

MORSEcode

serving voters with excellence and civic pride

Franklin County Board of Elections

SEPTEMBER 2019

OUR MISSION

"To recruit, train, and place the best poll workers who are committed to serving voters with excellence and civic pride."

GOOD TO KNOW

- The BOE is taking serious steps to improve the Poll Worker Hotline (614.525.4100) service on Election Day. Plans are being made to increase the number of phone lines and staff that are available to solve problems and answer questions throughout the day. We recognize that changes need to be implemented after many calls were dropped or placed on "endless hold" during the 2019 May Primary Election.
- Brush up on your **Morse Code** and decipher the important message hidden throughout the newsletter. The answer is on page 2. Have fun!

GENERAL INFORMATION

FRANKLIN COUNTY DEBUTS NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT

Those of you who worked as Precinct Election Officials (PEOs) in the 2019 May Primary Election were instrumental in helping the Board of Elections (BOE) successfully "roll out" the new Ballot Marker and Ballot Counter voting equipment. A total of 265 Voting Locations were opened for the election; favorable responses from both voters and PEOs were given after they used the new machines.

What was the comment that we received the most from PEOs? The closing procedure was much simpler and VERY fast!!

The 2019 General Election will be a full county election so the voting system will be used county-wide in November.



VOTING EQUIPMENT OUTREACH EVENTS

In an effort to provide voters with the opportunity to use the new voting system prior to actually casting a ballot on Election Day, the BOE has scheduled numerous outreach events throughout Franklin County. Depending on the audience and/or event, PowerPoint presentations have been given, PEO trainers have led equipment demonstrations or an "open house" setting was created at fairs, festivals, libraries and community buildings.



If you or someone you know would be interested in scheduling an outreach event to showcase the new voting system, please contact Sara Ziembra at 614.525.5267.



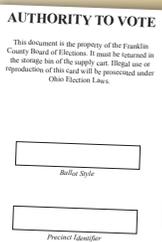
VOTING LOCATION MANAGER

In an effort to help you best utilize your team on Election Day, here is a description for a couple of the positions:

- Voting Location Deputy: Your assistant that has been trained on the voting system and as a Paper Ballot Captain. Many times he/she is a "VLM in training," or has served previously as a VLM.
- Paper Ballot Captain: PEO who uses the Provisional Envelope template to ensure that each section on the envelope is complete, and checks the ballot style on the Electronic Poll Book to ensure the correct ballot was issued. However, this PEO is NOT the "boss" over the Paper Ballot Judges! --- -- - - - - -

ROSTER JUDGE

If you encounter a problem with an Electronic Poll Book printer, a pad of printed Authority To Vote (ATV) Slips is provided in the VLM supplies. Write each voter's information on the ATV until the issue is fixed.

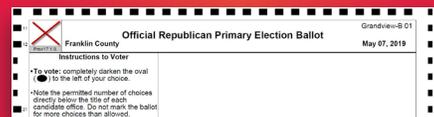


VOTING MACHINE JUDGE

In an effort to provide independent voting experiences to all voters, Franklin County provides a Kiosk Ballot Marker for voters who are unable to place a marked ballot card in the Ballot Counter. The ballot drops into an attached chute that is returned to the Board of Elections by the VLM. The ballot is then tabulated on election night.

PAPER BALLOT JUDGE

Now that requesting a Pre-Printed Ballot is an option in every election, be sure to place an 'X' in the box in the upper left corner of **ALL Provisional Ballots** to ensure that it cannot be read by the Ballot Counter.





★ PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Removing Pressure On Election Morning By Moving To Monday Setup

Franklin County piloted an “early setup” program for the 2019 Primary Election. Six locations were chosen, and PEOs who were assigned to each one went to the location on Monday. The team was able to setup signs, materials, tables and extension cords which made Election Day morning less hectic.

Because of the feedback that we received from those who participated, if you are assigned to a location with 3 or more precincts (LID 3000 and above), you too will be able to take pressure off of the election morning “rush” and get a jump on setting up your location. More details will follow in the weeks to come!

Can't Upload the Supplemental Absentee List Before Polls Open?

If your team has problems uploading the Supplemental Absentee List to the Electronic Poll Books using the ISync Drive, you can manually check for the names of those voters who requested an Absentee Ballot on a list that is delivered to the Voting Location Manager on Monday Night. If a voter on the list wants to vote on Election Day, he/she must be processed as a Provisional Voter. Continue to use this method until the list is uploaded via the ISync Drive.



Why is completing a Post-election PEO Survey so important?

The PEO Department uses the comments that you share on your PEO survey to:

- Make changes that are needed at Voting Locations
- Adapt a form or process to better assist you on Election Day
- Track performances of your team members

Please continue to use this important communication tool following every election as we implement great suggestions when feasible.

Why was PEO Training moved off site from the Board of Elections?

About the same time that you are reading this newsletter, a Bank of America branch located in the BOE parking lot is having its grand opening. As a result, there are no longer enough parking spaces available to have early voting and PEO training simultaneously scheduled.

Most PEO training classes and Practice Makes Perfect will take place at The Piedmont Building/750 Piedmont Avenue/ Columbus OH 43224. This is a great facility that meets all of our training needs.

FAQ



SECRETARY OF STATE



Secretary of State LaRose Announces Winner Of The 'I Voted' Sticker Design Contest

Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced the winner of the 'I Voted' sticker contest.

“This isn't just about a sticker. This is about something much bigger than that. This is about getting young Ohioans excited about voting -- this impactful, powerful act.”

The contest attracted over 2,000 entries from 6th to 12th grade students. Secretary LaRose selected the three finalists and more than 15,000 votes were cast for the winner -- Emily Legg, a 12th grader from Teays Valley High School in Pickaway County.



★ DICTIONARY OF TERMS

1.) Ballot Marker

- a) A magic marker that voters use to fill in ovals on a Pre-printed ballot
- b) Signs used by Paper Ballot Judges to “mark” the stack of Pre-printed ballots
- c) The voting machine that voters use to electronically mark their blank ballot card
- d) Part of the new voting system that is available in table top and kiosk models

2.) Ballot Counter

- a) A PEO assigned to make “tick marks” for every voter who votes in the location
- b) Voting equipment that voters use to scan their marked ballot
- c) A hand held device used by Machine Judges to track ADA Provisional voters
- d) The section of the voting location where voters “order” Pre-printed ballots



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 23
Youth at the Booth training starts

September 30
PEO Training begins

October 7
Voter Registration deadline

October 8
Early Absentee Voting begins

November 1-3
Practice Makes Perfect

November 5
Election Day

KNOW SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?

Have them call us at 614/525-5393 or go online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/precinct-official/>



Morse Code hidden in Newsletter: Monday setup is helpful
Morse Code hidden in banner: PEO
Answers: 1. c and d, 2. b

