Montgomery County Board of Elections
March 2025



What's happening at BOE?

The Montgomery County Board of Elections staff delivered the <u>2024 Presidential Election Presentation</u> at the February 3, 2025, Board meeting. The presentation provides an overview of the 2025 Presidential election cycle and touches upon so many aspects of the election process that were made successful by you – THANK YOU.

Board of Election staff has begun preparation for the 2026 Gubernatorial Elections. This includes evaluating your and voters' feedback, collaborating with the Maryland State Board of Elections on updates to training for Election Judges, and early planning with MCPS, County Government Agencies and various vendors as it certainly 'takes a village' to administer successful election.

Maryland General Assembly has been in session since January 8, 2025, and a significant number of elections related bills has been introduced. For more information, please see the <u>2025 Election</u> <u>Legislation Tracking</u> as presented at the last Board meeting on February 3, 2025.

Highlights from the Presidential General Elections

Impressive Voter Feedback

- 94.24% of voters were satisfied with their voting experience
- 96.04% of voters were satisfied with Election Judge interactions
- 95.93% of voters considered the polling placed to be well organized

Excellent Volunteers Participation in the 2024 Presidential General Election

- 1299 future vote program volunteers
- 3938 Election Judges served on Election Day
- 246 Election Workers served as Canvassers
- Zero Field Promoted Chief Judges two trained Chief Judges served at each polling place on Election Day

Returning Service Bonus

• 1821 Election Judges received bonus for service at a polling place

Lowlights from the 2024 Presidential General Elections

Volunteer Participation

- 1,142 volunteers completed application but did not complete training for the Primary Election and 1,294 for the general Election
- 209 Election Judges completed training but did not serve in the General Election and 297 in the Primary Election
- 44 Field Promoted Chief Judges on the Primary Election Day as there were not enough trained Chief Judges to serve at each polling place on Primary Election Day.

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Pick-A-Pal Promotion



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pick-A-Pal Promotion during the 2024 Election Cycle. Congratulations again to our winners from Presidential Primary Elections Eamon Vahidi and Lucy Opalk and the Presidential General Election Qwyen Le and Clara Wang. They each received the spectacular prize of an AMC Movie Theater Gift Card for two (valued at \$50.00), a commemorative Pick-A-Pal coffee mug, and a meeting with the Election Director and Recruitment Team. The Promotion will return for the 2026 Election Cycle.



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Did you know?

The word "ballot" comes from the Italian word *ballotta*, meaning "small ball." In medieval Venice, people used small colored or marked balls to vote. Today, the word "ballot" refers to the different ways people cast their vote–whether it's using a ball, a piece of paper, or a touchscreen.



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Keep Us Informed

Please keep your voter registration and contact information current. To update your voter registration (party, residential or mailing address, name), visit <u>Voter Registration</u>. To update your Election Worker information (phone number, email or emergency contact), visit your <u>EJ Connection</u> account and select Update Personal Information.

Next Elections: Mark your calendar!

The next elections will be held in 2026.

The 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election:

- Primary Election Tuesday, June 30, 2026
- Early Voting Thursday, June 18, 2026 through Thursday, June 25, 2026

The 2026 Gubernatorial General Election:

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

Please expect perodic news and updates from the Montgomery County Board of Elections Recruitment Team as we prepare for the upcoming elections, and we encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to serve as Election Workers.



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Recruitment Team

Recruitment Office

The Recruitment Team is available Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Recruitment Team will assist you through the application, training, and the service assignment process. Please contact the Recruitment Office with any questions.

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We look forward to working with you!