

Election Worker News

Montgomery County Board of Elections
April/May 2024

Presidential Primary Election

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Board of Elections Needs Your Help!

The Primary Election is approaching quickly, and the Recruitment Team is busy recruiting and assigning Election Workers to Early Voting Centers and Election Day Polling Places. On behalf of the Board of Elections, we wish to thank the many volunteers that have come forward, applied, trained, and are awaiting their assignments. However, there is still an **urgent need** for additional pollworkers. A full complement of trained pollworkers ensures that the voters of Montgomery County will experience an efficient election. If you have not renewed your election worker application, it is important to do that immediately. Reminder, there is a new application renewal process this year, and step-by-step instructions can be found in our [February Newsletter](#).

Begin your application process by accessing EJ CONNECTION on the Board of Elections website, www.777vote.org. Select the Election Workers tab and from the drop-down menu, choose EJ CONNECTION. Follow the directions for Returning Election Workers. **Do not submit a new application.** If you need assistance including your Log-in ID and Voter ID from your current record, the Recruitment staff is ready to help. Please call the main Recruitment line at 240 777-8533.



After you complete your application renewal, you must take the required training, which includes an On-Line Quiz and In-Person Training.



Are you interested in a leadership role as Chief Election Worker on Election Day? If you have good organizational and communication skills and an interest in either of these positions, notify your Recruiter. To be a Chief, it is recommended that you have prior experience as a VOP judge.

We are responsible for staffing a variety of positions and we still have vacancies. Each role is important and vital to the success of the elections. We need Election Workers throughout the County, but the need is great in Potomac, Chevy Chase, and Damascus areas.

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Important Reminders

Training: Primary Election, In-Person Training is still available through the end of April and remember, to be eligible to serve you must complete all required training. Call your Recruiter for assistance or use your EJ CONNECTION dashboard to schedule training.

On-Line Supplemental Review: Election Workers will be able to review election procedures that were covered during In-Person Training by using the following link **[Online Supplemental Review](#)**.

Assignments: Election Worker assignments for Early Voting were posted April 11th to your EJ CONNECTION Dashboard and Election Day assignments will be available April 23, 2024. Be sure to confirm your assignments.

Bonus Pay: Based on new 2024 Legislation returning Election Workers (Pollworkers) will receive a \$100 bonus per full-day service assignments and \$50 per half-day assignments when they serve Election Day and/or Early Voting.

Updates to Personal Information: EJ CONNECTION allows you to make updates such as name, email, address, etc. on the dashboard. Choose the Update Personal Information blue, button/bar. You must also make the updates to your Voter Registration. You can update your registration on-line on the Maryland Board of Elections website.

Election Service Payment: The service stipends are paid by check and mailed six weeks after the election to the address of record and to receive payment your social security number must be provided. You may provide that information securely in your EJ CONNECTION account. For further information regarding stipend payments, visit [Position Descriptions and Payments www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) for stipend and training amounts per position.

Decline Payment: If you wish to opt out of receiving the service stipend, you do not need to provide your social security number and must select “decline payment” on the update section of the EJ CONNECTION dashboard. If you are a high school student who chooses to receive SSL credits in place of the payments, please call or email your recruiter. If you want to change your payment status, you must update your personal information in EJ CONNECTION by April 23, 2024. You may also contact the Recruitment office directly.

Election Worker, Make a Plan: Volunteering as an Election Worker is a commitment to serve. The Board of Elections depends on you to run a successful election and appreciate your service. Creating a voting plan will make your commitment easier.

