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The Fall 2025 edition of the Clark County Election Department Newsletter is here to keep you informed and ready for the next election season. Inside, you will find important updates on the new voting process, details on how young people can get more involved in democracy, and answers to common voting questions. We also take you inside the Registration Division, where staff work year-round to keep voter rolls accurate and secure.

Whether you are a first-time voter or a long-time participant, this issue offers clear information to help you navigate the process with confidence. Our goal is to make voting in Clark County simple, secure, and accessible for every eligible voter.

A New Way to Cast Your Ballot

This year, Clark County voters will notice an updated process at the polls. Instead of casting their ballot on the voting machine (now called a ballot marking device), voters receive a printed ballot to bring to a new tabulator (see page 5).

Step 1: Check In

The check-in process has not changed. Election workers will ask for your name, confirm your information, and issue you a vote card. You will then take the vote card to the ballot marking device.

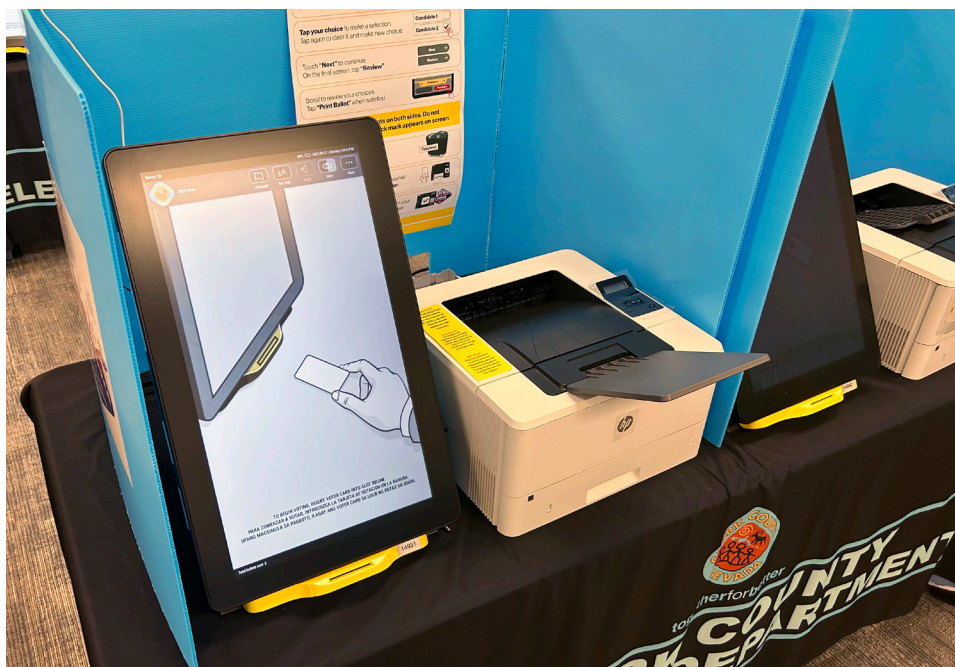
Step 2: Mark and Print Your Ballot

You will use the familiar touch-screen device to make and review your selections. But instead of casting your ballot on the machine itself, the device will now print your choices on a paper ballot using a connected printer. This gives you the chance to review your selections on paper before moving to the final step.

Step 3: Cast Your Ballot

Take your printed ballot and vote card to the tabulator. Hand your vote card to an election worker and insert your paper ballot into the tabulator. This is the moment your vote is officially cast.

This process makes voting more secure while keeping it easy to follow. ■



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did you know?

When you make updates at the DMV, like changing your address, the information is automatically sent to the Election Department. You will then receive a notice to confirm the change.

Engaging Young People in Democracy

Clark County is committed to increasing voter participation in every community, especially among those who have been historically underserved. Many residents face barriers to voting, for instance people of color, low-income individuals, people with disabilities, and voters in rural or tribal areas.

This month, we're shining a light on young voters, whose voices are vital to the future of democracy. Young people ages 18–29 make up about 15 percent of the population but continue to vote at lower rates. In the 2024 Presidential Election, slightly less than half cast a ballot (47 percent)—an improvement from 2016 but still leaving room for progress.

Why is it important for young people to vote?

For one, they have a lot at stake in the decisions that shape our country. From education and healthcare to the environment and technology, young people will live the longest with the outcomes of today's choices. If they are not participating, our communities miss their valuable perspective on the future they want to see.

Research shows that communities with higher youth participation in civic life are more resilient during economic downturns and often

experience lower unemployment rates. Youth engagement builds stronger, more resilient neighborhoods. On a personal level, voting helps young people feel a sense of belonging—that they are “part of” their community—which can have a powerful and lasting impact.

What keeps young people from voting?

Common barriers include:

- **Lack of information** on how or where to register to vote.
- **Uncertainty about candidates and issues**, leaving some unsure how to make an informed choice.
- **Belief that their vote does not matter**, which discourages participation.
- **Busy schedules** with school, work, or family that make it harder to get to the polls or return a ballot.

Strategies to break barriers

Even before the young people in our lives reach voting age, we can begin showing them why their vote matters. Nevada high school students are required to take American Government, a course designed to increase civic awareness. The curriculum covers the U.S. Constitution, the three branches of government, and the voting process. Classroom discussions, mock elections, and service-learning projects can all help students see how government impacts their daily lives.

