

Election Judge News

Montgomery County Board of Elections Winter 2015

We hope you had a pleasant holiday season. A new year has begun and as usual there's a lot to get done.

Since the general election, we've compiled and reviewed your feedback from the election, including the Voter Comment Cards, the Election Worker Survey and the Peer-to-Peer Forms. We appreciate you taking the time to provide your input and thoughts. The information will help us as we prepare for the 2016 elections.

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In Memoriam – Nancy Dacek, Secretary, Montgomery County Board of Elections passed away in January 2015.



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Nancy Dacek served on the Board of Elections for more than a decade, including a term as President from 2003 to 2007 and her current unexpired term as Secretary. She was instrumental in the relocation of the Board to a new modern facility, supported the implementation of electronic poll books in Montgomery County to improve managing lines at the polls and assisted in the implementation of Early Voting for the County. The entire Board and its staff are grateful for her consistent leadership and sound advice throughout her tenure.

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Maryland's New Voting System

In December, the State of Maryland selected a new voting system to be used statewide; starting with the April 2016 Primary election.

The new optical scan voting system will allow voters to feed their hand-marked paper ballot into an optical scanner for tabulation. Most precincts will have one scanner in the polling place. For voters with disabilities, who may be unable to hand-mark a ballot, the system includes the Express Vote, ballot marking device, which captures the voter's selection and prints them on a paper activation card. The activation card will also be inserted into and read by the scanner.

Over the next couple of months, we will be working to implement the new system. Once the State Board of Elections sends us our new equipment, we'll conduct a series of demonstrations and information opportunities throughout the County.



The DS200 precinct-based vote scanner and tabulator:

- Accumulates and transmits votes directly from the polling place via a modem
- Processes both ballots marked by hand and the ballot activation cards generated by the ballot marking device
- Is lightweight, compact, and easy to set up and use in the polling place

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The ExpressVote ballot marking device:

- Allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently
- Features audio and visual formats
- Permits selection changes before ballot is printed
- Produces a voter verifiable paper record
- Supports multiple languages
- Easy to set up and use



The Express Pass Printer

- Check-in judges use ExpressPass Printers to print the activation cards that voters use to activate ExpressVote ballot marking devices
- Voters' selections are encoded and captured on the activation cards
- After making their selections, voters feed their activation cards into the DS200 for tabulation

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Working the 2016 elections

In December 2015, we will begin staffing for the 2016 election cycle. At that time we will contact all current election judges and ask them to update their personal data, contact information and availability online.

Until then, there's nothing for you to do; but please remember to let us know if you move or change your address, email or telephone number.

New Judges Needed

Community Outreach and Recruitment - We will conduct several targeted recruitment efforts this year for new judges. We are also scheduled to attend numerous community events so that we have an opportunity to talk to voters about the importance of being an Election Judge.

Recruiters are available to speak to community groups and organizations about Election Judge Service. Please contact us on 240-777-8533 or by email election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov to set up a visit.

Election Judges with Spanish Speaking Fluency are needed across the county, *SIGN UP TODAY* or call Dr. Gilberto Zelaya on 240-777-8532 for information or email gilberto.zelaya@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Check us out!

Stop by our booth at the following events and say "Hello". Bring a friend or family member to get signed up to be an Election Judge.

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| Feb 18 | Montgomery College – Rockville Campus Volunteer Fair
51 Mannakee St, PE Building; Rockville
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm |
| March 21 | "Let's Get it Started" Youth Job Fair – Silver Spring Civic Building
8525 Fenton St, Silver Spring
11:00 am – 2:00 pm |
| March 28 | Montgomery County Green Fest
At Mont. College/Takoma Park and Jesup Blair Park
7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring
11:00 am – 4:00 pm |

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Contacting Us

General Questions: call us at **240-777-8533** or fax us at 240-777-8578

Email: election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov

Website: www.777vote.org

Mailing Address: Montgomery County Board of Elections, Election Judge Program,
P.O. Box 4710, Rockville, MD 20849-4710

Contact your Recruiter Directly

Please call the recruiter for your **Election District**-Precinct (example: **01**-01 or **13**-44).

- **Jessica Jones** - District 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 13
240-777-8577 Jessica.jones@montgomerycountymd.gov
- **Deborah Hamer** - Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12
240-777-8571 Deborah.hamer@montgomerycountymd.gov

Keeping Us Informed – Please keep your voter registration and contact information current. Notify us of any changes by completing an Election Judge Personal Information Update Form, available on our website (login, click on "*Resources*", then select "*Update Contact Information*"). Send your form by mail, email or fax.

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