

## **What is early voting?**

In November 2022, Michigan voters approved a Constitutional Amendment that gives voters the right to **early in-person voting**.

Early voting allows a voter to cast a ballot before Election Day in an experience similar to voting in a precinct on Election Day. During an early voting period, voters are issued a ballot and can then vote and insert their ballot directly into a tabulator at their Early Voting Center (EVC). Voters are also allowed to tabulate their Absentee Ballots at the Early Voting Center during the early voting period (ballots must have the numbered stub attached, and be in the absentee secrecy sleeve that was included with the ballot.)

## **Where and when can Leighton Township voters early vote?**

Leighton Township's Early Voting Center is at the Leighton Township Hall (4451 12<sup>th</sup> St., Suite A., Wayland, MI 49348)

Early voting lasts for 9 days prior to Election Day, for 8 hours per day.

Early voting in Leighton Township starts the second Saturday before Election Day and ends the Sunday before Election Day. There is no early voting the day before Election Day.

## **Notice of the location and time of the close of polls for Leighton Township Early Voting Center:**

Leighton Township's close of polls for early voting for the every State and Federal Election will take place at 8:00 PM on Election night inside the Leighton Township Hall (4451 12<sup>th</sup> St., Suite A., Wayland, MI 49348)

## How is early voting different from absentee voting?

Both early in-person voting and absentee voting allow voters to vote their ballot prior to Election Day. However, there are important differences between the two choices in voting.

<b>Absentee Voting</b>	<b>Early In-person Voting</b>
<p><b><i>How you cast your ballot</i></b> - Absentee Voting allows you many options to vote your absentee ballot. You may vote your absentee ballot at home, or at the Township Clerk's Office, then submit your ballot in the signed envelope by mail, in person, or by Township drop box. After your absentee ballot in the signed envelope is received by the Township Clerk's Office, your absentee ballot is processed and tabulated by the Absent Voter Counting Board. OR, you may vote your ballot at home, at the Early Voting Center during the early voting period, or at your voting precinct on Election Day. You may then take your voted absentee ballot (with numbered stub attached, in an absentee secrecy sleeve) to the Early Voting Center during the early voting period, or to your voting precinct on Election Day, and feed your ballot into the tabulator. (Note that you will be required to complete an Application to Vote, and show picture ID or sign the Affidavit of No Picture ID, at the Early Voting Center or at the voting precinct on Election Day, just like non-absentee voters.)</p>	<p><b><i>How you cast your ballot</i></b> - Early in-person voting is similar to how you would at your precinct on Election Day. Voters complete an Application to Vote, then are asked to either show their ID or sign the Affidavit of No Picture ID. Voters are issued a ballot, or they bring in their absentee ballot with numbered stub attached and in the absentee secrecy sleeve, vote it at the Early Voting Center, and then insert it into the tabulator, just like at a precinct.</p>