

# Election Worker News

Montgomery County Board of Elections  
October 2017

## Dates to Remember 2018

**Election Worker Training Classes Begin**  
March 19, 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



To honor **National Voter Registration Day**, on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 we conducted outreach at the libraries to register voters and recruit more election workers. We also hosted a special citizenship ceremony for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

39 participants from 22 countries were represented at the ceremony; Bangladesh, Cameroon, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, India, Iran, Jamaica, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, South Korea, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

We congratulate these new U.S. citizens and welcome them as new voters and election workers! ***We encourage everyone to continue efforts to increase voter participation and civic engagement in our community!***



Maryland's new law allows **16-year old registered voters** to serve as paid Election Workers.

We encourage all eligible high school students to sign-up to work the 2018 elections. It's a great learning experience and civic opportunity. Plus, earning up to \$210 is great too!

Look for us at your area high school this fall or apply online at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

## Do More Than **V**ote!

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### **2018 Polling Place changes and Early Voting Centers Under Review**

The Board of Elections is reviewing proposed polling place changes and early voting centers for the 2018 election cycle. Visit our website ([www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org)) to see the current list.



### **Working the Next Election**

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

### **Community Outreach**

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](mailto:gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov) or click here to complete an [Outreach Request Form](#).

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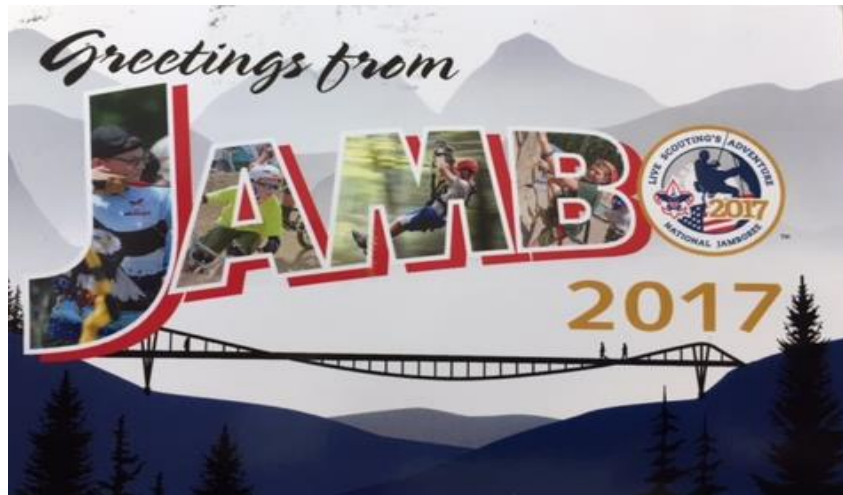
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### Summer Postcard Contest Winners!

Congratulations to our postcard contest winners for July and August!

#### Our winner for July

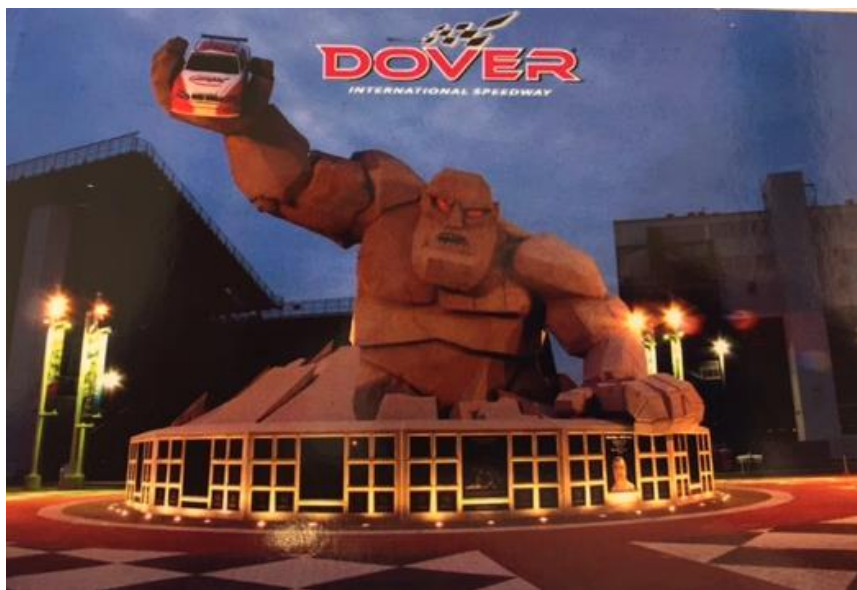
Steve F., a Voting Operations Judge in precinct 07-28 at Bradley Hills Elementary School.



*2017 National Boy Scouts Jamboree in West Virginia.*

#### Our winner for August

Ariel K., a Voting Operations Judge in precinct 13-51 at Rock Creek Valley Elementary School.



*The Monster Mile at Dover International Speedway in Delaware*

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### Did you know?

#### Primary Elections

##### *What is a party primary election?*

The Democratic and Republican Parties are required to use primary elections to choose their candidates for the general election. Although it is up to the parties to decide who may vote in their primaries, generally only registered voters affiliated with the Democratic or Republican Parties may vote in that party's primary election.

##### *Can I vote in a party primary election?*

Generally, you must be registered with either the Democratic or Republican Party to vote in the primary election. If there are non-partisan offices that are elected in a primary election (i.e., school board), any voter can vote for these offices.

##### *May I change political parties?*

Yes, except during the 21 days before a primary election. For the 2018 Primary Election, the deadline to change your party affiliation is June 5, 2018.

To change your party affiliation, use [Maryland's Online Voter Registration System \(OLVR\)](#) or submit a new [voter registration application](#) or a written request to your [local board of elections](#). If you request a change in party affiliation after June 5, 2018, your party change will not be processed until registration reopens after the primary election.

##### *Do I have to affiliate with a political party?*

No, you do not. If you do not select a political party on your voter registration application, you will be "unaffiliated" with any political party. This means that you will generally not be able to vote in party primary elections, but you will be able to vote in any nonpartisan primary elections held in your jurisdiction, such as a primary election to select nominees for the board of education.

##### *If I apply to register to vote before my 18th birthday and the primary election is before I turn 18, can I vote in the primary election?*

Yes, if you will be 18 years old by the general election and you are registered to vote with the Democratic or Republican Party.

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*Fall is here...*

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#mocovotes, #voterempowerment, #2018election  
& Facebook**