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Election Workers are encouraged to:



- ✓ Vote either by mail-in ballot or during Early Voting when you are not serving. If you are assigned to your home precinct on Election Day, you may do so on your assigned break.
- ✓ If you were unable to vote prior to Election Day and are not serving in your home precinct, you will be required to vote provisionally.
- ✓ Bring items like medications needed, food and beverage for the day, and layer your clothing to ensure comfort throughout the day.
- ✓ Give your family the Recruitment General Information number in case of an emergency. *No cell phone use is allowed in the polling place.*

Working Early Voting? Early Voting takes place Thursday, May 2nd through Thursday, May 9th. The Early Voting Recruiters are still staffing the 14 Early Voting sites. There are no Early Voting Chief, Provisional, or Same Day Registration positions available. We have vacancies for Voter Operations position. The Silver Spring Civic Building (EV-05) and the White Oak Community Center (EV-12) are full staffed. Reminder, if you are assigned to serve on the first day of Early Voting (5/2/24) you are required to attend the set-up meeting on 5/1/24 at 6:30 pm. If you would like more information, please complete the [Early Voting Interest Form](#).

Service Hours for Early Voting

- Pre-Early Voting Set-up Meeting 6:30pm
- Early Voting Chief (**EVCHF**) 6:00AM to about 10:00PM
- Early Voting Voter Operation (**EVVOP or EVSPN**) 6:00AM to about 10:00PM
- Early Voting Voter Operations-Part -Day (**EVVOP-A**) 6:00AM to 3:00PM
- Early Voting Voter Operations-Part -Day (**EVVOP-B**) 2:00PM to about 10:00PM
- Early Voting Same Day Registration (**EVSDR**) 6:00AM to about 10:00PM
- Early Voting Voter Operations Provisional (**EVVOP-P**) 6:00AM to about 10:00PM

Election Day! The Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, May 14th. The Election Day assignments will be available on your EJ Connection Dashboard on April 23rd. Reminder, you are required to attend the set-up meeting on 5/13/24 at 6:30pm.

Service Hours for Election Day

- Pre-Election Day Set-up Meeting 6:30pm (**mandatory**)
- Chief (**CHF**) 6:00AM to about 11:00PM*
- Voter Operation (**VOP or SPN**) 6:00AM to about 11:00PM*
- Voter Operations-Part -Day (**VOP-A**) 6:00AM to 3:00PM
- Voter Operations-Part -Day (**VOP-B**) 2:00PM to about 11:00PM
- Voter Operations-Driver (**VOP-D**) 6:00AM to about 9:00PM
- Same Day Registration (**SDR**) 6:00AM to about 11:00PM
- Voter Operations Provisional (**VOP-P**) 6:00AM to about 11:00PM
- Closer (**CLS**) 6:30PM to about 11:30PM*
- Election Night Support (**ENS**) 7:30PM to 1:30AM

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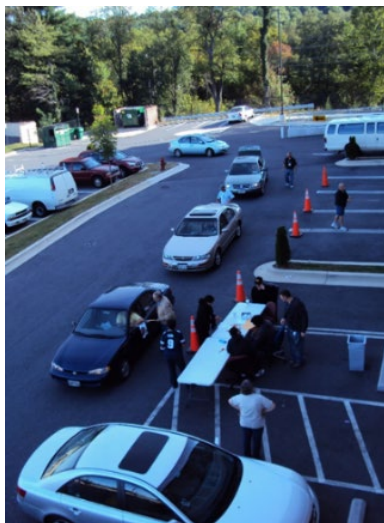
* If you have a "C" behind your position, this is an indication that your work precinct is a consolidated voting precinct which means that more than one precinct is at the polling location.
Example VOP-C or CHF-C.

Note: When the polls close at 8:00 pm, Election Workers are required to stay to clean up the polling precinct and pack the election equipment. Please do not leave the polling precinct until dismissed by the Chief Election Worker.

2024 Primary Election Calendar

- February 19, 2024:** In-Person Training Began
- April 23, 2024:** Voter Registration Deadline
- April 23, 2024:** Election Day Assignments Available
- May 1, 2024:** Early Voting Center Set-up Meetings at 6:30 pm
- May 2, 2024:** Early Voting Begins
- May 9, 2024:** Early Voting Ends
- May 11, 2024:** Chief Election Worker Briefing (Virtual), 5:00—7:00 pm
- May 11, 2024:** Chief Supply Bag Pick-Up
Limited pick-up window available May 12th, 10:00 am—12:00 pm.
- May 13, 2024:** Pre-Election Day Precinct Set-up Meetings
- May 14, 2024:** **Presidential Primary Election Day**
- June 25, 2024:** Stipend Checks Released
- July 2024:** Pick-A-Pal Drawing

Chief Supply Pick-Up – Saturday, May 11, 2024 – 7:00 am thru 2:00 pm.



