

**Election Worker News**  
**Montgomery County Board of Elections**  
**May 2018**

**Dates to  
Remember  
2018**

**Voter Registration &  
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June 5, 2018

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2018

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Election Day**  
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## **More Election Workers Needed for June Primary**

**There are less than 55 days left before the June 26, 2018**

**Primary Election and we urgently need your help!** Due to the timing of the election, many of our usual election workers are unavailable. If you haven't done so already, please renew your application today. Ask your family and friends to sign-up too.

Training started in April and is currently being offered in our Gaithersburg office and at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Later this month we'll be at the Rockville Campus of Montgomery College.

Note that you must have completed the Stage I Training Quiz, to be eligible to schedule and take the hands-on training.

**"Do More Than Vote"** Sign up to become an election worker Today! Go to our website: [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org)

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**Renewing your Application**

Since you are already registered in our system, we just need you to confirm your information and electronically sign or affirm the data on file.

1. Go to the Montgomery County, Board of Elections website [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) and click on ***Election Workers*** (on the left side of the screen). Next click on ***EJ Connection*** to open the log-in page. This is the site for returning workers. (Note: Firefox is not compatible with our online program, please use a different browser.)
2. Enter your User Name and Password (previously provided by BOE) to open the Election Worker Dashboard. To avoid login errors do not copy and paste; type in the log-in information.
3. Click on ***Application Renewal*** in the **ACTION** box to open the application screen. Confirm or enter the required information in each section and click NEXT to navigate to the next page. Review the Summary of your information and if everything is correct click NEXT to continue. Click PREVIOUS to go back to change your responses.
4. In Section F, read the Affirmation statement and click on the circle to confirm your agreement. Click on ***Submit***. Congratulations, you're finished! You will receive a "thank you" message immediately on the screen and an email confirmation within a few minutes. The next step is to complete your training.

Note: If you have changes to your name, address or party affiliation (which affect your voter registration) you will see a message directing you to print, sign and submit an Update Form. Click on the **Confirmation Form** button to open and print the pre-filled form. If you forget to print the form at that time, you can log back into the dashboard to print it. **We must receive your signed form to process your application;** fax it to 240-777-8578 or scan and email it to [election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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**Training**

Training consists of two stages – the Stage I online training quiz and Stage II in-person, hands-on training.

- **All Workers** will need to complete the online training quiz before scheduling their hands-on training. Once you have passed the training quiz, your Recruiter will provide you with information to schedule your hands-on training.

**Stage I - Online Training Quiz**

This portion of the training is required and has been designed to complement the hands-on training and enhance your preparation for Election Day. Follow these steps:

**Go to our Website**

Click on this hyperlink [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org)

Click on "***Election Workers***", on the left of the screen, to expand the list of choices. Click on "***EJ Connection***" and enter your Username and Password (as provided by BOE).

**Once you are logged in, follow these steps**

- 1) Click on "***Training Materials***" to open the Election Judge Manual.
- 2) Click on and read ***Chapters 1 through 4.***
- 3) Click on and watch the video "***Assisting Voters with Disabilities***".

**When you are ready to take the quiz**

- 1) Go back to the home page.
- 2) Click on "***Take Stage I Quiz***" to open the quiz.
- 3) Follow the instructions for taking the quiz.
- 4) We recommend that you keep a copy of your answers, so print the quiz before you hit Submit.
- 5) When finished, click "***Submit***" to send the quiz to the Board of Elections.

Don't have a computer? Call 240-777-8533 to make an appointment to take the training quiz in person in our Gaithersburg office.

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**Stage II - Hands-On Training**



**Scheduling**

You may schedule your training online or by calling the office on 240-777-8533. Most classes will be held at our Gaithersburg office. However, a limited number of classes will be held at:

- Silver Spring Civic Building (April 22 – May 19)
- Montgomery College, Rockville (May 12 - 26)

**If you know that you cannot attend class, please reschedule prior to the class date/time. If you miss class, you will be marked as a no-show and may not be allowed to reschedule.**

**Arrive Early – late arrivals will not be admitted.**

**Class Format**

**All** election workers, regardless of prior service, will attend a new training class. The course is a combination of lecture and hands-on training. Students will receive instruction on the procedures, processes and responsibilities of the precinct team and their specific position. Students will work individually and in groups to set up, operate and close the voting equipment and to complete practice exercises and forms. **We strongly encourage you to review each chapter of the Election Judge Manual prior to attending class.**

**Manna Food Drive to be held during training.** Once again, we are working with Manna to help feed county residents. Please join us in this much-needed effort by bringing a non-perishable food item to your scheduled training class.

