

COUNTY CLERK ANNOUNCES EARLY VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Katherine C. Schultz, McHenry County Clerk, announces that voters can cast a ballot prior to the April 7th, 2009 Consolidated Election as early as March 16th without having to offer a reason or an excuse for wanting to vote early.

The early voting law, effective in Illinois, allows voters to cast a ballot at an early voting center through Thursday, April 2nd.

As all ballot styles, for McHenry County, are available at all Early voting centers, voters may choose to vote at the site most convenient for them.

EARLY VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT

McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Rd., 2nd Floor, Conference Room A
Woodstock, IL 60098
Mar 16th thru Mar 20th, Mar 23rd thru Mar 27th,
Mar 30th thru Apr 2nd
Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday, Mar 21st and Mar 28th
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Algonquin Township Offices
3702 US Hwy 14
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Mar 16th thru Mar 20th, Mar 23rd thru Mar 27th,
Mar 30th thru Apr 2nd
Hours: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 21st and Mar 28th
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Huntley Park District
12015 Mill St.
Huntley, IL 60142
Mar 16th thru Mar 20th, Mar 23rd thru Mar 27th,
Mar 30th thru Apr 2nd
Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday, Mar 21st and Mar 28th
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

McHenry Township Offices
3703 N. Richmond Rd.
McHenry, IL 60050
Mar 16th thru Mar 20th, Mar 23rd thru Mar 27th,
Mar 30th thru Apr 2nd
Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturdays--NO Hours

Nunda Township Offices
3510 Bay Rd, Annex
Crystal Lake, IL 60012
Mar 23rd thru Mar 27th, Mar 30th thru Apr 2nd
Hours: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturdays--NO Hours

Harvard Area

Dunham Township Offices
107 Airport Rd
Harvard, IL 60033
Thursday, Mar 26th thru Friday Mar 27th,
Monday, Mar 30th thru Thursday, Apr 2nd
Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, Mar 28th
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Marengo Area

Marengo-Union Library, 2nd Floor
200 S State St
Marengo, IL 60152
Monday, Mar 30th thru Thursday, Apr 2nd
Hours: 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM

The state law requires that a registered voter show valid photo identification before voting early. Voters casting an early ballot must display a current driver's license, a state-issued ID card or another government-issued ID with a photograph.

Prior to 2006, voters who wanted to vote early had to request an absentee ballot and offer a reason, such as being physically incapacitated or out of the County on Election Day. Since absentee voting laws remain in place, those people can still cast an absentee ballot by mail by providing a reason as required under law.

Any voter who requests an "Early Ballot" or an "In Person Absentee Ballot" **MAY NOT** go to the polls on Election Day and revoke the ballot he originally requested. The law prohibits any voter who has been issued an in person absentee or early ballot from appearing at his precinct polling place and requesting another ballot.

For more information about early voting or voting locations, contact the McHenry County Clerk's office at 815-334-4242.