Election Worker News
Anne Arundel County
MAY 2019

STAY IN GEAR

Dates to Remember

Presidential Primary

Early Voting

April 16 thru April 23, 2020

Primary Election Day

April 28, 2020

Presidential General

Early Voting

October 22 thru October 29, 2020

General Election Day

November 3, 2020

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Staying Healthy While Enjoying a Busy Summer

Summer to most of us means heading to the beach, hanging out by the pool, a weekend barbeque and an occasional getaway.

Ways to Have a Happy and Healthy Summer

1) Stay Hydrated - Water is your best choice to keep you hydrated this summer. For every hour you are in the sun you should drink 1-2 glasses of water.

2) Eat Fresh - Summer is the best and easiest time to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables. Pick a day to shop at your local farmers market and include fresh local produce to your summer meals.

3) Keep Active - The warm summer months let you enjoy some fun outdoor activities. Checkout the VisitMaryland.org website and find something fun to do.

4) Stay Sunburn Free - We all love to see the sun shining, but it is important to limit your time spent in direct sunlight especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.. When you are going to be in the sun make sure to apply sunscreen.

5) Relax - Make sure you take some time to rejuvenate and refuel yourself. Some easy ways might include planning a short weekend trip, disconnecting from the internet or having a stay-cation (a vacation at home).

Just enjoy the summer!

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The Importance of Voter Outreach:

We all recognize the importance of voting. In a 2018 Pew Research Center survey, 74 percent of responders ranked election participation as a very important determinant of good citizenship-above paying taxes and following the law.
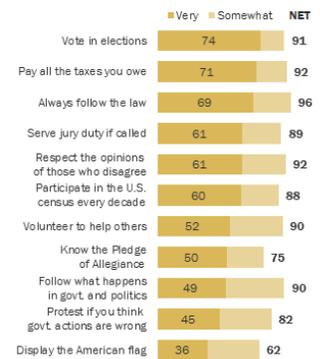
When people exercise their power as voters, they can elect local, state and national leaders who are responsive to and reflective of the communities they serve.

To increase voter participation and expand voting opportunities for eligible voters, each state has a variety of tools that they use to increase voter participation. In Maryland, we utilize Online Voter Registration, registering 16 and 17 year olds so that they will be eligible to vote at 18. In addition, starting July 2019 Maryland will begin utilizing Automatic Registration and October 2019 we will start Same Day Registration on Election Day.

What's important to good citizenship?
Voting, paying taxes, following the law
% who say it is ___ important to what it means to be a good citizen to ...

	Very	Somewhat	NET
Vote in elections	74		91
Pay all the taxes you owe	71		92
Always follow the law	69		96
Serve jury duty if called	61		89
Respect the opinions of those who disagree	61		92
Participate in the U.S. census every decade	60		88
Volunteer to help others	52		90
Know the Pledge of Allegiance	50		75
Follow what happens in govt. and politics	49		90
Protest if you think govt. actions are wrong	45		82
Display the American flag	36		62

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 29-Feb. 13, 2018.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

And while these are all great tools to help with getting every eligible citizen registered to vote and involved in the democratic process, the voter outreach department is one of the most important links in our process.

Anne Arundel County Board of Elections has a great voter outreach coordinator, Joshua Ramos. Josh has worked with the Board of Elections for 33 years and has been in charge of voter outreach since May 2017, and it is a role that he is very passionate about. Josh enjoys being able to assist voters with registration, recruiting election judges and explaining the voting process to the future generations. He has a great team of voter registration volunteers that he trains to help him with the many tasks and events that he oversees. Josh, along with his voter registration volunteers stay busy attending festivals and fairs, registration drives and school events to bring the registration and election information to the voters. If you are interested in being a Voter Outreach Volunteer, you can contact Josh at joshua.ramos@maryland.gov and he can answer any questions you may have.

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New Election Judges

We offered the first of the New Election Judge Information Session's for applicants that have not previously served as an Election Judge. The feedback that we received from the attendees was very positive .

We will be offering a session again in September. If you are a new or returning election judge and you are interested in attending a session please let us know. You can call 410-222-0494 to register for the Information Session.

The session will be approximately one and a half hours long and will review the basics of being an Election Judge, tour the Board of Elections Office and answer any questions.

If you have previously served as an Election Judge, and know somebody who is interested but has questions, this Information Session is the perfect setting to get those questions answered.

2020 Election Judges

We would like to thank the 1700 election judges that have submitted their applications for the 2020 Presidential Election Cycle, and encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.

You will have a better chance of being placed at the polling location of your choice if we receive your completed application in a timely manner.

We have began scheduling the positions for the 2020 Presidential Primary and at this time have scheduled 405 of the 2735 election judges needed. We will be calling the election judge applicants as the applications are received.

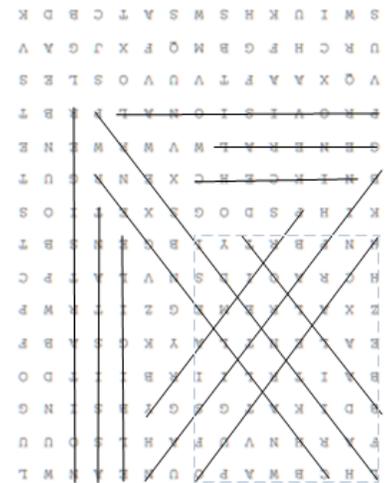If you have any questions or concerns call 410-222-0494.

Presidential Election Cycle

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ASSISTANT	BALLOT	BI-PARTISAN
CHALLENGER	CHECK-IN	ELIGIBLE
GENERAL	OUT-REACH	PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY	PROVISIONAL	REGISTRATION

Answer Key:

Presidential Election Cycle