As the General Election rushes toward its Nov. 6 finish line, registered voters have numerous opportunities to cast their ballots in Cobb County. Advanced voting is ongoing at polling places throughout the community. By Oct. 24, almost 30,000 residents had either already voted or submitted absentee ballots, according to the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration. Voters can cut down on having to stand in line by checking the estimated wait times for open polling locations through the “Advanced Voting” section of cobbelections.org or the “Early Voting” section on the Geographic Information Systems page through cobbcounty.org. The wait time estimates are updated four times daily for accuracy. The early voting locations and available times are:

Monday-Friday, through Nov. 2 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.):
- Elections Main Office, 736 Whitlock Ave., Marietta

Through Oct. 26, (8 a.m.-7 p.m.):
- Jim R. Miller Park Event Center, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta

Saturday voting: Oct. 27 (8 a.m.-4 p.m.):
- Elections Main Office, 736 Whitlock Ave., Marietta
- Jim R. Miller Park Event Center, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta

Oct. 29 – Nov. 2, (8 a.m.-7 p.m.):
- Jim R. Miller Park Event Center, 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta
- East Cobb Government Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta
- South Cobb Community Center, 620 Lions Club Drive, Mableton
- Boots Ward Recreation Center (Lost Mountain Park), 4845 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs
- North Cobb Senior Center, 3900 S. Main St., Acworth
- Noonday Baptist Church, 4120 Canton Road, Marietta
- East Cobb Senior Center, 3332 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta
- Windy Hill Community Center, 1885 Roswell St. SE, Smyrna
- South Cobb Recreation Center, 875 Riverside Parkway, Austell
- Powder Springs Library, 4181 Atlanta St., Powder Springs

There will be no voting on Saturday, Nov. 3, or Monday, Nov. 5.

On Election Day, Nov. 6, polling stations open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. On this day, residents are required to vote at their assigned polling places. If you are in line at 7 p.m., you will be allowed to cast your vote.

Voters may check their ballots and polling places through cobbelections.org. At your polling location, you’ll be required to present a valid photo ID, such as a driver’s license, passport or voter identification card.

If you arrive at the polls on Election Day and are unable to show one of the required forms of identification or there is an issue with your voter registration, you can request a provisional ballot.

You will have three days from the close of polls to present acceptable identification to the county registrar’s office for your vote to count, according to state officials.

Voting must be readily accessible to disabled and elderly voters. If you need special assistance to vote or access your polling place, contact the county registrar’s office.

For more information, call Cobb Elections at 770-528-2581.
Fall fun for the family at festival

Put on your costumes and bring the whole family to the 19th annual Fall Festival of Fun 4:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 31, at Jim Miller Park. This great event is a safe alternative to traditional Trick-or-Treating in neighborhoods. It will include arts and crafts, games, inflatable rides, police and fire activities, costume dance contests for kids and adults, coloring contests, a photo booth and other surprises. Parking, entrance to the park, games, candy and contests are free (there is a fee for concessions and inflatable rides). Be sure to bring a bag to carry all of your candy. Miller Park is located at 2245 Callaway Road, Marietta.

Provide your feedback on transit services

CobbLinc staff is proposing several changes to its local and commuter bus service and the Cobb County Board of Commissioners wants your input. Visit linkingcobb.org before Nov. 3, to review the proposed service changes and take a short survey to share your thoughts.

For the past year, Cobb Department of Transportation staff has been creating a short-term transit plan, called CobbLinc Forward, to help CobbLinc meet future transportation needs for residents, workers and business owners. These proposed updates would be implemented over a five-year horizon, but may start as early as March 2.

The recommendations in the CobbLinc Forward plan would:
- Provide Sunday service on all local bus routes
- Provide better service to more customers
- Provide major improvements to system reliability and on-time performance
- Better match service levels with transit markets

Workshops to provide free advice on how to get the job you want

Register now for a special series of free career workshops presented by Carmen D. Brown, the 2018 Engagement Champion from SunTrust Bank. The workshops will be held at CobbWorks Workforce Development Center, 463 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 100, Marietta.

- Resume Writing
  9-11 a.m., Nov. 2
  Give your job search a kick start when you update your resume with helpful tips and advice that will aid in presenting the best of you to potential employers.

- Interviewing
  9-11 a.m., Nov. 9
  Gain the confidence you need to shine in your next interview by learning best practices and tips.

- Job Search Strategies
  9-11 a.m., Nov. 16
  Make the changes you need to amp up your job search and get on the path to landing your next job.

Registration is required. To register, call 770-528-4300 or send an email to information@cobbworks.org with your name, address, phone number and workshop selection.