

Election Worker News

Montgomery County Board of Elections

July/August 2017

Dates to Remember

2017

Constitution Day
&
Citizenship Day
September 17,
2017

National Voter
Registration Day
September 26,
2017

2018

Voter Registration
&
Party Affiliation
Deadline
June 5, 2018

Primary
Election Day !
June 26, 2018

General
Election Day
November 6, 2018

What's happening at BOE?

We are proceeding with our efforts and planning for the 2018 election cycle. In cooperation with the State Board of Elections we are working to streamline and improve processes and procedures, including the election worker manual, forms and reports.



Earlier this month, staff attended the annual conference for MAEO, the Maryland Association of Election Officials. The conference gives us an opportunity to connect, communicate, participate and collaborate with our colleagues across the state on the topics we all face in conducting elections.

2018 Early Voting Centers Under Review

The Board of Elections is accepting comments on the proposed Early Voting Centers for the 2018 election cycle. Visit our website (www.777vote.org) or *click on link above* to see the current list.

The Board will be accepting public comments at the July 17, 2017 and September 18, 2017 meetings.

To suggest new sites not appearing on the list or to make comments about the listed recommendations, email the Board at elections@montgomerycountymd.gov. Submit written comments at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Contact Marjorie Roher at 240-777-8525 in advance to sign up to speak at one of the meetings.

We are continuing our voter outreach efforts; staff is available to speak to groups and organizations about voting in Maryland and how to become an election worker. Email Gilberto Zelaya to set up a visit at gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov or click here to complete an [Outreach Request Form](#).

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New Election Laws

These election-related bills were enacted in the 2017 regular session of the General Assembly and are effective October 1, 2017.

Election Judges - Minimum Age (HB0073/CH0796)

This bill lowers the minimum age of a minor who may be appointed and serve as an election judge, from age 17 to age 16.

We are especially excited about 16-year-old registered voters being able to serve as election judges. We hope that it will encourage more high school students to participate.

Early Voting - Registered Voter Updating the Voter's Address on an Existing Registration (HB1626/CH0825)

This bill repeals a requirement that a person applying to change an address on an existing voter registration during early voting provide proof of residency.

This change will make the process of updating an existing registration consistent for voters regardless of when they vote, at early voting or on Election Day.

Election Law - Campaign Signs at Polling Places (Approved by the Governor) (HB0619/CH0285) (SB0882/CH0284)

This bill modifies the time after which campaign signs must be allowed on the premises of a public, or privately owned, building in which a polling place or early voting center is located. The time is changed from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the day before an early voting period begins and the day immediately preceding Election Day. Signs may remain until 8 a.m. on the day after the early voting period ends and on the day after Election Day.

This change allows for earlier campaign sign placement. Since the time (5 pm) is before our standard pre-election meeting time (6:30 pm) some signs may be incorrectly placed by campaigners. Chief judges will need to ensure signage does not violate the no electioneering boundary.



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Working the Next Election

In December 2017, we will begin recruitment for the 2018 election cycle. At that time, we will contact all our volunteers and ask them to update their personal data, contact information and work availability online. There's nothing more for you to do until December, so enjoy the rest of the year.

Contacting You

We want to be able to contact you for the 2018 election cycle, so please let us know if you change your address, email or telephone number. If you need to update your information complete an [Update Form](#) and fax or mail it to us.



Kudos to a Shining Star

We want to congratulate Klara Josephs, our 2017 **Project SEARCH** intern on her recent graduation. Klara worked with us in the Election Worker Program Office this spring. She was an incredible asset to our operation and we appreciate all her hard work. Klara is the second intern we have hosted.

Project SEARCH is a program dedicated to providing education and training to young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through an innovative workforce and career development model that benefits the individual, the workplace and the community.

Montgomery County has embraced this program by offering three 10-week unpaid internships in collaboration with Project SEARCH. The primary goal of this program is to secure competitive employment outcomes for each intern graduate either with Montgomery County or elsewhere in the community.



For more information on Project SEARCH, contact Karen Hochberg at karen.hochberg@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Join our Postcard Contest and Win!



Are you traveling this summer to exotic and interesting places? If so, you should join our Postcard Contest. Each month, May through August, we'll pick a winner from among all the postcards we receive for that month.

The winner will receive a surprise gift and be listed in our Newsletter. So, don't forget to take our address with you as you travel and you could be a winner!

[Our winner for June is](#)

Marian M., a Closing Judge in precinct 04-35 at the Shady Grove Conference Center. She won a lunch tote set that's perfect for Election Day!



Brennan's restaurant café in New Orleans.

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Summer Vacation Trivia

Identify these communities in Montgomery County

(Answers on page 6)

- 1) _____ began as a village for workers constructing the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O) in the 1870's.
- 2) _____ was built on Connecticut Avenue in 1890, as one of the first fully-planned communities, which included a trolley line, amusement park and lake.
- 3) _____ is named for a Native American trader and was established at the intersection of the main road between Georgetown and Frederick and an old Seneca trail.
- 4) _____ was created in 1825 when Isaac Burton bought out his sibling's shares of his father's land and became the major landowner in the area.
- 5) _____ is named after its first settler in 1783. Located near the Potomac River this tightly-knit community has retained its historic charm.
- 6) _____ was founded in 1890, this nationally registered historic community is known for its elaborate Victorian homes and antique row shops and castle-like temple.
- 7) _____ was originally known as Cracklintown. The name originated from the popular cracklin bread (a bacon corn bread) baked in the area.
- 8) _____ was originally a Methodist meeting ground founded in 1872; summer camp followers built summer cottages then eventually year-round homes.
- 9) _____ is one of the county's earliest settlements. Known as the U.S. Capital for a Day; where President James Madison fled when the British burned Washington, D.C. in the War of 1812.
- 10) _____ was originally known as Mechanicsville. This community of artisans, traders and merchants was established in the early 1800's.
- 11) _____ was settled in the 1750's and incorporated in 1801. This crossroads community offering train and transportation lines serves as the county seat.
- 12) _____ is considered one of the wealthiest communities in the U.S.; originally settled by Edward Offutt it's home to the C&O Canal National Historic Park.
- 13) _____ was incorporated in 1906 it contains a popular amusement park and the historical home of Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross.
- 14) _____ was settled by Quakers in 1725, this charming town offers many examples of historic architecture, like the Friends Meeting House built in 1817.

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Trivia Answers:

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| 1) Boyds | 5) Poolesville | 10) Olney |
| 2) Chevy Chase | 6) Kensington | 11) Rockville |
| 3) Clarksburg | 7) Laytonsville | 12) Potomac |
| 4) Burtonsville | 8) Washington Grove | 13) Glen Echo |
| | 9) Brookeville | 14) Sandy Spring |

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