

Being an Educated Voter: Election Information Resources



Election Website of the Union County Clerk

https://unioncountyvotes.com/

- Sample Ballots
- Check your registration
- District Maps
- Who's Running?



Union County Board of Elections:

https://ucnj.org/boe/

- Videos showing how to use the voting machines: https://ucnj.org/boe/expressvote-xl-voting-machine/
- Congressional & State District Maps
- · Lists of wards and polling locations



New Jersey Voter Information Portal

https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml

- Find your Polling (voting) location by zip code
- Locate lists of early voting locations & drop boxes
- Check to be sure you're registered
- Track your vote-by-mail ballot



Vote411, League of Women Voters

https://www.vote411.org/

- From the non-partisan League of Women Voters Education Fund
- Enter your address and click Races to find out what and who is on your ballot.
- The Voter's Guide requests and collects statements from local, regional, state and national candidates so you can find out more about them before voting.



Project Vote Smart

https://justfacts.votesmart.org/

Type in your zip code, then select a politician, or enter a politician's name to see their

- Biography
- Positions
- Ratings by different organizations
- Speeches on specific topics
- Sources from which the candidate gets election funding

BALLOTPEDIA Ballotpedia https://ballotpedia.org/

- Search the Encyclopedia of American Politics for info on your candidates OR
- Use the Sample Ballot Lookup to enter your address to see top-level candidates on your ballot.
 - (Local and state elections may not be included).
- Pulls together
 - candidate biographical info
 - o (for sitting US reps) committee assignments and key votes
 - answers to candidate surveys
 - o information listed on their campaign websites

Local, State and National Government

- City of Plainfield: www.plainfieldnj.gov/
- Union County NJ: <u>ucnj.org/</u>
- NJ State Legislature: www.njleg.state.nj.us/

- State of New Jersey: nj.gov/
- US Congress: www.congress.gov/
- US Government <u>www.usa.gov/</u>

Other News Sources:

Online databases of newspapers through the Plainfield Library:

(Find them at: https://www.plainfieldlibrary.info/Research/Databases.html)

Courier News

Courier-News



Newspaper Source Plus



Proquest Historical Newspapers

Finding news articles on the web:



Google News https://news.google.com/

Allows you to specifically search a variety of news organizations that post their stories to the web. If searching for Plainfield, remember to include "New Jersey" or NJ!

Looking for more information or need help finding something?

The Plainfield Library Reference Librarians can help!

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