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Election Judge News

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Overheard at a recent election judge training class:

"If people came to training class, they'd see how secure the election really is!"

We appreciate the sentiment, and we couldn't agree more!

Training

We just finished our last election judge training class on May 26th. But there are still more of you who have not yet been trained.

We are going to schedule more make up classes during the week of June 6th-10th, but these are the absolute last classes we will have available.

So, if you have not yet received your in person training, we will be in contact with you to schedule it.

As we've mentioned many times, we are dangerously low on election judges as it is, so it is critical that we train the election judges we've already identified and assigned to polling places.

One way to supplement your training and get paid Election Day money is...

Early Voting

Early Voting is Tuesday, July 7th through Tuesday, July 14th. You have two places to choose from: the Washington County Election Center at 17718 Virginia Avenue in Hagerstown and the Washington County Free Library at 100 S. Potomac Street in Hagerstown.

Because there are two Early Voting Centers in Washington County this election, you have twice the opportunity to work!

It's a great chance to refamiliarize yourself with your job duties right before Election Day. And Election Board staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

For those who expressed an interest in working Early Voting, be on the lookout for an email from us with a SignUpGenius link to sign up to work at either location.

Drop Boxes

Ballot drop box pickups will begin around the second week in June.

There will be six drop boxes throughout the county, so we will have two teams picking up at three boxes each. The teams will consist of two election judges of different parties.

The teams will begin at the Election Center, so they can pick up their supplies, then head out together. The driver will be reimbursed for mileage.

We will begin with one pickup per day, then go to two pickups as we get closer to Election Day.

In Memoriam

We are saddened to report that longtime election judge, Emily Knode, passed away earlier this month. Emily was a chief judge in Clear Spring for many years.

Election Director Kaye Robucci wrote the following tribute to Emily:

"I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Emily Knode for over 25 years. Emily was a faithful chief judge serving alongside her husband, Tom, and could be found on Election Day, serving the voters in the Clear Spring area. Emily (and Tom) also worked during Early Voting and assisted with demonstrating and promoting our new voting systems. Emily will be greatly missed and we thank her for her service to the voters of Washington County."

Tom Knode will be back at his usual post, assisting the voters in Clear Spring this election, and we appreciate his dedication and faithfulness so much!

Memorial Day

Happy Memorial Day weekend to everyone! In honor of the day and in memory of those who "gave the last full measure of devotion" to our country, we have a trivia question related to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Trivia Question

How many bodies are buried at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier? (sort of a trick question!)

Answer below: