



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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## County Clerk Lori Gummow announces Harlem Township will become an Early Voting location for the General Primary Election

Winnebago County Clerk Lori Gummow is very pleased to announce Harlem Township has agreed to allow its facility to serve as a new Early Voting location in Winnebago County. The Township Hall is located at 819 Melbourne Ave., Machesney Park. It will serve citizens during the two-week Early Voting timeframe prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Elections, which starts on Monday, March 2, 2020 and continues through Monday, March 16, 2020.

The Township will serve voters living outside City of Rockford city limits on both evening and weekend hours during the two-week voting period.

The County Clerk worked with Harlem Township Supervisor Terri L. Knight on the Early Voting agreement. In advance of the Tuesday, March 17 General Primary Election, Election Workers will conduct Early Voting during the following hours at the Township Hall:

Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 6	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Monday, March 9 – Friday, March 13	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 14	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 15	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Monday, March 16	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

“Our goals of early voting are to increase voter participation and relieve congestion at polling locations on Election Day,” stated Clerk Lori Gummow. “Early voting at off-site locations help alleviate lines by spreading out the opportunity to vote over 14 days plus Election Day, so that working people can decide for themselves which location and time best fits their family schedule,” she added.

Supervisor Terri Knight was thrilled to offer their location for Early Voting. “We should treat all of our citizens like customers, and ensure they have the best experience possible,” she said.

**Winnebago County Clerk Lori Gummow**

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Early Voting for residents residing outside the City of Rockford is also still taking place at the Winnebago County Administration Building, 404 Elm Street, Rockford, during the following hours:

Monday – Friday, Feb 6 - March 6	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, March 7	9 a.m. – noon
Monday – Friday, March 9 – 13	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 14	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, March 15	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday, March 16	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

On Election Day, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, please go to your polling place to vote. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Clerk Gummow reminds Winnebago County residents that they can register to vote or make changes to their name and address during early voting. People who need to update their registration must provide two forms of ID with their correct name and address.

People wishing to receive an absentee (vote by mail) application can apply online by visiting the Clerk’s website until Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. Additional information regarding the candidates or the referendums can also be found on the website [winnebago-county-clerk.com/election-information](http://winnebago-county-clerk.com/election-information).

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Photo: Winnebago County Clerk Lori Gummow (left) is joined by Supervisor Terri L. Knight of Harlem Township. The County Clerk worked with the Township to bring a new Early Voting location to voters living outside the City of Rockford in the 2020 General Primary Election.