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Dates to Remember

- 11/3/2015
General Election
- 03/08/2016
Presidential Primary
(subject to change)
- 11/08/2016
Presidential General

Halfway through the year. Two elections down and one to go!

Electronic Poll Books

Our pilot of the new Poll Books, in two locations for the May Election, was a success. We plan on making the purchase and using these in every precinct for the November election. Although there were some small problems with the stylist, we are working with our vendor to continue to improve the experience for the voters and for our wonderful Precinct Election Officials. Although we recognize that there will be an adjustment period, we feel confident these Electronic Poll Books will help streamline the voting experience and keep mistakes to a minimum. EVERY PEO will need to be trained for the November election and your training will include the new Electronic Poll Books.

New Building - New Challenges

We like our new building but there will always be growing pains as we adjust to our space. One of our biggest challenges has been the parking lot. Our warehouse team worked hard to figure out the best way to get 139 cars through our parking lot in a short period of time. Thanks to their great planning, a lot of teen workers directing traffic and the patience of our Voting Location Managers and our ride along workers, we were able to accomplish a great deal in a short amount of time. We successfully unpacked cars on Election night and were able to upload all of our results from all 139 precincts by 9:55 PM. Even the state office was impressed at our timeliness with our election results. Thanks for everyone's hard work getting the precincts balanced and closed so that our VLMs could return so quickly. Thankfully, the rain held off for us, but we will continue to have our "circus tent" to protect our equipment, ballots and staff each election.

The person out front who directed everyone and handled the provisional envelopes was wonderful (Park Church-Maineville) Carol P.

*Thank you again for the chance to serve in the 0210 Precinct! We had some stress, but all precincts at Grace Baptist really pulled together and helped each other out. It left a very positive feeling at the end of the day. Plus I love this sense of having made a difference by helping others make a difference.
Ryan M.*

*Our Troubleshooter Tony was great, he brought us chips and salsa in the afternoon for Cinco de Mayo... no margaritas, but hey, beggars can't be choosers☺
Gigi S.*





Dee showing PEOs around our new office during our Open House

Open House Highlights

Our Open House was held on January 23, 2015 and was a success with 75 people in attendance. We provided certificates for those workers serving 15 years or more. We heard stories and gave tours of our new building. If you were unable to attend and would still like a look at our new building be

sure and stop in sometime this summer and we will show you around. The Secretary of State will require ALL workers to be trained before this November election, so you will also have a chance to see our new training room when you come in October!



Retiring and welcoming new Board members



Beverly Moore

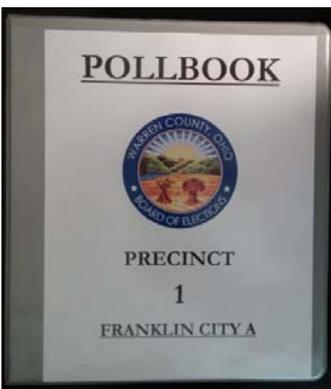
Longtime Board Member Beverly Moore retired in March after serving the voters of Warren County for 144 elections and 34 years. She served in many capacities and her presence in this office will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Kathlene Applegate

Kathlene was appointed to the Board of Elections and will bring experience from both the public and private sector. She will be a welcome member and you can trust that she is doing her part to ensure fair elections.



New Poll Book Format



You might have been pleasantly surprised to find that the Poll Book you used in the past had been replaced with an alphabetized voter list in a binder. We made this change in order to prioritize that the stub number is accurately recorded next to each voter's name. We hope that everyone found this change to be positive and it helped make the day easier. We found that most precincts recorded the stub numbers accurately and completely using this new Poll Book. Having this correct information makes our post election work much easier!

2016 at a Glance

- The 2016 Primary Election is set to be held on March 8, 2015. There are potential law changes that could change this date to March 15th, 2015. Make sure you keep your ears open for this possible change.
- The Ohio Secretary of State's office has been granted funding to mail out Absentee Ballot Applications to all active registered voters in 2016. You should receive one for the March Primary Election and another for November. If you do not receive one, feel free to visit our website or call our office for an application.
- Absentee Ballots have to be requested for each election. Applications are accepted starting January 1st each year.
- The Ohio Secretary of State's Office has settled a lawsuit on early voting hours for 2016:

March Primary Early Voting

Early Voting starts 29 days before the election.
 Weeks 1 and 2: 8-5p.m. M-F
 Week 3: 8-5p.m. M-F., Sat 8-4p.m.
 Week 4: 8-7p.m. M-F., Sat. 8-4p.m., Sun. 1-5p.m.
 Monday before the Election: 8-2p.m.

