to request absentee ballots for **either OR both** of these upcoming elections

These cards have a return address that has proven to be confusing. IF you choose to receive an absentee ballot, the return postcards are addressed as follows: Town/City Clerk's Office 47 Town Common Road No. St. Albans, VT 05478. This is in fact the official U.S. Postal address for the Office of the Town Clerk of Georgia, VT. Have no fear, we have been receiving a steady stream of requests. IF you plan on voting in person for both elections, there is no need to return these postcards.

Absentee Ballots

Once you have requested and received your ballot, please make sure you follow **ALL** the instructions. When you return your ballot, it is of the utmost importance that you make sure your name and address are in the upper left-hand corner. If you do not and there is a problem with your ballot, we will not be able to reach you. This is also an important part of keeping track of returning ballots. **Again, please make sure you include your name and return address on the envelope.**

Polling Place – VT Primary Election August 11, 2020

The Primary Election will be held at: Town Offices of Georgia VT 47 Town Common Road, North (off Route 7) in Georgia VT. Polling hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Proper safety measures will be taken to ensure the safety of our staff. **Masks will be required to enter the building to vote.**

We understand that this is not the ideal location however, the Georgia Middle School gym is currently closed to us for the Primary. The Town Offices are the best choice we have available to us at this time. The school officials are still reviewing the possibility of allowing the General Election to be held at the school. Everyone is looking out for the safety of the school's staff and students in preparation for school start up. I appreciate the steps the school is taking to keep everyone safe.

The Voter Checklist

Our voter checklist is looked at by the BCA (Board of Civil Authority) and the Town Clerk. We go over the list and see who needs to be removed or challenged by the information we have at hand. The clerk will send a challenge letter with a response card to anyone that is believed to have moved from the town. If the response card is not returned, the voter will stay on the list until two (2) general elections have gone by. If you know of a family member that has moved and would like to be taken off the Georgia Checklist, please contact the Clerk with the new address of said person.

If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Letourneau, Georgia Town Clerk at 802-524-3524