



Election Judge News

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“It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. It took one afternoon on the golf course.” - Hank Aaron

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New Hire

The Washington County Board of Elections has been busy hiring new faces in the office! Sherie Nigh was recently hired to replace Tammi Derr as Election Judge Coordinator. I'm sure you'll get to know Sherie very well in the coming months!



Sherie has been an election judge since 2020, working at Emma K Doub on Election Day and also at Early Voting.

She is looking forward to jumping right in and getting quickly immersed in the many responsibilities of the Election Judge Coordinator.

Board Attorney Hired!

The Board members have approved Brian Kane as the Washington County Board of Elections Attorney! This will be Brian's second term as Board Attorney. You may remember Brian from the 2018 election where he served as a chief judge for the Leitersburg polling place.

Brian is also well-known to the Washington County community where he practices law. Brian has represented individuals and organizations throughout the community, including serving as Town Attorney for both

Sharpsburg and Clear Spring. Although Brian has called Washington County home for many years now, he is a native Floridian, an avid cyclist, and a runner. Brian has completed over fifty ultramarathons, including race events with distances over 100 miles!!

We are grateful for Brian's continued support and legal expertise!

Election Judge Packet

Watch the mail for your Election Judge application and information packet in late December or early January and keep days open on your calendar for the training classes to be scheduled in March! We look forward to seeing all of you back for another election cycle! Please be prepared to fill in payroll and income tax forms for this election cycle due to the election judge pay raise!

Early Voting

The Special Session for Public Comments held last month was so well attended that at the County Commissioners' meeting it was noted that it may have been the most community participation of any county meeting ever! We appreciate the community involvement and support.

Also during the County Commissioners' meeting, the third Early Voting Center, located at Boonsboro American Legion, was unanimously approved.

However, the State Board of Elections only approved the Election Center and Boonsboro as Early Voting sites, but did not vote on Hancock. We'll keep you posted on future developments.

Training Center

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

3.6 Voters Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

- As soon as you come into contact with a voter who is blind or has low vision, tell the voter your name and that you are an election judge.
- Make sure you tell each voter that there are two ways to mark a ballot – either by hand or with the electronic device – and allow them to choose their preferred way to vote. Read *Instructions for Voters Using the Ballot Marking Device* to all voters using the ballot marking device.
- If you are guiding a voter, verbally offer your arm to the voter, rather than taking the voter's arm. Give the voter information verbally that is obvious to voters who can see (such as stairs, obstacles, turning left, etc.).
- If a person uses a service animal, walk on the opposite side of the voter, away from the animal. Do not pet or distract a service animal without asking the owner first. Make sure others do not distract a service animal. Service animals are highly trained. They do not need any special care from anyone except their owner.





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2024 Presidential Primary Election

Early Voting:

May 2-9, 2024 7AM-8PM

Election Day:

May 14, 2024 7AM-8PM

2024 Presidential General Election

Early Voting:

October 24-31, 2024
7AM-8PM

Election Day:

November 5, 2024 7AM-8PM



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Training Center (Cont.)

- If a person uses a cane, walk on the opposite side of the voter, away from the cane. Do not touch or take the cane from the voter. Let the voter decide where to put the cane while voting. However, it is reasonable for you to tell the voter if the cane may be a tripping hazard to others.
- Explain how the voter can get your attention if he or she needs help. Tell the voter when you are leaving.



It's that time of year again! The leaves are turning colors, the air is getting cool and crisp, and every coffee shop is brimming with fall flavors like pumpkin spice and caramel apple. It's time for apple picking, hay rides, Halloween candy, and post season baseball, of course!

America's past time is winding down their season and once again elite teams are vying for the Championship, making memorable plays and breaking records along the way! Some of post season baseball's more memorable moments include:

- October 1, 1903 Pittsburgh beats Boston in first World Series game, but the Boston Americans went on to win the best of 9 game series
- October 3, 1951 NY Giants third basemen, Bobby Thomas, hits a 3 three homerun in the 9th inning to knock out the Brooklyn Dodgers, win the National League pennant, and secure the Giants place in the World Series

- October 8, 1956 NY Yankees' Don Larsen pitches only World Series perfect game
- October 17, 1989 Oakland-San Francisco World Series game postponed due to earthquake
- October 18, 1977 Reggie Jackson "Mr. October" hits three homeruns in just three consecutive pitches off three different pitchers!
- October 23, 1993 Toronto Blue Jay Joe Carter wins World Series with a 9th-inning home run
- October 26, 1986 Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner lets a ground ball roll through his legs, giving the NY Mets the win and leading to a deciding Game 7 of the World Series
- October 27, 2004 Red Sox win their first World Series Championship since 1918, finally ending the "Curse of the Bambino"

As post season baseball comes to a close, Halloween is right around the corner and with it comes a booming candy industry.

Halloween candy is expected to bring in more than \$3 billion a year! More than half of all Americans will likely celebrate Halloween this year and of those celebrating, 96% will purchase candy. That's a whopping 165 million Americans buying candy for trick-or-treaters!

Believe it or not, the most popular Halloween candy in Maryland is the simple and unassuming Hershey Kiss! Over 38,000 pounds of Hershey Kisses are expected to be purchased for Halloween in the state of Maryland! But that's nothing compared to the more than 1.6 million pounds of M&Ms that residents of California will be stashing away. See how your favorite candies stack up! According to candystore.com, who compiled 15 years worth of candy sales data, the most popular Halloween candy nationwide is ranked:

1. Reese's Cups
2. M&Ms
3. Hot Tamales
4. Skittles
5. Sour Patch Kids
6. Starburst
7. Hershey Kisses
8. Candy Corn
9. Hershey Mini Bars
10. Snickers

Trivia Question

The birthplace of what New York Yankee slugger is now a museum in Baltimore?

Answer below:

