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Absentee Voting Deadlines Near for November 6 General Election

County Clerk Cliff Hayes announced that both in-person absentee voting and absentee ballots cast by mail have been steady in the last couple of weeks. "We've received 8,900 ballots so far; that's about 12% of the County's registered voters", Hayes said. That total includes ballots by mail as well as those cast in-person at the Elections office.

One day this week 297 people voted in-person at the County Elections office, which is the highest daily total so far during this election cycle.

"Saturday, October 27 we'll be open from 9AM to 3PM," Hayes continued. That is the last of the Saturday in-person absentee voting options. About 60 voters utilized this option for casting their ballots last Saturday, October 20.

Requests for a mailed absentee ballot must be received by the Elections office by Wednesday, October 31 at 5PM. Return postage will be paid by the County. Absentee ballot request forms are available here: http://www.kcgov.us/elections/AbsenteeBallotApplication.pdf

Friday, November 2 is the last day for in-person absentee voting at the County Elections office, 1808 N. Third Street in Coeur d'Alene. The office is open weekdays from 8AM to 5PM.

In-person voter registration is also available before casting an absentee ballot at the Elections office through November 2.

Voters can register and vote at the polls on November 6, with proof of 30-day County residency and photo identification required. If a voter is already registered, a Personal Identification Affidavit can be signed in lieu of showing photo identification.