

# Election Worker News

Montgomery County Board of Elections

November 2017

## Dates to Remember

**2018**

**Voter Registration & Party Affiliation Change Deadline**  
June 5, 2018

**Election Worker Training Classes End**  
June 9, 2018

**Walk-in Practice Sessions**  
June 11 – 20, 2018

**Early Voting**  
June 14 – 21, 2018

**Primary Election Day**  
June 26, 2018

**Early Voting**  
October 25 - November 1, 2018

**General Election Day**  
November 6, 2018



## 2018 Early Voting Centers Approved

On October 16, 2017, the Board of Elections approved use of the following locations as early voting sites for the 2018 election cycle.

- Activity Center at Bohrer Park (Gaithersburg)
- Damascus Community Rec. Center
- Executive Office Bldg. (Rockville)
- Germantown Community Rec. Center
- Jane Lawton Community Rec. Center (Bethesda)
- Marilyn Praisner Community Rec. Center (Burtonsville)
- Mid-County Community Rec. Center (Silver Spring)
- Potomac Community Rec. Center
- Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept. Ballroom
- Silver Spring Civic Building
- St. Catherine Laboure Church (Claridge Building) (Wheaton)

Additional information on each site is available on our website, use this link ([Early Voting Site Information](#)).

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### Election Worker Stipend Rates Change

Effective July 3, 2017, the stipend rates for election workers changed. The service pay portion of the stipend increased between \$30 and \$50, based on position. The training pay stipend did not change.

Election Workers receive a set payment, based on their assigned position, for successfully completing all required training and working on Election Day. *Workers who complete training but do not serve will not be paid.*

#### New service rates:

Chief Judges - \$250 + \$50 for training = \$300

Closing Judges - \$100 + \$30 for training = \$130

Voting Operation Judges - \$180 + \$30 for training = \$210

Part time VOP Judges - \$90/shift + \$30 for training = \$120

For more information on the requirements, duties and service hours for all election worker positions, visit our website or use this link [Job Descriptions](#).



### Working the Next Election

In late February 2018, 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.

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. To update your email address just email us at [election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov).



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### High School Outreach Drive Continues

We are once again visiting county high schools to speak with students, during their lunch breaks, about registering to vote and serving as election workers. As of October 27, we have received 455 voter registrations and 550 election worker applications.

Please spread the word about this opportunity to earn up to 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits or up to \$210 for each election.



Congratulations to these schools for their outstanding participation!

High School	# of Registrations	# of Applications
Springbrook	87	92
Blair	80	91
Clarksburg	53	66

Students can also apply online at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

Must be 16-years old to register to vote and to serve as an election worker.

Photo: Springbrook HS 11/1/2017

### Upcoming High School Visits

#### Dates:

November 14, 15 and 16

November 28, 29 and 30

December 5, 6 and 7

December 18, 19 and 20

#### High Schools:

Northwood, Rockville and Don Bosco Cristo Rey

Damascus

Paint Branch

Churchill and Wootton

# Do More Than **V**ote!

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### Did you know?

Functions of the Board of Elections were first exercised by judges of elections, and originally the sheriff was to serve as such a judge. The Maryland Constitution of 1776 (sec. 3) provided:

"That the sheriff of each county, or in case of sickness, his deputy, (summoning two justices of the county, who are required to attend for the preservation of the peace) shall be judge of the election . . .".

By 1799, the county courts were authorized to appoint judges of elections for each election district (Chapter 50, Acts of 1799). Thereafter, levy court judges annually were to appoint three judges of elections for each election district to be conservators of the peace during the voting process (Chapter 97, Acts of 1805). By 1865, boards of county commissioners along with the mayor and city council of Baltimore assumed responsibility for appointing judges of elections (Chapter 174, Acts of 1865).

In 1892, for Montgomery County, the Board of Supervisors of Elections was created to assume duties previously borne by the judges of elections (Chapter 701, Acts of 1892). This board was appointed by the Governor and later renamed the Board of Elections in 1999 (Chapter 585, Acts of 1998).

The Board of Elections oversees the conduct of all elections held in Montgomery County and ensures that the elections process is conducted in an open, convenient and impartial manner (Code Election Law Article, sec. 2-202).

Appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate consent, the Montgomery County Board consists of five members and two substitutes (Code Election Law Article, secs. 2-201 through 2-303).

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