

Registration by Mail -- Forms for Registration by mail may be obtained at the following offices: Board of Elections, Town Clerk, Village Clerk, Chamber of Commerce, Dept. of Motor Vehicles and other State Agencies providing services to the public.

Voting by Mail -- Voters may request to vote early by mail (no “reason” required) or they may qualify to vote by absentee ballot if their duties, occupation, or business requires them to be away from their county of residence, or if they are on vacation on the day of any Village Election. (Including spouse, parent or child accompanying such person).

Applications for ballots to be mailed to the voter must be received by the Board of Elections no later than ten days before the election. If the applicant or their agent delivers the application to the Board of Elections in person, such application must be received no later than the day before the election. All mail ballot envelopes must be postmarked no later than the day of the election.

Early Vote By Mail—Early Mail Voting Chapter 481 of the Laws of 2023 authorizes early mail voting. Known as the “New York Early Mail Voter Act,” this method of voting will be available to voters for all elections, including village elections conducted by the village clerk pursuant to Article 15 of the Election Law beginning on January 1, 2024. A registered voter of a village may vote by early mail ballot for any general or special village election in which he or she is eligible to vote, provided that such voter makes a written application. The process for early mail voting will largely mirror the procedure by which voters cast absentee ballots.

Signature Requirements for Independent Nominating Petitions:

Village of Cayuga Heights: 75

Village of Dryden: 50

Village of Groton: 50

POLITICAL CALENDAR VILLAGE ELECTIONS

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Villages of:
Cayuga Heights
Dryden
Groton
Trumansburg

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE ELECTION LAW

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Calendar for Village Elections*

March 18, 2026

Dec. 30, 2025	First day to sign independent nominating petitions.
Jan. 6-13, 2026	First day to publish party caucus notice in newspaper (not earlier than 2 weeks prior to caucus) depending on date of caucus.
Jan. 12-20	Last day to post and file notice of party caucus, in office of village clerk and the Board of Elections, depending on date of caucus. (At least 10 days before caucus.)
Jan. 20-27	Dates for holding party caucus. <i>NOTE: Party officials must either</i> <i>(a) publish notice of caucus in a newspaper not more than two (2) nor less than one (1) week before the caucus, or</i> <i>(b) post notice of the caucus in six (6) public places in the village at least ten (10) days before caucus.</i>
Jan. 22	First day to file a certificate of party nomination.
Jan. 29	Last day to file a certificate of party nomination.
Feb. 2	Last day to file certificate of acceptance or declination of party nomination.
Feb. 3-10	Dates for filing independent nominating petitions
Feb. 4	Last day to fill vacancy caused by declination of party nomination.
Feb 13	Last day to file certificate of acceptance or declination of an independent nomination.
Feb. 13 Mar. 6 April 14	Dates for filing statements of receipts and expenses for village elections, as per New York State Board of Elections Rules and Regulations.
Feb. 17	Last day to file certificate to fill a vacancy in an independent nomination caused by a declination.
Mar. 6	Last day for voter to register with Board of Elections to vote in village election.

Mar. 6	Last day for Board of Elections to receive application for an absentee or early mail ballot to be mailed to a voter.
Mar. 17	Last day for applicant (or his agent) to personally deliver application for an absentee or early mail ballot to the Board of Elections.
Mar. 18	Election Day. Polls open Noon to 9 p.m.
Mar. 25	Last day for Board of Elections to certify results.

Offices to be Filled:

Cayuga Heights:	Mayor (1) - 2 Year Term Trustee (3) - 2 Year Term <i>Polling Place(s):</i> First Congregational Church 309 Highland Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850 Kendal of Ithaca 2230 N Triphammer Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850
Dryden:	Trustee (2) - 2 Year Term <i>Polling Place:</i> Village Hall 16 South St., 2 nd floor, Dryden NY 13053
Groton:	Trustee (2) - 2 Year Term <i>Polling Place:</i> Village Office 308 Main St., Groton, NY 13073
Trumansburg:	Mayor (1) - 4 Year Term Trustee (2) - 4 Year Term <i>Polling Place:</i> Village Hall 56 East Main St., Trumansburg, NY 14886

*Information for the Village of Freeville election may be obtained from the village clerk at 844-8301.

The Lansing Village election will be April 28, 2026