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What you need to know about voting in the Aug. 9 elections

This year, all statewide elected offices are on the ballot as are all Minnesota legislators and U.S. representatives. Also, up for election are two Rice County commissioners' seats (Dave Miller and Steve Underdahl), the county sheriff and attorney, two Soil and Water Conservation District Board members and various city and school officials.

In addition, there is a special election Tuesday, Aug. 9 for voters in the 1st Congressional District to replace the late Jim Hagedorn, who died earlier this year. The person winning that race will serve until the end of Hagedorn's term in early January.

Early voting for the Minnesota primary and 1st Congressional District special election is open through Aug. 8. Voters need to apply for an absentee ballot either online or in person at the county office building in Faribault or Northfield City Hall before receiving their ballot. (Rice County photo)

Complicating matters is the statewide primary, also being held Aug. 9.



Early voting

Rice County voters can vote by mail or in person at the Property Tax and Elections Office in the Rice County Government Services Office, 320 Third St. NW, Faribault from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays through Friday, Aug. 5. The office will also be open for voting from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8.

All Rice County voters or those living in Northfield's Third Ward, which lies in Dakota County, can also cast their ballot at Northfield City Hall, 801 Washington St., Northfield, from 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Mondays-Thursdays and 8-11:45 a.m. Fridays through Thursday, Aug. 4. That office will also be open from 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8.

Anyone voting early must fill out an application in order to receive an absentee ballot. To be counted, absentee ballots must be received by 3 p.m. in person or by 8 p.m. via U.S. Mail or package delivery service on Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Absentee ballots can also be delivered to the Property Tax and Elections Office at the Rice County Government Services Building by 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 or the Absentee Voting Office (second floor training room) at Northfield City Hall through 4:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8. Neither site has a dropbox, so voters must come to the appropriate office inside the building to deliver their ballot.

Register to vote

The general election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 8. To register to vote, simply visit the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State website (www.sos.state.mn.us) and click on Elections and Voting, then Register to Vote.

There you can register online or download forms to complete and mail. Minnesota allows Election Day registration, though that requires proof of residence.

The forms and list of acceptable documents is also on the Secretary of State's website. That website, and the Elections page on the Rice County website has lots of information about voting, elections and candidates for office.

Voters can learn who is running for office at <https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us> by simply entering their ZIP Code or name of their county of residence.

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