

**RECORDER'S NOTES**  
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**ELECTION NEWS:**

March 6, 2018 Republican and Democratic Precinct **Caucus Day**.  
Check with your local Party Representatives for details.

June 26, 2018 **Primary Election** will be an all-mail ballot delivery. Ballots will be mailed to all active eligible registered electors the week of June 4th 2018.

November 6, 2018 **General Election** will be an all-mail ballot delivery. Ballots will be mailed to all active eligible registered electors the week of October 15th 2018.

**Election Offenses:**

**C.R.S. 1-13-106 Forgery-** Any person who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any ballot before or after it has been cast, or who forges any name of a person as a signer or witness to a petition or nomination paper, or who forges any letter of acceptance, declination, or withdrawal, or who forges the name of a registered elector to a voter's mail-in or mail ballot commits forgery which is a class five 5 felony.

**C.R.S. 1-13-112 Offenses relating to mail ballots -** Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting, or who falsely makes, alters, forges, or counterfeits any mail ballot before or after it has been cast, or who destroys, defaces, mutilates, or tampers with such a ballot shall be punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than eighteen months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018 ELECTIONS:**

- January 2, 2018 Last day to affiliate with a major or minor party to run as a party candidate in the primary (either through nomination or petition). **What this means is if you want to run as a candidate affiliated with a political party you must be registered with that party by this date.**
- January 2, 2018 Last day to register as unaffiliated to access the ballot by petition as an unaffiliated candidate. **What this means is if you want to petition on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate you must be registered as unaffiliated by this date.**
- January 8, 2018 Last day to affiliate with a political party (Republican or Democratic Party) in order to vote in the precinct caucus if held on March 6<sup>th</sup> precinct caucuses. (2 months before the precinct caucus) **What this means is if you are not registered at all or you want change affiliation and would like to register with a political party to support a candidate in that parties' caucus, this is your deadline to do so in order to participate in that parties caucus.**

**Method of Voting:** All General, Primary, Congressional Vacancy, Coordinated, Odd-Year and Recall elections shall be by Mail Ballot Delivery. Mail Ballot Delivery Election means an election for which eligible electors receive ballots by mail and vote by mailing those ballots or depositing the ballots at a drop-off location.

*The Election and Recording Department can be reached at 970-565-3728 for voter and election questions or recording information. The Motor Vehicle Department can be reached at 970-565-3728 for license plates/renewals or titling a vehicle. You can also reach our office by email at [kpercell@co.montezuma.co.us](mailto:kpercell@co.montezuma.co.us)*

**Clerk & Recorder/Motor Vehicle Offices will be closed:**

January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February 19, 2018 for Presidents Day  
May 28, 2018 Memorial Day  
July 4, 2018 Independence Day  
September 3, 2018 Labor Day  
November 12, 2018 Veterans Day  
November 22 and 23, 2018 Thanksgiving Holiday  
December 24 and 25, 2018 Christmas Holiday  
December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019 New Year