



Board of Elections WARREN COUNTY

Dates To Remember

- March 17th, 2020
Presidential Primary
- November 3rd, 2020
Presidential Election

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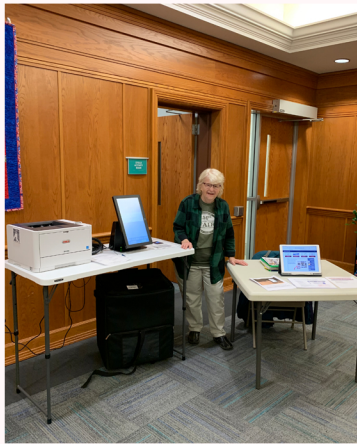
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November General Election

First, we would like to thank you for working this election and look forward to seeing you on March 17th, 2020. Training for the Primary will only be required for Voting Location Managers and Location Coordinators. Per the Ohio Secretary of State, training will be mandatory for ALL Precinct Election Officials for the Presidential General election.

As you might be aware, our ballot printer did not cut some of the ballots correctly. In many precincts, the ballots were too wide to go through the Clear Cast scanner, or the ballot would bend and go into the feeder tray, causing the scanner to jam. We also found out that some of the ballots were cut unevenly. These ballots would go through easily one direction and not the other. On election morning, we rushed over 25,000 ballots to a local print shop to have them cut to the correct size. Needless to say, we are exploring other ballot printers for future elections. Thankfully, this was a small election and didn't affect every precinct.

Our voting machine vendor, Clear Ballot, is looking at improving the processing speed of the (ballot) scanner. Many PEOs expressed their concern about the slowness during busier elections. In response to these concerns, in addition to the improved processing speed, we will be adding an additional Clear Cast scanner to three precinct locations. Hopefully this will eliminate problems with long lines. Thanks for your patience as we work to improve the voting experience for you and the voters!



Janet with the ADA machine at the YMCA polling location.



First time voting as an American citizen at the Mason Christian Village polling location.

True or False?

More counties are using paper ballots instead of touch screen voting in 2020 than in 2016.

TRUE. Most counties have purchased new voting equipment in 2019 and many have chosen paper ballots, opting to no longer vote electronically.

"Working was a pleasure! The team worked really well together!"

- David, Precinct 20

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Future Voters

PEO's at the YMCA created a wonderful opportunity with their "Children's Ballot", providing Smarties for voting. Issues on the Children's Ballot included, "Favorite Color," "Favorite Shape," and "Favorite Ice Cream".



Kids were given candy and stickers in exchange for their "Children's Ballot".



5-year-old Sophie already loves democracy!

A Closer Look at the Election

First location back to the BOE on Election Night → Franklin Fire Department at 8:20 pm
Highest voter turnout → Precinct 114 with 44.08% turnout
Lowest voter turnout → Precinct 74 with 4.14 % (a whopping 19 voters!)
Overall voter turnout for Election Day → 25.36%

Voting With A Cop

"This fine officer (a regular at our location) came in to vote and really looked like he could use a donut, so I just had to offer him one with our thanks for his service and dedication. He loved it and asked if we wanted a picture of 'voting with a cop.' Note how he's proudly holding his 'I ♥ Voting' sticker and donut. Thank you Tony (our Trouble Shooter) for the donuts (which we all enjoyed) and support all day!"

- Catherine



From left to right: Sheri, Officer Pacifico, Catherine, Joyce.

"Michael Shea and Jeremy the Trouble Shooter were just fantastic [...]. Very dedicated and conscientious. Just terrific!"

- Neil

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"I want to recognize the outstanding leadership of Tim Coffindaffer and Vicky Gregor for insuring that we implemented full team rotation throughout the day. This insured team members learned all roles and worked to deliver with excellence. [...] Vicky in particular was our most knowledgeable with all problem-solving voter issues with unique challenges. Tim is our extroverted, light-hearted comedian that makes the process professional, but fun for voters. We enjoyed them as our leaders."

- Stacia



Precinct Election Officials on Election Day at the Faith Building Church polling location.

