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Dates to Remember

- 11/08/2016
Presidential General
- 05/02/2017
Special / Primary Election
possible
- 11/07/2017
General Election

Presidential Primary Election

Well, we all made it. We at the Board of Elections office will take a while to recuperate from the long hours and busy election. Who would have thought that our voter turnout this election would have been higher than the 2008 and 2012 Primaries? This election the voter turnout was 46.34% compared to 44.97 in 2008 and 15.51% in 2012.

We fully expect to have a record turnout this fall, with early voting increasing by at least 30%.

We hope to see all of our wonderful Precinct Election Officials back this fall to work again.

Last Minute Changes

Once again we want to thank our flexible PEOs and our hardworking Trouble Shooters who responded to another last minute Directive from the Secretary of State. Due to an accident in downtown Cincinnati a Federal Judge made a decision to extend our polling hours by one hour. Because we didn't receive notice of this until 8:01pm, all of our locations were closed and ten precincts had already reported back to the Board office. With everyone working together we were able to allow some voters the opportunity to cast a Provisional Ballot until 8:30pm. We recognize that another hour at the end of a long day is difficult to ask, but we appreciated your understanding and *willingness*. Thanks for helping us satisfy the state's Directive.

"A Lebanon high school senior, Max, worked in our group. He was an asset to our responsibilities. Everyone worked well together."
– **Bob Pct 35**

"Thank you for the opportunity to work the polls to see what it's like to be on the other side of the table. Please make sure and express our gratitude to the church in which my precinct was located."

- **Mike Pct 32**



A Closer Look at the Last Election



This Election we had 13,525 Democrat and 55,434 Republicans cast ballots.

We had 1210 Provisional Ballots cast. After careful review, we were able to count 950 of them. That means we had to reject 260 Provisional Ballots: 190 because the voter was not registered in the state and 53 because the voter was allowed to vote at the wrong precinct/location.

Please use caution when issuing a Provisional Ballot to a voter. You need to make sure that a voter is voting at the correct precinct. If there is ever any doubt. . . Call our office right away.

More quotes from you.....

“Overall everything went very smoothly. The group of 4 worked well together, our trouble-shooter, Kelly was terrific, he made us all feel comfortable, and when he had some free time, showed us things in the e-poll book and ballot scanner we might not have been aware of.”

Susan- Pct 158

“Our team really meshed well this year and all were in agreement that we enjoyed working together.”

Anonymous

“We also were very appreciative of the Park UMC locations’ taking such good care of us.”

Bob- Precinct 159

“We are such a great team and plan to be together in November.”

Nancy- Pct 81

“No problems at all. Good team: courteous and efficient. Good location, pretty smooth work flow.”

Lee- Pct 143

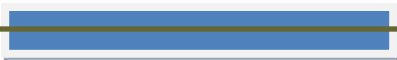
“Time flew by! We couldn’t have done it without the help of our Trouble Shooter- Ryan rocks!”

Precinct 110- Kathryn

Precinct Election Official Training



We continue to listen to your suggestions about training. We hear great feedback about our hands on practice sessions and will plan on offering these again. This election we were able to train 529 PEOs. Many of you used our Sign Up Genius to schedule your classes and that helps all of us ensure you are enrolled in the class that best fits your schedule. Like we mentioned, everyone will be required to be trained before the General Election in November and due to the large voter turnouts in Early Voting, we will be moving our training back to the Administration Building in their new training room on the 3rd floor. We will be sending out assignment requests in September 2016.



2016 General Election at a Glance

- The Ohio Secretary of State's office has been granted funding to mail out Absentee Ballot Applications to all active registered voters for the November 2016 Election. You should receive one around Labor Day. If you do not receive an application, feel free to visit our website or call our office.
- Absentee Ballots have to be requested for each election. Applications are accepted starting January 1st each year.
- We fully expect to have the largest voter turnout that we have ever seen in this county. Our office has already started to prepare for long lines during Early Voting.

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., Saturday 8-4p.m., Sunday.1-5p.m.

Week 4: 8-7p.m. M-F., Saturday 8-4p.m., Sunday.1-5p.m.

Monday before the Election: 8-2p.m.

**All Days and Hours are subject to change pending court litigation.*

2017 Election Cycle at a Glance

Generally 2017 should be a slow year for us. The only scheduled Election will be the General held on November 7, 2017.

Other possible Special Election dates are: May 2nd and August 8th. There was a recent change in law that now requires entities to pay 65% of the cost of an election up front. Because of this new law, we expect to see fewer special elections in the future.

Our Office Staff

Speaking of successful elections, we could not have them without the hard work of our office staff. We have eight full time employees: Dee, Evan, Jennifer, Judy, Julie, Kathleen, Mike and Terry.

Did you know...

- Our office is divided equally by political party affiliation?
- Each office position is appointed every two years?
- Our staff is busy year round with processing thousands of registration cards a month, campaign finance, petition filing/checking and liquor options?
- The election experience levels of our staff range from a few months to 10 years.

PEO Coordinator Corner

A note from Dee and Jennifer:

I think what stood out for us during this Primary Election was how focused everyone seemed to be on working together to make sure this Primary was smooth for the voters. From training to attendance to attitude, Warren County was indeed 'The Incredible County'! Feedback continues to help with enlightenment of areas that may need strengthened and guide toward a future that reflects positive growth for all of us. We are thankful for the dedication of our workers and confident that we will be ready for November!!

Dee and Jennifer



Office staff at Swearing in Ceremony

Fun at the Polls

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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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A note from Brian & Shari

Isn't it amazing to be involved in elections? What other job could you show up for 13 hours and have it affect history? Of course it's especially exciting during a presidential year. The amount of work that it takes to hold an election doesn't change regardless of voter turnout, so it is rewarding to spend this much time and see the maximum number of voters benefit. We stay busy year-round registering voters, verifying information, testing equipment, making improvements and doing everything we can to make it seem like running an election is easy. As you are behind the scenes with us, you know the bi-partisan effort is the only reason we can anticipate our results being accurate and our reputation remaining untarnished. Despite our different opinions on issues and candidates, one thing we can agree upon is that our priority during each election is to help voters vote. No matter the results in November, it's nice to know that we will all be working together for a common goal.

Thanks for what you do each election to represent us as we make history.

Brian & Shari