

Important dates to remember in this 2012 election year include the local and state primary which is August 7, 2012. Last day to register is July 9, 2012. The November general election is November 6, 2012 and the last day to register for that election is October 9, 2012.

If you wish to check whether you are registered or not, you can do so on line at www.michigan.gov/vote or you may contact me, Gloria Payne at 269-465-6601.

Please remember when voting in August, you will not be able to split your ticket, meaning you will only be able to vote one party.

Candidates interested in running for office may pick-up a packet at Lake Township Hall, 3220 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan, or you may visit the Berrien County Clerk's office. The deadline to file paperwork is May 15, 2012 and must be filed with me, your local Clerk, Gloria Payne at Lake Township Hall.

Anyone ages 60 or older, may vote by absentee ballot, please call and request to be placed on the absentee ballot voter list and an application for a ballot will be mailed to you.

Should you vote in person by absentee, a new law has been enacted that you must present your photo identification.

Remember to bring your photo identification with you to the polls. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Gloria A. Payne, Lake Charter Township Clerk