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**Election Day Assignments**

Remember that you must complete all required training to be eligible to serve. To ensure that we have enough workers assigned to every precinct, we ask that you complete your training as soon as possible; *especially if you would like to work in your own voting precinct*. You will get an email when you have been assigned. We will begin making assignments soon.

Each precinct has a limited number of positions. Workers who wait to complete their training will be assigned to precincts closest to their homes, that have vacancies or asked to serve as a Standby Worker.

**Bilingual election workers are needed** - As mandated by Section 203 of the 1975 *Voting Rights Act* workers with Spanish speaking fluency are needed in every precinct. **We are also looking for workers that speak Chinese, French, Korean and Vietnamese.**

**Working Early Voting**

If you are interested in working at one of the eleven Early Voting centers between June 14 and 21, 2018, follow the steps below:

1. Schedule your election day hands-on training as soon as possible;
2. Notify Jessica Jones by email that you are interested in working early voting ([Jessica.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Jessica.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov));
3. Complete your election day hands-on training;
4. Schedule, attend and pass an additional early voting training class;
  - a. Reschedules are not permitted, due to the limited number of openings.
5. When you have **finished** early voting training you may submit your availability to your assigned early voting recruiter;
6. Receive early voting assignment information.

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**Your Vote**

All election workers are asked to vote either by absentee ballot or during the early voting period. Chief and Voting Operation judges who are **not** assigned to work in their voting precinct must vote by absentee ballot or during early voting (or cast a provisional ballot in their work precinct), since they will be unable to go to their voting precinct on Election Day.

- **Absentee Ballot** – Complete, sign and submit an Absentee Ballot Application as soon as possible. The Absentee office will send you the appropriate ballot to vote. Your ballot must be returned to the office or postmarked (by the Postal Service) by Election Day. **Absentee ballots cannot be left at the polls for return to BOE;** this is prohibited by Maryland law.
- **Early Voting** - Vote at one of the county's early voting centers between Thursday June 14 and Thursday June 21, 2018. Voting hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information on the eleven early voting locations, go to our website at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).

**Important Information**

- **Keeping us informed** – Please keep your voter registration and contact information current. Update your personal information online in the EJ Connection portal. Click on **Update Personal Data** to enter your information. Phone numbers and email addresses will only be released to the Chief Judges for election related use.
- **Future Vote Student Aides** - School-age students, grades 6-12, can serve as Election Day student aides for 2018 elections. The program's intent is to educate, strengthen and increase ties related to civic participation. Interested parents/guardians can register their student(s) [online](#) by visiting the Montgomery County Board of Elections' website. For additional information, email [future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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**Election Security**

**Were Maryland's election systems compromised before the 2016 General Election?**

Although U.S. Department of Homeland Security informed us that we were one of 21 states with suspicious online activities before the election, there's **no** evidence that Maryland's election systems or voter data were breached or compromised.

In early August 2016, we identified some unusual activity on the online registration and ballot request system and immediately blocked the IP address associated with the activity. In response, we provided log files to the FBI, one of the State's cybersecurity vendors, and a partner of our web hosting company. All three entities reviewed the transactions related to the suspicious activities, and all three entities came to the same conclusion – there were "no suspicious artifacts." In other words, there was **no** evidence that the online registration and ballot request system was breached or fraudulent transactions were submitted. The system was probed but not breached.

**What is the difference between a "probe," a "breach," and a "hack"?**

There are different words to describe cyber activities – scans, probes, breaches, and hacks – and they mean different things.

- A "scan" is an automated way of reviewing websites, typically for content. Scans happen every day on every website. It is the equivalent of a potential burglar driving down your street looking for open windows.
- A "probe" is an *unsuccessful* attempt to gain access to a system. This is what happened to our online voter registration and ballot request system before the 2016 General Election. This is the equivalent of a potential burglar trying to open a door but the door is locked. Because of the security measures we had in place, our "door" was locked. After a couple of attempts, the individual or individuals behind this attempt moved on.
- A "breach" or "hack" is a *successful* attempt to gain access to a system. There is no evidence that our systems were or have been breached or hacked.

Check out these links for more information:

[Maryland's Voting System - Security Features and Practices](#)

[Maryland's Voter Registration Systems - Security Features and Practices](#)

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**Contacting Us**

- **General Questions:** Call 240-777-8533
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- **Fax:** 240-777-8578; **Website:** [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org).
- **Mailing Address**  
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**Recruiters**

**Election Day**

Uricka Battle – Districts 1, 2, 3, 9, 11 and 12	240-777-8659
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Aishah Mills-Pherigo – District 13	240-777-8572

**Early Voting**

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Maria Rodriguez	240-777-8573

