Deadline looms for voter registration

Voters have less than one week left to register to participate in the November presidential election. Also on the ballot are two Missouri constitutional amendments and a local fire district sales tax.

Warren County residents who are not registered to vote can register at the county clerk’s office in the Warren County Administration Building, 101 Mockingbird Lane, Warrenton. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Voters who have changed their address must also update their voting registration in order to cast a ballot.

For more information on voter registration, call the county clerk’s office at 636-456-3331.

Once registered, voters may choose to request an absentee ballot instead of coming to vote on Nov. 3. Voters are eligible to vote absentee if they will be absent from the county, or who have another qualifying reason preventing them from voting Nov. 3. Voters at high risk from COVID-19 are eligible.

Absentee ballots may either be filled out in person at the county clerk’s office, or requested by mail. Contact the county clerk’s office at 636-456-3331 for more information.

Mailed absentee ballots must be requested no later than 5 p.m. Oct. 21, and must be returned by Election Day, Nov. 3.

What’s on the ballot:

The most prominent issue on the November ballot is, of course, the U.S. Presidential Election. However, several other election issues require voter input.

Voters within the Warrenton Fire Protection District will vote on Proposition Fire Safety, a half-cent sales tax to fund the fire district’s general operations.

Statewide, Missouri voters must also consider two constitutional amendments.

Amendment 1 would place term limits on all statewide elected officials. Currently only the governor and state treasurer are subject to term limits.

Amendment 3 would put the state’s once-per-decade redistricting process in the hands of bipartisan commissions nominated by the two major political parties, rather than a single person nominated by the state auditor.

Amendment 3 would also reduce political campaign contribution limits by $100, and reduce lobbyist gift limits from $5 to $0.

Free notary services available at library

The presidential election is approaching and many people are choosing to vote by mail for various reasons. Voters are required to have a mail-in ballot notarized. The library offers free notary service at all branches. An individual does not need to have a library card to have a ballot, or any other document, notarized.

Patrons are required to wear a face mask when getting a document notarized. If they do not have one, the library will provide them with a disposable mask.