See you there!

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Pick-A-Pal Promotion- Enter to win a Prize!!!!



The Pick-A-Pal Promotion is a chance for you and your “Pal” to win a fantastic prize for your service in a polling place during the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The winners will each receive a gift card for two to the movies, a photo opportunity with the Director of the Board of Elections and the Recruitment Team.

Official Promotion Rules:

1. To be eligible to win, both “Pals” listed on the entry ticket **must** serve at a polling place, independently or together, for the Presidential Primary Election. The “Pal” who is referred must be new to the Election Worker Program and has never served as an Election Worker. Both “Pals” must be in good standing with the Election Worker Program.
2. Entry tickets are available at your In-Person training class. Complete an entry ticket with your name and the name, phone number and email of a “Pal” you would like to refer to the Election Worker Program. Place the entry ticket into the “Pick-A-Pal Promotion Box” located in your training class. There is no limit to the number of “Pals” you may submit.
3. This promotion is ongoing from February 20, 2024, until in-person training classes end for the Primary Election.
4. The winners will be selected by drawing of the eligible tickets and announced after the Primary Election in July 2024.

Thank you for going the extra mile for the Election Worker Program!! Please contact the Election Worker Program Recruitment office at 240-777-8533 if you have questions.

Enter to Win!!

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Future Vote

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FUTURE VOTE PROGRAM NEEDS 2,000 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS!



The Future Vote program is available to County students grades 6-12. Students must be able to speak, read and write the English language. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply. The initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action. Volunteers will earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for their service. Training is required for both students and guardians. Details and volunteer

expectations are provided at the training. **Mandatory training will begin in April. Training dates and locations are provided during registration. Don't procrastinate, apply TODAY!**

- Future Vote Registration Instructions: [2024 FV Registration Instructions 03292024-2.pdf \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](#)
- Future Vote Registration Portal: [Sign in · Starter Portal \(powerappsportals.us\)](#)
- U.S. Election Assistance Commission Award: [Montgomery County MD 2018 Clearinghouse Award Winner | U.S. Election Assistance Commission \(eac.gov\)](#)



Did you know?

The 17th Amendment made it so U.S. Senators were directly elected by popular vote. Prior to 1913, Senators were appointed.

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Meet the 2024 Recruitment Team

Recruitment Office

The Recruitment Team is available Monday—Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to assist you with the application process, training scheduling, and service assignment process. Please contact the staff with your questions. As the election approaches, we are available after-hours and Saturdays to assist.

Recruitment Staff

Recruitment and Election Support Manager - Christine Rzeszut 240-777-8527
Election Worker Recruitment Coordinator - Aishah Mills-Pherigo 240-777-8577

Election Day Recruiters

- Carly Colbert (Districts 4 and 9) 240-777-8572
 - Deborah Hamer (District 13) 240-777-8571
 - Bertha Miranda (Districts 3,6,7,10 and 11) 240-777-8656
 - Yvonne-Crystal Monterrosa (Districts 1,2,5, 8, and 12) 240-777-8657
- *Map of Election Districts follow on the next page.*

Early Voting Recruiters

- Paul Dever (EV Sites 1, 4, 9, 11, 12, and 14) 240-777-8573
- Bryon Geyer (EV Sites 3,7, 8, and 13) 240-777-8659
- Aishah Mills-Pherigo (EV Sites 2, 5, 6, and 10) 240-777-8577

