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Dates to Remember

- 2/3/2015
Special Election for
Franklin City Schools
- 5/5/2015
Special Election (filing
Deadline 2/4/2015)
- 8/4/2015
Special Election (filing
Deadline 5/6/2015)
- 11/3/2015
General Election (filing
Deadline 8/5/2015)

Thank you for reading the first edition of our newsletter. We hope that you will find the information useful and beneficial.

First PEO Review Session

This year we decided to hold our very first PEO Review Session. The goal for the review session was to hear your recent election feedback. We also wanted to communicate to you some of the errors we discovered on Election Day in hopes of preventing these same errors in the future.

The classes were a tremendous success! We had over 400 PEO's attend over five different classes. We received some very valuable information and discovered some situations needing to be corrected in some of the polling locations. We now plan on having these review classes after each major election. Each class will be approximately 1.5 hours long and you will be compensated \$25.00. The next sessions will be in a smaller setting with better acoustics.

PEO Review Session Highlights

- In the future, when we move polling locations, we will communicate with the PEOs in the affected locations as to why the location was moved so the PEOs can explain this to the voters.
- We have new banners to place at former polling locations telling the voters of the move.
- We will be providing a check list for processing a provisional voter.
- We will include sealers for Provisional Envelopes in all supply bags.
- Business cards with the Board of Election's phone number will be supplied to the PEOs. These cards can be used to give to voters who have special concerns.
- Luggage carts for transporting ballot bags will be offered to all Voting Location Managers upon pickup of their supplies at our office.
- It was suggested the PEOs review the ballot for their assigned location prior to Election Day. These can be found on our website, or your PEO coordinator can email you one.
- We are looking at simplifying the instructions in the Signature Roster.
- We will be providing more intense training for the workers at our multiple precinct location Provisional Ballot tables.

I love the new voting Booths, very easy to use....Mary N.

Thank you for the ongoing effort to improve voting procedures and training.... Mary P.

The electronic pollbooks were very user friendly.... Diana A.

*Fine job, thank you for the opportunity to help serve the public....
Robert C.*

*This was my first time working and I was scared to death at first, I had the most wonderful experience ever and was impressed with everything....
Kathryn H.*

Glad to serve my community.... Lita J.

PEO Review Session Highlights Continued...

- We had several comments on the M100 scanner "beeping". By law the scanner must be programmed to beep if a voter has over-voted on a contested race. The M100 will also beep if an entire contested race is left blank. There is nothing we can do to turn off the beep or change the sound.
- Please explain to the voters when they receive their ballot of the warning beeps the M100 may give them.
- Many had concerns about the privacy of the voter lists which are hung at every location. This is a law, and public information that must be posted at the Polling Location showing the public who has/hasn't voted.
- As stated in law, the type of ID provided by the voter must be written down in the Signature Roster.
- We had a great suggestion that we would like to implement for future elections: an accordion folder with all of your documents specifically marked with the title and where it needs to be placed.

Board of Elections Moving

OPEN HOUSE



On December 16th our office is moving from the Administration Building to the first floor of a new building located at 520 Justice Drive.

We will be fully functional on December 17th.

We will now be voting and holding PEO training in our own building.

We invite all of our Precinct Election Officials to our Open House.

When: January 23rd 2015

Where: 520 Justice Drive located next to the Warren County Court House.

Time: You may visit us between the hours of 10:00am- 4:00pm.

What: We would like to show off our new office and give you a behind the scenes tour.

We will recognize our long time Precinct Election Officials.

Electronic Poll Books



As we mentioned in training, we ran a pilot program for the Electronic Poll Book at Cornerstone Church in Lebanon this past election. Cornerstone Church was chosen as it holds six precincts with two greeters. Overall, the pilot was a great success. There were a few bumps in the road but our vendor is correcting every single issue. We may be piloting again in the Special Election being held in Franklin in February. If everything goes well, we will make the purchase and use these countywide in November 2015. We will make sure all of our PEOs are trained on the new poll books before then and we will even have a few set up in our mock polling location at our new office.

Fun Election Facts

- The only time a voter can establish or change their party affiliation is in a Primary Election
- You are required by law to ask each voter, "What is your name?" and "What is your current address?" to ensure they are in the right Voting Location.
- All Provisional Ballots are reviewed and if deemed "valid" those ballots are included in the official count.
- Every election is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday.
- There are 8 million registered voters in Ohio and 148,000 in Warren County.
- If a candidate has a tie vote, it is decided by a flip of a coin, pull of a card, roll of the dice or a horseshoe being pulled from a bag.
- Warren County changed from punch cards to optical scan ballots in early 2006.
- Election preparation starts at least 90 days before each election.
- Elections are held every year on a four-year election cycle. Federal, State and County office elections are held in even numbered years, municipalities (City, Village, Township and school officials) are held odd years.
- Our top question: Are absentee ballots counted? Yes, on Election Night at 7:30pm and included in the unofficial totals.



A note from our PEO Coordinators

Things are very busy here in our office as we are wrapping up the November Election and readying ourselves for the February Election. The feedback we received from our PEO Review Sessions has been so helpful for us and we are already in the brainstorming stages to see how we can implement changes, using your suggestions, in our next election.

Thanks to those who have offered to work the February Election. At this time, the Franklin City School Levy Election will include 17 precincts. To cut down on costs we will be merging some precincts to leave us with 15 precincts. The regular Voting Location Managers and Precinct Election Officials will be offered these positions first and if they are unable to work the February Election we will begin asking others if they can help.

We hope your holidays are filled with family, friends and wonderful memories that will carry you through this next year.

Dee & Jennifer



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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"

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.warrencountyboe.us

November 2014 Election Highlights

There were 146,979 registered voters for this Election and 60,050 Ballots were cast. This is a 40.89% turnout.

10% or 15,028 voted early.

51 Military/ Overseas voters cast ballots.

850 Provisional Ballots were cast and 753 were approved for counting by our Board.

The precincts with the highest voter turnout were:

- PCT 216 with 60.77%
- PCT 219 with 56.07%
- PCT 158 with 54.98%
- PCT 193 with 54.95%

Lowest turnout:

- PCT 5 had 19.13%

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On December 9th the County held a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new building.



A note from Brian & Shari

We wanted to let you know that we have enjoyed meeting each one of you during the PEO training and the review sessions. The information that we received at the review was priceless. You will see some positive changes due to your helpful feedback.

In 2015 we plan on moving forward with the Electronic Poll Books. Our hope is to go countywide

for the November 2015 Election.

We will make sure that each PEO is trained on the new poll book before then.

This is the first newsletter and we plan on publishing one several times a year. Our goal is to include it in your paycheck after the spring and fall elections. We will also have a link on our website for viewing.

In closing, we would like to see you at our Open House on January 23, 2015.

Thank you for your service to Warren County and we hope that each one of you can continue working for us in the years to come.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season.

Brian & Shari