Families, educators, and community leaders also play a role. Encouraging open conversations about current events, reminding students of upcoming election dates, and even modeling the act of voting can make the process feel approachable and important. Small actions—like bringing a young person with you when you drop off a ballot—can show them firsthand how the process works.

Clark County's outreach to schools

Throughout the year, the Election Department visits high schools in Clark County to demonstrate how voting works and how to register to



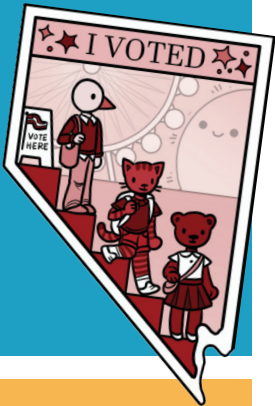
vote. These programs give students a hands-on look at the process before they reach voting age. Our outreach helps create future voters who are informed and ready to participate. If you are interested in having us present to your school, see the box below for information on our Community Outreach programs.

Conclusion

Every generation strengthens our democracy by taking part in elections, and young people are no exception. By learning early, overcoming barriers, and staying engaged, youth can ensure their voices shape the future of our community. With continued education and outreach, we can help the next generation feel empowered, informed, and ready to vote. ■

did you know?

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) is recognized by the Voter Friendly Campus program. This means UNLV is making it easier for students to register, learn about elections, and cast their ballots. The Clark County Election Department also operates on-site vote centers at UNLV, so students can conveniently vote right on campus.



Community Outreach

The Clark County Election Department is on a mission to build vibrant, engaged communities through dynamic outreach programs. We are passionate about spreading the word, recruiting dedicated workers, and empowering voters to make their voices heard. If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved with voter outreach, education, or speaker services, do not hesitate to reach out to our **Administration Division at (702) 455-2944**. Let's make a difference together!



important election dates for 2026

Jan 5-16 (Mon-Fri, Closed Sat-Sun) Judicial Candidate Filing	Mar 2-13 (Mon-Fri, Closed Sat-Sun) Non-Judicial Candidate Filing	May 23- June 5 (Sat-Fri) Primary Election In-Person Early Voting	June 9 (Tues) Primary Election Day	Oct. 17-30 (Sat-Fri) General Election In-Person Early Voting	Nov. 3 (Tues) General Election Day
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Voting FAQs: What You Need to Know

Why do I receive a mail ballot even if I did not request one?

Nevada law (NRS 293.269911) requires that all active registered voters receive a mail ballot unless they opt out in writing 60 days before Election Day.

- “Active” means your registration address is current and election mail has not been returned as undeliverable.
- Voters who register or update their information within 13 days of Election Day will not get a mail ballot and must vote in person.

This system makes sure all voters have the option to vote by mail while still keeping in-person voting available at early voting sites and Election Day vote centers.

Why can't I wear campaign clothing or items that support my favorite candidate when I vote?

Nevada law prohibits campaigning within 100 feet of the entrance to a vote center. Campaigning includes wearing or displaying items such as shirts, hats, buttons, or signs that support or oppose a candidate, political party, or ballot question (NRS 293.740(5)(d)).

For example, a voter wearing a particular candidate's campaign shirt inside a vote center could be viewed as attempting to influence others nearby. The rule prevents that perception and ensures that all voters can cast their ballots in a neutral environment. ■

new tabulators for the 2026 elections

For the 2026 elections, we are unveiling new tabulators with enhanced performance and security. These upgraded systems are designed to ensure the integrity of every vote. The tabulators are a stand-alone system and not connected to the internet. With advanced security features like encryption and full auditing capabilities, the system meets the highest standards for security. Certified by federal and state authorities, these machines reflect our ongoing commitment to transparent, secure elections.



Inside the Registration Division

The Registration Division is the foundation of Clark County’s voter rolls. This means more than just signing up new voters. Staff also process changes of address, name, or party, handle cancellations when voters move or pass away, and send notices when information does not match official records. The end goal is a reliable voter list for each election.

Clark County currently has more than 1.5 million active registered voters, a number that has grown steadily along with the Las Vegas Valley’s population. That growth brings thousands of new registrations and updates every year, along with the responsibility of keeping the rolls accurate and secure.

How Registration Works

Applications can arrive in many ways: online through RegisterToVote.nv.gov, by mail, in person, same-day registrations at voting sites, or from groups and organizations. Paper forms are manually entered into the system, while online registrations flow directly into the statewide database. Each record is then checked against the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Social Security Administration to confirm name, date of birth, driver’s license or Social Security number, and a valid residential address.

When something does not match, the system generates a notice to the voter. For example, if the address is invalid, the ID number has a discrepancy, or the date of birth does not line up with the identification provided, the voter is contacted and given time to correct the issue. If the problem is resolved, the voter remains active. If not, the record may become inactive and may be canceled.

Tips for Voters

The best way to avoid delays is to register to vote or update your voter registration online. Online registration creates what the Election Department calls a “golden record,” eliminating handwriting issues and missing fields that often cause problems with paper applications. Once processed, voters quickly receive a registration card or notice by mail.

Checking your registration early is also important. Voters who have moved, changed their name, or switched political parties should confirm the information in their record is accurate well before Election Day. Updates made online are processed quickly, and voters receive mailed confirmation of any change.

Looking Ahead

Nevada is preparing for a new “top-down” voter registration system that will make it easier for voters who move between counties. Instead of creating a new record, the system will transfer the existing record, along with their voting history, to the voter’s new county. This upgrade will save time, and improve accuracy for all Nevada voters. ■

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