



ELECTION ADMINISTRATIONS

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September 2026 Highlights

Documents Processed

- 7,301 documents processed. These documents include returned undeliverable ballot updates, out of county moves, out of state moves, any requests to be removed as a registered voter.
- Year-to-date: 26,267 documents processed

General Office Updates

- Updated grading and gutter work have been completed.
- New Election sign has been installed. The previous sign fell during a windstorm shortly after installation, a new sign and installation method have been completed.
- Parking plans for the NILE Stock Show have been finalized and plans for the last major event at METRAPark which will impact the flow of traffic have been completed. Staff at METRAPark, NILE, and the Election Department all have worked together to establish parking for all events happening during this time.

General Election Update (November 3, 2026)

Pre Ballot Mailout

- Voter Information packets have been printed by the Secretary of State's office and delivered to our mail vendor. Those packets will go out to households in the first week of October (mail date of 10/2). They contain statements regarding the statewide ballot initiatives.
- Ballot envelopes, election instructions, and ballots were delivered by 9/17. Ballots will be mailed Friday October 9th. Approx. 83,000 ballots will be mailed in Yellowstone County.
- Ballots are 1 page (front and back) with 80 ballot styles.
- Military and Overseas ballots were mailed September 18. 146 Military and Overseas ballots were transmitted on that day. As of 9/30 48 of those had been returned.
- A-frame signs will be placed at the courthouse and in the courthouse parking lot to direct people to the Election Center October 8.
- Starting October 6th voters must appear in person to register or make any changes or updates to their registration. Voters will then receive a ballot over the counter and can vote and cast their ballot all at once.

Post Ballot Mailout

- We expect ballots to be returned by mail starting on Wednesday October 14 due to the federal holiday on Monday Oct 12.
- Additional in-person training dates were September 14, September 15, and October 6 (approx. 70 new election judges were trained)
- Public test (Logic & Accuracy) date is October 22 at 10am.
- Drive-thru ballot drop-off will begin on Wednesday October 28 - Tuesday November 3 in the parking area in front of the MetraPark Pavilion. Voters will be able to enter through the main gate or from Bench Ave. The proposed times for this are: 8am-6pm. Election Day 7am-8pm
- We have been working with Billings Public transit to offer a shuttle for voters from the Downtown transit station to the METRA Pavilion on Election Day.
- Staff are working to place election judges for out-bound ballot preparation, late registration, in-bound ballot receiving, logic & accuracy testing, drive-thru drop off, early tabulation preparation, transportation teams, tabulation, election day precincts, same-day registration, post-election audit teams

Post Election Day

- Provisional Count will be held on Monday November 9 at 3pm.
- The post-Election audit will begin on Thursday November 12 at 9am and may extend through Friday November 13.
- School District #2 Canvass is Monday November 16.
- Canvass for the General Election is Tuesday November 17.