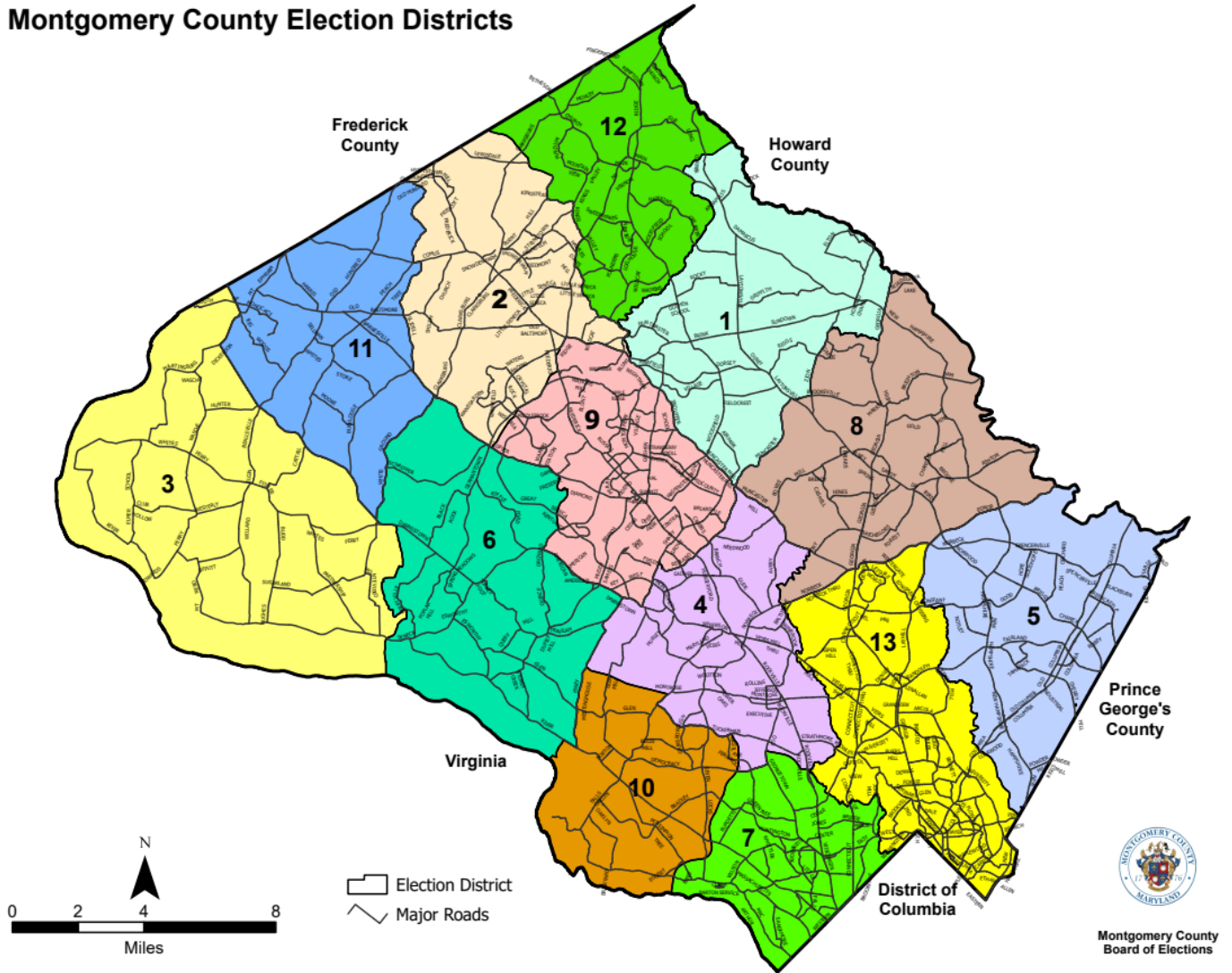
Contact Us

- **General Questions:** Call 240-777-8533
- **Email:** election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov
- **Website:** www.777vote.org
- **Mailing Address for Office:**
Montgomery County Board of Elections
Attention: Election Worker Program
18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

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You can find your Recruiter by matching the Election District number to the Recruiter listed on the previous page.

Montgomery County Election Districts



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getting ready!**

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We look forward to working with you!

