

Election Worker News
Montgomery County Board of Elections
September 2025



Have You Marked Your Calendar for the 2026 Election Cycle?

2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election

- **Early Voting** - Thursday, **June 11, 2026** through Thursday, **June 18, 2026**
- **Primary Election** - Tuesday, **June 23, 2026**

2026 Gubernatorial General Election

- **Early Voting** - Thursday, **October 22, 2026** through Thursday, **October 29, 2026**
- **General Election** - Tuesday, **November 3, 2026**

Election Cycle Kick-Off

- **Election Judge training** will begin in **March 2026**.

Are You Ready to Serve?

Please be sure your information is complete and correct!

- ✓ **Voter Registration** - To update your *name, party affiliation, residential or mailing address*, please visit [Voter Registration](#).
- ✓ **Contact Information** – Returning Election Judges can update your *phone number, email or emergency contact*, visit your [EJ Connection](#) account and select **Update Personal Information**.
- ✓ Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to serve as Election Workers! They can visit [EJ Connection](#) to create an account and complete an online application.

You will receive periodic news and updates from our Recruitment section as we prepare for the upcoming election.

We look forward to your participation!

Got Questions or Need Help?

- **General Questions:** 240-777-8533
- **Email:** election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov
- **Website:** www.777vote.org
- **Mailing Address:**
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What's Happening at the Board of Elections

In non-election years without a major election, the Board of Elections focuses on activities to build the foundations for successful elections.

Key activities include:

- **Candidate Filing**
The Voter Services section continues to process and verify candidate applications for the 2026 races to appear on the ballot.
- **Voter Registration**
The Voter Registration section processes updates to voter records received directly from voters or from other government agencies and systems as a part of our on-going voter registration list maintenance activities.
- **Community Outreach**
The Outreach section attends local community events to maintain engagement with the public to share information, recruit volunteers, and promote civic participation.

National Voter Registration Day is September 16, 2025, and we will have tables at several libraries throughout the County. Please visit our [Outreach Calendar](#) for an event near you!
- **Polling Place Contracts and Surveys**
The Election Operations section is finalizing polling place agreements and conducting site visits to ensure all locations meet legal and accessibility requirements.
- **Collaboration on Legislation**
The Election Director collaborates with our partner agencies to plan for the 2026 election cycle – it takes a village to administer successful elections!
- **Election Judge Training Development**
The Training section continues to partner with colleagues across the state to update and improve training manuals and materials for Election Judges.

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Questions We Are Frequently Asked

Q: What is an Election Worker?

A: Election Workers are Maryland registered voters who volunteer to assist during the election process. Volunteers may serve as *Election Judges* (poll workers), *Drop Box Runners*, *Canvassers* or in the *Nursing Home Program*. For more information, visit [Program Overview](#).

Q: How much Election Judge (poll worker) training am I required to complete?

A: Election Judges are required by law to complete in-person training prior to each election. If you complete training to serve in the Primary Election, you will also need to complete in-person training to serve in the General Election. (You receive a stipend for both training events.) While you have the option to schedule your training online to select a date, time, and location for your training, our recruiters can assist you.

Q: Am I eligible to receive the returning election judge bonus?

A: Under Maryland Election Law, volunteers who served as Election Judges during the most recent statewide election (**2024**) are eligible for a bonus in the **2026 election cycle** in the following amounts:

- **\$50** per part-day served during Early Voting or Election Day
- **\$100** per full day served during Early Voting or Election Day

If you last served in the 2022 election cycle (or earlier) **and did not serve in 2024** you are **not eligible for the bonus**.

If you served in 2024 as a *Canvasser*, *Drop Box Runner*, or as a team member of the *Nursing Home Program*, you are **not eligible to receive a bonus in 2026**.

Visit [Election Worker Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact Recruitment if you have other questions.

Section Spotlight: Elections Operations

The **Elections Operations** section of the Montgomery County Board of Elections provides an essential behind-the-scenes role in ensuring the successful planning, preparation and execution of each election for the voters of Montgomery County.

Election Operations is responsible for:

- ✓ Polling place supply preparation and logistics
- ✓ Overseeing election equipment delivery to the 14 early voting centers and the 230 polling places in the County
- ✓ Conducting polling place site evaluations to ensure compliance and accessibility
- ✓ Managing polling place contracts with property managers
- ✓ Coordinating ballot ordering, and delivery based on expected voter turnout
- ✓ Managing daily collection of voted ballots from 58 drop box locations over a seven-week period

**Introducing
Melinda “Mindy” Williams
*Election Operations Manager***

Mindy joined the Board of Elections in 2022 during the Gubernatorial General Election.

Mindy works closely with the Election Operations team and is responsible for managing a variety of election logistics including deployment of ballot drop boxes; preparation and distribution of polling place materials; and conducting polling place surveys to ensure ADA and operational compliance.

Mindy’s leadership and dedication to ensuring compliance with federal and state election laws are essential to delivering efficient, effective, and fair elections in Montgomery County.



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Recruitment Section

Our Recruitment team is available **Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** We can assist you with updating your EJ Connection account or answering any questions you have about serving in the 2026 elections.

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