



# Election Judge News

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life: it goes on” - Robert Frost

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### Election Judge Pay

You may recall from the April newsletter that House Bill 1200 passed, was signed by the governor, and is now Maryland law. As a result, each election judge will earn a minimum of \$250 per day for Early Voting as well as for Election Day. And of course all of you returning judges will receive an additional \$100 per day. Don't forget about the one-time training pay of \$50, up from the previous \$25!

In addition to the pay raise for election judges across the board, Barry Jackson went before the County Commissioners on August 8 to ask that our Chief Judges be compensated at \$300 per day, and it was unanimously approved! You can watch Barry advocate for our Chief Judges' pay raise by clicking the link below and scrolling to minute 57:00.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuGGR1H2HzA&list=PL7X-j0EwreAd\\_6kV3ljxO-XNwDNn0esS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LuGGR1H2HzA&list=PL7X-j0EwreAd_6kV3ljxO-XNwDNn0esS)

By law, every election judge earning more than \$600 in a calendar year will need to be added to the county payroll and have taxes deducted from their pay.

With all returning judges earning \$350 a day plus \$50 for training, and all returning chief judges earning \$400 a day plus \$50 in training, it will only take

two election days worked to surpass the \$600 mark and need to be added to the payroll.

Be ready for a little extra paperwork when you attend your training session! More information will be coming in future newsletters.

### Early Voting Centers

As we continue to add more voters to the county, we have also expanded our need for additional Early Voting Centers. Whether there will need to be three Early Voting Centers or two for the 2024 elections is still yet to be determined.

The possible and viable locations for Early Voting Centers will be discussed at a public hearing on September 12th.

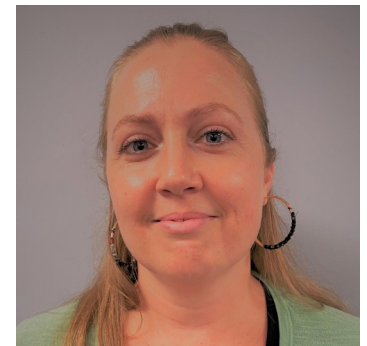
The public hearing will be held at the Washington County Board of Elections on Virginia Avenue on Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm. The Election Board will hold the vote session for the Early Voting Centers on the following Tuesday, September 19th at 3pm.

### New Hire

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Hall to the Election Board staff! Sarah begins on September 6th as our new Voter Outreach Coordinator. Sarah will be responsible for scheduling and heading up all of our voter outreach efforts, keeping our web site and social media pages current, and

heading up any special projects that may arise.

More importantly, she will be responsible for making sure all of our election judges are paid accurately and timely!



Many of you already know Sarah, as she is no stranger to elections in Washington County.

Sarah has been an election judge since 2010, working as a check in judge at Bester Elementary, Northern Middle, and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, as well as Early Voting.

Sarah was also pressed into service as a chief judge at Potomac Valley Fire Hall in Dargan in the 2022 Primary Election.

Sarah will also be taking on the role of editor of the Election Judge News, beginning in September.

Sarah and her husband, Jon, live in Hagerstown and have three teenagers, yikes!





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## 2024 Presidential Primary Election

**Early Voting:**  
May 2-9, 2024 7AM-8PM

**Election Day:**  
May 14, 2022 7AM-8PM

## 2022 Gubernatorial General Election

**Early Voting:**  
October 24-31, 2024  
7AM-8PM

**Election Day:**  
November 5, 2022 7AM-8PM

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### Job Opening

For those interested, we are hiring another full time position in our office, the Election Judge Coordinator. This was Tammi Derr's position before she retired. The Election Judge Coordinator is responsible for recruiting and assigning election judges to their polling places and Early Voting.

If you are interested, you can search on the website, [jobapscloud.com/MD](http://jobapscloud.com/MD). Search on the keyword, Election Program Specialist I. The job for Washington County should pop up.

### Training Center

Excerpts from Chapter 3— Voters with Disabilities and Cross- Cultural Communication

#### 3.3 Voters Asking for Help to Vote

- A voter may choose anyone to help him or her mark and cast a ballot except:
  - \* The voter's employer or an agent of the voter's employer.
  - \* An officer or agent of the voter's union.
  - \* A person appointed as a challenger or watcher for this election.
  - \* A candidate who is on the voter's ballot.
- The helper must read and sign a *Voter Assistance Form*.

- The helper may only help the voter by:
  - \* Reading the instructions, ballot content, or the provisional ballot application.
  - \* Marking or casting the ballot, using the ballot marking device or filling out the provisional ballot application as directed by the voter. The helper must mark the ballot as directed by the voter.
- Helpers are **not allowed** to suggest how a voter should vote on any contest.

### Mark the Date(s)

The 2024 Presidential Primary Election will be here before you know it.

We have posted the dates of Early Voting and Election Day for both the Primary and General Elections on the left side bar, for your reference.

Please carve out these dates, so that you'll be able to join us.

Also, election judge training will begin in March. We'll keep you posted as the dates get closer.

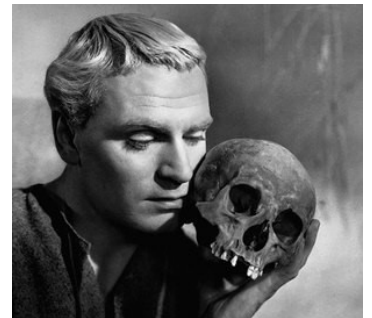
### Trivia Question

Where is the Maryland Shakespeare Festival held every summer?

Answer below:



Romeo and Juliet Balcony Scene



"To be or not to be..." - Hamlet



Macbeth