

POLLWORKER NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
204 N. MAIN STREET
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WINTER 2010



The Year To Come...

2010 promises to be a busy election year. The staff of the Allen County Board of Elections is already busy preparing for the May 4th Primary Election. Poll worker training dates have been established and appear in this newsletter for your convenience.

We are proud of the partnership we share with you, our precinct workers in delivering fair and honest elections to the voters of Allen County. Democracy is very alive in our community due to your efforts. The work you do is extremely important and we appreciate your service.

This year it is more important than ever that we all perform our duties effectively. Ohio and Allen County voters will be electing a U.S. Senator, all 18 Representatives to the U.S. Congress, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Senators and Representatives, County Commissioners and various Judicial Officials. We can also expect to see a variety of State and local issues on the ballot in 2010.

We will be contacting you soon to schedule training and precinct assignments. Please begin reviewing your schedules to accommodate the necessary time commitments required for these responsibilities. We look forward to your continued service to the voters of Allen County and again thank you for your dedication to the Democratic process.

With best personal regards,

Keith A. Cunningham, Director

It's that time again...time for Spring Training

Who needs training?

All Presiding Judges, Assistant Presiding Judges, Supervisors,
Rovers, New Workers, and Anyone who has not been trained since 2007.

Assistant & Presiding Judge Classes		Rover Class		Poll Supervisor Classes	
Thursday, April 8th	10am or 7pm	Tuesday, April 27th	2pm	Tuesday, April 27th	7pm
Tuesday, April 13th	10am or 7pm	New Worker Class		Thursday, April 29th	2pm
Wednesday, April 14th	2pm	Wednesday, April 14th	7pm		

Call us to schedule your preferred class.

Democrats call Christina 419-224-2628

Republicans call Michele 419-224-2709

**If we don't hear from you,
you will automatically be assigned to a class.**



Refresher Points...

VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Acceptable Forms of Identification

Current and valid Ohio Drivers License or *State Identification

*Military Identification

*Copy of a Current Utility Bill

*Copy of a Bank Statement

*Copy of a Gov't Document

*These documents must show the voter's name and current address.

★ Identification is a **requirement** not an option.

★ Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity.

★ Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a **Provisional** Ballot.

★ Voters who do not have any of these forms of identification,

including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation and by casting a **Provisional** Ballot.

★ If a voter has a valid Drivers License with an address that **does not** match the Poll Book, the ID is accepted and the voter **does not** vote a **Provisional** Ballot.

★ An Election Notice or Voter Registration Notification is **not** a valid form of identification.

ABSENTEE VOTING

★ Poll Workers, you may want to vote Absentee, especially if you work outside your voting precinct.

★ Absentee Voting begins March 30th.

★ In Person Voting can be done at the BOE office through the day before Election Day.

★ Absentee applications by Mail can be accepted until noon on the Saturday before Election Day.

★ No Absentee Voting may be done on Election Day.

★ An Absentee Ballot **can not** be returned to a polling location, it must be returned to the BOE office by the close of polls.

★ If a voter insists on leaving an Absentee Ballot with you at the polls, explain to the voter that it will not be counted if it is not returned to the BOE office before the close of polls.

★ In the Poll Book, be sure to write "Absentee" on the signature line for a voter on the Absentee list.



COMMUNICATION! COMMUNICATION! COMMUNICATION!

Communication has become essential to good Election management practice. The more ways we can communicate with you and you with us, the better our Election team will be. For that reason we have set up a special email address which you can use to update us with any information you'd like to share, such as cell phone # or email address.

pollworkers@allencountyohio.com

Visit us on the Web!

www.allencountyohio.com

Things you can find on our website

- Absentee Request Form
- Registration Form
- Candidates and Issues on the Ballot
- Election Results
- Much More



Refresher Points Continued...

PARTISAN PRIMARY

- ★ Voters **must** be asked “would you like a Democrat, Republican or an Issues only ballot.”
- ★ It is **O.K.** for a voter to change their Party.
- ★ If the voter wants a different Party Ballot then what is listed in the Poll Book, **DO NOT** refuse the request.
- ★ If a voter changes from one Party to the other, the voter **must** sign the Challenge Form.

- ★ If a voter changes from Undeclared to a Party, then the voter **does not** sign the Challenge Form.
- ★ If a voter changes from a Party to Undeclared, the voter **does not** sign the Challenge Form.
- ★ In order to remain a poll worker for the current party for which you are working, you **must** take that Party Ballot in a Partisan Primary. If you take the opposite Party Ballot, you are subject to removal.

- ★ In the Poll Book, be sure to have the voter mark a “D” for Democrat “R” for Republican or “X” for an Issues only ballot.



17 YEAR OLD VOTERS

- ★ You may have 17 year old voters.
- ★ The Poll Book will have 17 year old voters noted in the book.
- ★ Be sure that the ballot is placed in the envelope for 17 year old voters.
- ★ The envelope goes in the emergency slot of the tabulator.
- ★ **DO NOT** allow the ballot to go through the tabulator.



What 17 year olds
CAN NOT vote on?

- **CAN NOT** vote on issues.
- **CAN NOT** vote on State and County Central Committee Members.



What 17 year olds
CAN vote on?

- **CAN** vote on all other candidates only.
- Because these candidates will advance to the General Election.

Refer a Friend! Win Cool Prizes!

Invite your friends to become poll workers.

It's as easy as 1,2,3!!

1. Drop it in the mail or 2. Email us: pollworkers@allencountyohio.com or 3. Call us: 419-223-8530

For each worker that you recommend and who commits to becoming a poll worker, you will be entered into a drawing for cool prizes!!

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Friend's Name: _____ Political Party: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Drawings will be held after the New Worker Class, before the Primary and the General Election in 2010!



Mark Your Calendar...

- ★ Voter Registration Deadline - - April 5th
- ★ Absentee Voting Begins - - March 30th
- ★ Training - - Weeks of April 5th & April 12th
- ★ Primary Election Day - - Tuesday, May 4th
- ★ Supply Pickup - - May 1st & 3rd 8:30-noon
- ★ General Election Day - - Tuesday, November 2nd

★★ Machine Review Open House★★

Everyone's Welcome!!

If you need to review the M100 Tabulator or the Automark, this session is for you!!

April 16th

1pm - 4pm

Board of Elections Office

Plan Ahead...

- ★ Be committed on Election Day, May 4th, **DO NOT CANCEL!**
- ★ If for an unforeseen reason you need to cancel, contact us immediately.
- ★ Be on time Election Day morning; you are expected to be there by 6am.
- ★ Be prepared to stay and close the poll with your fellow poll workers.
- ★ Presiding Judges be sure to call your precinct workers prior to Election Day.
- ★ Study your Election Day materials to be prepared for Election Day.
- ★ Precinct Officials call the office to confirm that you will be available.
- ★ Alternate Workers call the office to confirm that you will be available.
- ★ Do Not hesitate to call our office with any questions, or concerns.

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