News Clips_ SC election officials encouraging voter registration now

In the polls National Voter Registration month kicks off today and the South Carolina State election commission wants to make sure you are registered to vote.

There are more than 200 local elections in our state this November and it's time to start preparing our Madeline just go Yak is live in West Ashley with a reminder of what Charleston residents need to do in order to be able to vote this upcoming election season. Morning Madeline.

Good morning. If you live in South Carolina are 18 years of age and have a valid ID you can register to vote now. The South Carolina State election commission wants people to participate in local and state elections coming up later this fall. They say if you're not already registered to vote in your county in South Carolina, you should do so now. And if you're already registered, they say you need to make sure to update your address if you have moved recently. You can register to vote online by mail or in person at your county's election office. local elections here in the low country and across the state take place on November 7.

These are typically non partisan races that are going to affect things dealing with our roads, our garbage collection, maybe of our environment. education of our children so these are really critical issues that are very close to home.

Nancy Williams with the League of Women Voters of South Carolina tells me officials who are elected in local races often make decisions or policies that affect us more than those in national races.

Maybe they think one person doesn't make a difference, but a turnout in these elections tends to be relatively low compared to a national presidential election. So obviously the more people that are voting why the better our local government reflects the will of the people.

Charleston County says the last day to be able to register to vote in municipal elections is Sunday. October 8. We'll have that link to how you can become a registered vote voter on this web Story on lifesite news.com. Reporting live in West Ashley, Madeline Jessica WIAC lifesite News. You