

MORSEcode

serving voters with excellence and civic pride

Franklin County Board of Elections

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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

- Allow any voter to vote who is in line at 7:30 PM. Post a PEO at the end of the line to inform voters arriving after 7:30 PM that the polls are closed.
- 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

A Summer Worth Remembering

If you were to ask employees of the Board of Elections to describe the summer of 2016, a common theme in each answer would be "very unique." As exclusive as every election season can be, the month of August was unprecedented because of two simultaneous Special Elections. Columbus and Minerva Park held August 2nd elections while Upper Arlington had a Special on August 23rd. Because of the overlap, Early Vote Center Hours and Voting Equipment had to be set for both elections, Absentee Ballots needed careful confirmation to match the correct election, and our IT department came up with several "workarounds" to produce needed information. We certainly will remember the Summer of 2016!



Thank You For Helping To Ensure That All Voters Have Access To Your Voting Location

ADA compliance is very important on Election Day, and as a Precinct Election Official, you help make certain that every voter has equal access into your voting location. This summer, teams of two visited locations to measure slopes of parking lots, count the number of permanent ADA parking spots, ensure that doors are wide enough for wheelchairs and walkers, plus much, much more. Through that research, we're able to determine what temporary ADA equipment that you need to set up to meet ADA requirements.

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VOTING LOCATION MANAGER

How to best utilize a Voting Location Deputy

You may have a Voting Location Deputy (VLD) for the November election. Having attended a VLM class, your VLD may be a former VLM or perhaps one in training. Either way, he/she will be a great resource. Some ideas on how to best utilize your VLD include: putting them in charge of setting up ADA equipment, placing them as a "team captain" over your Machine or Roster Judges, assisting any Curbside Voters, and giving them a specific assignment during closing.



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Great Tips to help us prepare for November 8th

Military ID cards must be accepted:

Whether or not they contain the voter's name or address.

However, the Military ID card (or copies of such cards) must allow a PEO to determine that it is the military ID of the person who is presenting it.



VOTING MACHINE JUDGE

To ensure voter privacy:

Position your machines in a way that makes certain that others won't walk behind people who are voting. Consequently, you may need to limit the number of machines that are daisy chained together.



PAPER BALLOT JUDGE

You use Form 12-D when:

A voter refuses to cast a ballot in a correct precinct. He/she votes a Provisional Ballot, and is advised that a ballot cast in a wrong precinct cannot be counted. Complete and attach Form 12-D to the Provisional Envelope.

ROSTER JUDGE





★ PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

The number of Observers, Pollsters, Media Representatives and people who are electioneering will greatly increase during the November election. It's important to remember what each group is and isn't allowed to do on Election Day. Here's a quick recap:

Observers: Observers are allowed in the Voting Location as early as 6:00 AM and may stay until after the polls are closed. They're permitted to observe the polling place as long as they don't interfere with the voting process. Each Observer must have a Certificate of Appointment for your precinct/location.

Pollsters: Pollsters conducting exit polls are permitted outside the voting location – even within 100 feet of the entrance – but should not interfere with an orderly voting process. Pollsters are not

allowed to be inside the voting location and may not engage in electioneering within 100 feet of the entrance.

Credentialed members of the media: Representatives of the press are permitted inside the Voting Location. However, they may not interfere with the PEO's or voters' activities. Please contact the BOE if members of the media visit your voting location.

People who are electioneering: Campaigning / Electioneering or the posting and / or distribution of campaign material within 100 feet of the entrance of the voting location is illegal. If the line of voters extends beyond the 100-foot line, electioneering is prohibited within 10 feet of any voter waiting in line outside the 100-foot zone.

Why aren't voters required to 'show' ID when voting at The Early Vote Center?

Voters who vote at The Early Vote Center are actually casting an Absentee Ballot, which means that their ID requirements are the same as voters who request an Absentee Ballot through the mail. The voter completes an application which can include either his/her last 4 digits of a SS# or entire license number.

A BOE staff member is able to verify the ID information and signature on the application by comparing it to the voter's record contained in our computer system. In the Early Vote Center, that comparison takes place while the voter is present. In those cases, a 'physical' ID is not required, which mimics the process for an Absentee Ballot that is mailed. - -

Why do lines always form at one particular Signature Poll Book

Have you ever noticed that it seems like there is always one particular Signature Poll Book in a voting location that has a line of voters waiting, while Roster Judges at the other Poll Books are begging for voters? As a way to limit the chances of this happening during the General Election, the PEO staff has taken time to study most of the 378 voting locations and, when possible, made adjustments to even out the number of voters assigned to each Signature Poll Book.

FAQ

SECRETARY OF STATE

Bipartisan Group of Elected Officials, Ohio Business Leaders Launch Program to Recruit Poll Workers Statewide

COLUMBUS– Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted [today] announced the official launch of the Day for Democracy program which will involve businesses, nonprofits and other organizations in helping to recruit poll workers ahead of the 2016 Presidential General Election in November. The program specifically asks organizations to become a partner by distributing information to their members and employees on how they can dedicate a "day for democracy" by volunteering to become a poll worker on Election Day.

The launch event, which was held at the national headquarters of Nationwide in downtown Columbus, also featured executives from founding Day for Democracy partners, Nationwide and American Electric Power (AEP).

... The Franklin County Board of Elections was on-hand after the event to get Nationwide employees signed up to be poll workers this November. - - - . - .



★ DICTIONARY OF TERMS

1). Yellow Polling Location Street Guide

- a) A resource used at the Paper Ballot table to determine a Provisional Voter's Ballot Style Number.
- b) A list containing all of the streets and Voting Locations in Franklin County.
- c) An alphabetical list of every street in a specific polling location.
- d) Both a and c.

2). Paper Ballot by Request

- a) A voting option for Regular Voters who request to vote using a paper ballot.
- b) A ballot that is placed in a Tan Secrecy Envelope at the Paper Ballot table.
- c) An option that is only available for General Elections in even-numbered years and Presidential Primary Elections.
- d) All of the above.

KNOW SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 19**
PEO Training Begins
Youth at the Booth Training Begins
- October 11**
Voter Registration Deadline
- October 12**
In-Person Absentee Voting Begins
- Nov. 4 thru Nov. 6**
Practice Makes Perfect
- November 8**
General Election



Morse Code Hidden in Newsletter: Front Row Seat for Democracy
Morse Code hidden in banner: PEO
Answers: 1.d, 2.d

