

MORSEcode

Precinct Election Officials (PEO) Division Newsletter



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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

If you are a Location Liaison (LL), you are not just a greeter. Often, LLs are the first and last poll workers to interact with voters. LLs ensure that voters scan their voted ballots into Ballot Counters before voters exit voting locations. LLs fulfill other duties assigned by Voting Location Managers (VLMs), such as reminding voters to have their photo IDs ready, pointing out to voters Sample Ballots available in voting locations, directing voters throughout locations, and passing out "I Voted Today" stickers.

Brush up on **Morse Code** and decipher the important message hidden throughout the newsletter. The answer is on the bottom of the next page.

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Electronic Poll Book Will Be Part Of Pilot Program

In the November 7, 2023, General Election, a new Electronic Poll Book from Tenex Software Solutions, Inc., called Precinct Central Touchpad ("Touchpad"), will be part of a pilot program for the Franklin County Board of Elections (BOE), with 22 units divided between LID 9002 - Ohio Union and LID 5017 - Thompson Recreation Center.

Electronic Poll Books enable poll workers to move voters quickly through the voter check-in process and on to voting. However, Touchpad is more than an Electronic Poll Book. Touchpad incorporates modern technology and is a comprehensive election management system for Election Day activity. For example, Touchpad provides concise instructions for Roster Judges as they process voters (e.g., "No voter found. Search again. If still not found, touch VOTER NOT FOUND.>").

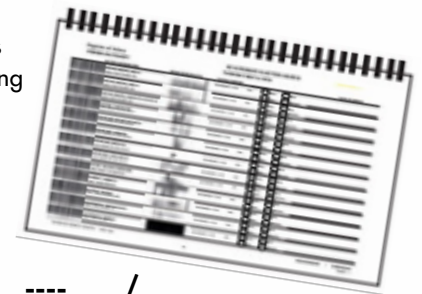
Touchpad also is being used for Early In-person Voting at the BOE for the current election and is getting great reviews. Stay connected for the latest news about Touchpad and the outcome of the pilot program!



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VOTING LOCATION MANAGER

If a voter gives an address that is different from what shows in the paper Signature Poll Book for that voter, look for one of three scenarios. Start by having the Roster Judge check the voter's stated address in the yellow Polling Location Street Guide: (1) if the voter moved within the voting location and within the same precinct, the voter may complete a Voter Registration/Change of Address Form and vote in the location as a Regular Voter; (2) if the voter moved within the voting location, but outside the precinct, the voter must vote a Provisional Paper Ballot; or (3) if the voter's address is not in the voting location, check the green County Street and Road Guide and complete a Transfer Form for the voter to go to the correct voting location to vote.



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ROSTER JUDGE

Be sure to have each Regular Voter sign the paper Signature Poll Book on the correct signature line for that voter before the voter leaves the table. Apply the SIGN HERE sticky to the right of where the voter must sign, have the voter sign, check the signature, and then remove the sticky and fill in the circle to the right of the voter's signature.



VOTING MACHINE JUDGE

Most locations will have an option for voters to cast write-in votes. VLMs will have a list of Write-in Candidates for voters. Voters will press a write-in button for a pop-up keyboard and key in the Write-in Candidate's name on the keyboard for the name to be recorded and added to the list of candidates' names. Return the write-in list to the VLM.

PAPER BALLOT JUDGE

When processing a Regular Voter who chooses to vote a Pre-printed Ballot, before directing the voter to the area for Regular Voters voting Pre-printed Ballots, remind the voter to vote both sides of the ballot and to deposit the completed Pre-printed Ballot into the Ballot Counter. Do not place a Regular Voter's voted Pre-printed Ballot in a yellow Provisional Envelope.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do veteran ID cards issued by county recorders qualify as valid photo identification for In-person Voting purposes?

No, because House Bill 458 limits eligible military IDs to be used by voters as photo identification for In-person Voting to:

- U.S. military ID cards;
- Ohio national guard ID cards; and
- U.S. department of veterans affairs ID cards.

Can Ohio residents, without a valid driver's license, apply to receive a free Ohio ID card?

Yes, Ohioans who are 17 years of age or older may be eligible to receive a free ID card from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Contact the BMV at 844-644-6268 or visit www.bmv.ohio.gov/dl-identity-documents.aspx for more information.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Ohio Leads National Effort To Modernize Election Data Sharing

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose announced on September 17 that his office formalized data sharing agreements with election officials in Florida, Virginia, and West Virginia in a nationwide effort to keep elections accurate and accountable. These agreements enable the states involved to implement state-specific data sharing and security protocols for the secure exchange of voter information, giving the states in the agreements the ability to analyze records for evidence of cross-state voter fraud and duplicate voter registrations. The agreements came from a working group of 27 states, and additional agreements are expected.

"This is a major new development as states look to move beyond the old model of sharing voter data through an unaccountable third-party vendor," declared Secretary LaRose. "Ohio took the lead on this election integrity project, and it's only one aspect of the work we're doing to keep our elections honest as we prepare for the next presidential election year."

September 25
In-person PEO Training begins

October 10
Last day to register to vote

October 11
Absentee Voting by Mail begins

Early In-person Voting begins at BOE

October 31
Absentee Ballot Applications must be received by BOE by 8:30 pm

November 5
Early In-person Voting ends at BOE

November 6
Absentee Ballots mailed to BOE must be postmarked by this date

November 7
General Election

Absentee Ballots personally delivered to BOE must be received by 7:30 pm

November 13
Last day for BOE to receive Absentee Ballots postmarked on or before November 6

SOMETHING WONDERFUL!



VLM Dennis Yep shared with the BOE this wonderful photo of the PEO Team for LID 4005 – Worthington United Methodist Church, for the August 8, 2023, Special Election, and thanked the team for successfully processing 1,445 voters without any major problems! Will your PEO Team have a photo from a future election to share with us?

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KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?

If so, please have that person call us at 614-525-5393 or go to the Franklin County Board of Elections' website: vote.franklincountyohio.gov, and click on the MENU button. On the next screen, click on "Be a Poll Worker" (under POLL WORKER) for the online application. Or scan the QR code here with your smartphone camera for the online application.



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WATCH FOR UPDATES ABOUT TOUCHPAD'S USE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM!