Presidential General Election Early Voting

Early Voting starts 29 days before the election.
 Weeks 1 and 2: 8-5p.m. M-F
 Week 3: 8-6p.m. M-F., Sat 8-4p.m., Sun.1-5p.m.
 Week 4: 8-7p.m. M-F., Sat 8-4p.m., Sun.1-5p.m.
 Monday before the Election: 8-2p.m.

PEO Coordinator Corner

A note from Jennifer:

A huge thank you to all my Precinct Election Officials who helped with this election.

Unfortunately, I lost my father the week before the election and the funeral was April 30th (days before the election). Fortunately, we have a wonderful, hardworking, compassionate team here at the Warren County Board of Elections who work selflessly for the good of this office. Dee Hudson, Shari Huff and Brian Sleeth stepped up and made sure everything was covered while I was gone.

Thanks so much to those of you who have offered condolences. Dee and I are always saying we have the best coworkers and poll workers and that is the truth. You are wonderful and we appreciate you more than you know.

Jennifer

A note from Dee:

How Do We Assign Precinct Election Officials?

When you sign up to be a PEO, you are in your home precinct. We make every effort to keep you as close to home as possible. When you are assigned to a precinct and work an election, you will be offered the first choice in working that same precinct again for the next election, unless you tell us that you want to be somewhere else. Our computer software allows us to put 2 workers in each precinct, the others go into an "extra" section. Some areas are hard to get into because our team is dedicated and the teams are really tight. When someone gets into a spot where they just can't work and we have to put someone else in that spot, the cycle begins again and that person will be offered to work that same spot in the next election. We never want anyone to have hurt feelings over not working!! If you find yourself not being asked to work and are missing an election, that's probably what happened. To avoid this, please feel free to call or email us 9-10 weeks before an election and simply say, "I want to work!"

Dee

PEO Spotlight



Liza Lyman was a first time Precinct Election Official who filled in at the last minute as a Voting Location Manager. She did a great job!

Liza was a recipient of Student of the Year, Resident Education and Development, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2015.

She will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree next year. She currently boasts a 3.9 GPA.

What a huge honor. Congratulations, Liza!

Victor Boggs has worked three elections as a Precinct Election Official. His father is also an Election Official who has worked many years for us.

Victor just completed a one week mission trip in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti at the Arms of Hope Orphanage.

We were sad he was not able to help us with the May Election, but overjoyed he was able to serve in this capacity and had what he described as a “life changing experience.”



Did you know?

- Even if there are no candidates on the ballot, please remember you are **NOT** allowed to discuss politics at the polling location. This includes: not only when voters are in the room, but also amongst the PEOs. Remember, if this would happen at your location, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure that this illegal activity stops immediately.
- As much as you want to help voters, you cannot provide additional information interpreting the ballot language for them and/or how it could affect taxes for voters. You must refer them to their taxing authority for further information.
- It is important while serving as an Election Official to VOTE. It can get busy while you are working at the polls. We encourage you to vote early by mail or in person at our office



Election Word Find

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BOOTH
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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!

Visit us at:

www.warrencountyboe.us

May 2015 Election Highlights

There were 112,453 registered voters for this election and 13,246 ballots were cast. This is a 11.78% turnout.

1.08% or 1,219 voted early.

3 Military/ Overseas voters cast ballots.

129 Provisional Ballots were cast and 116 were approved for counting by our Board.

The precincts with the highest voter turnout were:

- PCT 007 with 22.88%
- PCT 093 with 20.27%
- PCT 091 with 15.89%
- PCT 001 with 15.73%

Lowest turnout:

- PCT 62 had 4.07%



139 cars returning to our new building on Election Night after a long day!

A note from Brian & Shari

As much as we enjoy the process of running an election, we are happy to report that for the first time in three years, we will NOT be having an election in August. It will be great to give our office staff time to prepare for a busy November election

and, of course, 2016.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our next training sessions.

We have spent considerable time on our newly redesigned website. Please check it out.

As always, thanks for serving Warren County's voters.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or concerns.

Brian and Shari