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## Early Voting Returns to Kalamazoo County for August Primary Election

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – After a smooth introduction during the Presidential Primary in February, Kalamazoo County will once again offer nine days of in-person Early Voting in the upcoming August Primary Election. This initiative, required by the Michigan Constitution after the adoption of Proposal 2022-2, allows voters in Kalamazoo County\* flexibility to cast their ballots ahead of Election Day.

Starting on Saturday, July 27, and concluding on Sunday, August 4, in-person early voting will be available at four strategically located sites across Kalamazoo County from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

- **Kalamazoo County Expo Center** – 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048
- **Portage Parks & Recreation Department** – 320 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002
- **Fetzer Center at Western Michigan University** – 2251 Business Court, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
- **Douglass Community Association** – 1000 W Paterson St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

1,047 Kalamazoo County citizens chose to cast their vote early, in person, in February 2024.

“The Presidential Primary was a good opportunity for us to put into practice what we all spent months working for, the implementation of early in-person voting, and we were pleased with how smoothly it all went,” said Meredith Place, Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register of Deeds. “I heard from many of the voters who chose Early Voting that they enjoyed the flexibility of voting on the weekend, of choosing a day that fit their schedule, and that they liked being able to see their vote be counted going through a tabulator versus dropping it in the mail. I encourage all voters to consider trying this new option in the upcoming August primary election.”

In January 2024, all registered electors in Kalamazoo County received a postcard with information about Early Voting in Kalamazoo including, early voting site addresses and voting hours. Additionally, registered electors received a postcard earlier this month from the Michigan Department of State outlining voting options for the August and November elections, including early voting, and provides a link to a website where voters can get more detailed information:

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/mivoteoptions>.

For additional information on early voting, visit the County’s [early voting page](#). Questions regarding absentee ballots or precinct locations on Election Day can be directed to your local clerk, which you may find on the [County Clerk/Register of Deeds page](#).

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*\*Voters in Pavilion Charter Township will have the option to early vote at their township hall – not one of the four voting sites listed.*