Primary 2020 Election

This coming year, we are no doubt going to see historic voter turnout for both Primary and General Elections. Usually Primary Elections see fewer people voting than in the General. In 2016 we had a 47% turnout and in 2012 we had a 36% turnout. This Primary, we could easily surpass the 50% mark. The Primary will be on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. We hope that you are able to work this upcoming election year.

It has been confirmed that we will not have a statewide ballot issue but you will still see local issues on *some* of the ballots. That means some precincts will NOT have an "Issues Only" ballot. Remember that a voter can change or establish party affiliation ONLY during a Primary Election depending on the party ballot they request. The voter will maintain their party affiliation until the next primary election.

For the primary election, we will be training only our new Precinct Election Officials, Location Coordinators, and Voting Location Managers. For the November 3, 2020 election, the training will be mandatory for everyone per the Ohio Secretary of State's office.

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"Our team was amazing, precincts 61, 64, and 81! All three worked well under the leadership of our coordinator, Linda Bowman. She was a pro."

- Candace

"I genuinely enjoyed the entire group of VLM's and PEO's. I would love to have this same team/location for the next election [...] One other thoughtful addition was Carol Walker's husband bringing us their Keurig, along with a selection of coffees, creamers, pastries, and supplies so the entire group was warm and happily fed."

- Sheri

"We had a man who voted for the first time. According to [...] his wife, he had just become a citizen. She said he is Turkish and a Kurd, which according to her meant his vote wouldn't count if he were in Turkey. So inspiring! Also, at one time I noticed that there were three women working at our E-pollbook table; one has a British background, another, Indian, and the third was a younger gal who appeared to have Chinese heritage. Only in America!"

- Lori

A Look Ahead at the 2020 General Election

For the past several Presidential elections, our County has had a much higher-than-average turnout. In 2012, we had a 76.5% turnout, and in 2016 we had a 78.4% turnout. We will make sure that you are well equipped at the polling locations to handle the increased turnout.

Polling Locations

2020 will see several polling locations moving to new buildings. Maineville YMCA has asked us to leave, affecting the 8 precincts located there. Also moving is Orchards of Landen. We are still working on securing new locations and verifying that they meet ADA requirements. This will be a difficult transition for many voters and we know that you face their frustration, but please assure them that we are balancing the needs and convenience of voters very carefully. Thanks for working to help keep our current locations happy! Expressing your appreciation to staff in the building goes a long way to maintaining great relationships that we can hopefully keep for years to come.

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"Everyone worked very well together at Southwest Church and really worked in location mode!"

- Linda

"Kudos to Susan Blackburn - a new VLM who was especially great!"

- Deanna

"Team Armco and Team Otterbein really stepped up at every instance! We were staffed with people with conscientious habits, focus, and superb can-do attitudes. It was an imperfect day but any and all successes were due to those Poll Workers!"

- Therese

"It was nice of the church to take care of us. I also wanted to share with you that one of the voters brought in cookies and coffee cake for us. Loved working with the team and Andrew Weller was very, very helpful being there with us."

- Tina

"We have a great team at North Cincinnati Christian Church. Amanda Cheney doesn't get rattled by things."

- Jayne

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A Note from Brian and Shari

We know that with new equipment, there is a learning curve. Thanks for persevering with new procedures, new security carts and new details to track. We appreciate feedback and suggestions for how to make the day smoother, and you might see one of your suggestions implemented in 2020. As we move into this upcoming year, we want to thank you for your commitment to serving your community in this way. Usually people are fairly eager to serve during Presidential years, but to sit through a small, boring election takes a lot more stamina - *shoutout to Precinct 74 with their 19 voters all day!*

We hope our token of a PEO pin is a small way to say that we are grateful. Our goal is to provide those after the November elections as a thank-you. If you didn't receive your pin either on Election Day or at check pickup, please feel free to come by our office. We tried to mail them and that didn't work out for us!

Also, as a heads-up - although we don't have required training for the Primary, when you come to training class for November 2020, it will be at the Administration building instead of in our office. If you worked for us in 2016, you might remember that we need the training room to accommodate the large turnout in voters. The Commissioners are allowing us to use their meeting room, and all classes will be in October so you can plan accordingly.

Thanks again for your help!

- Brian and Shari



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Our Mission

"To recruit and train the best Precinct Election Officials who are committed to serve voters and protect the integrity of the Election."

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