



# Election Judge News

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“Football is like life. It requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and respect for authority.” - Vince Lombardi

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### New Hire!

The office is now fully staffed! The position of Election Program Assistant I has been filled. We want to welcome our new hire, Jessica Bobbitt to the Washington County Board of Elections family!

Jessica comes to us from the healthcare field, where she has been an administrator for over 10 years! She is soon to celebrate her 14th wedding anniversary and has a 12 year old daughter.

Jessica and her husband are forever busy travelling to and from their daughter’s volleyball games nearly year round! Always looking forward to the summer, Jessica and her family can be found playing outside or soaking up the sun at the beach!

Jessica is also an avid reader of both fiction and nonfiction and always willing to play a good board game! Next time you are in the office, be sure to introduce yourself. I’m certain everyone will enjoy getting to know Jessica during the upcoming busy election year.

### Election Judges Needed!

Yes, we still need to hire more election judges! The best advertisement is having our current election judges spreading the word! Please feel free to stop by and pick up an additional application to pass on to anyone who may be interested in serving as an election judge.

Otherwise, you can also always visit our website [washco-mdelections.org](http://washco-mdelections.org) and click on

“Become an Election Judge” to print an application. Our training dates will be starting in mid-March, so be sure to return your own application as soon as possible, if you haven’t already.

### New for 2024

This month the State Board of Elections approved our election day polling place plans. Yay! We are very happy to have the election day polling place locations set for this election cycle.

What does this mean to you? Where we previously had 49 election day polling places across the county, we now have just 40. If you remember starting your election morning at one of the following polling places, it will no longer be a polling place for this election cycle:

- 3-2 Emmanuel United Methodist
  - 3-3/3-5 Emma K Doub
  - 6-2 Boonsboro Middle
  - 10-1 E Russell Hicks Middle
  - 10-4 Technical High
  - 13-2 Maugansville Ruritan
  - 21-1 Potomac Heights Elementary
  - 21-3 Northern Middle
  - 26-3 Valley Grace Brethren
  - 26-4 Hickory Elementary
- E Russell Hicks Middle will no longer be used as a polling place, but it is being replaced with South High for 10-1.

If you see the name of the polling place where you regularly have worked, don’t panic! Although we have consolidated several polling places, we are not cutting back on the need for election judges! We are actually still looking to hire more than 200 new election judges for this election cycle!

If your polling place has been consolidated with another, we will need additional election judges for several polling places that now cover a larger area of voters. Please be open to working at a nearby polling place. We also need plenty of election judges to help with Early Voting, Drop Box pick-up, and canvass days.

Look to receive your polling place assignments during or around the time of the training classes in March. If you have any questions or concerns, you may call the office 240-313-2050.

### Training Center

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

#### 3.10 Tips for Cross-Cultural Communication

As an election judge, you will help people of many different backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, and language abilities. Be patient and helpful. Voting may be a new experience for some voters. Here are some effective communication tips.

- Be clear and keep it simple. Do not use slang or jargon.



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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'd.

- Pay attention to the non-verbal language of people who have a different cultural background. Also, be aware that others may not understand your own "body language."
- Speak slowly. Allow pauses, and do not talk too much.
- Organize your thoughts. Be specific, and explain things in order.
- Go over things a second time if needed. Check often to see if people understand.
- Do not embarrass the person when checking to see if they understand.
- Listen carefully and patiently.
- Write things down as well as talking. If English is a person's second language, it may be easier to read English than to hear it.

### Super Bowl LVIII

Football has been a part of American history since 1869, but it wasn't until 1967 that the first Super Bowl trophy was awarded. The National Football League (NFL) commissioned Tiffany & Co. to design the "World Professional Football Championship Trophy." The winner of the Championship game, signifying the one team that would prove to be the most successful at overcoming all the long days battling a rough sport in the heat, rain, or snow could raise up a trophy just as impressive as the game itself.

In 1967, The Green Bay Packers led by head coach Vince Lombardi, defeated the Kansas City Chiefs to be awarded the first ever World Professional Football Championship Trophy. The media had dubbed the contentious and volatile contest between the long standing NFL and the nearly newly minted AFL (American Football League) the

"Super Bowl." Just one year later, the Green Bay Packers were to defeat Oakland in the Championship game and raise the trophy again! Vince Lombardi had led his team to victory 5 times in the span of 7 years and become widely considered one of the greatest coaches in the history of American sports. His coaching style and ethics had created a culture in American sports that centered around working harder than everyone else; second place was not considered an option for a player on a Vince Lombardi team. His legacy was quickly becoming synonymous with greatness in the sport.

Too soon, and after so many victories on the field, Lombardi found himself facing a battle with cancer. Vince Lombardi succumbed to cancer in late 1970 at the age of 57.

It was no surprise that the World Professional Football Championship Trophy was then renamed the "Vince Lombardi Trophy" to honor the man and the legacy that Lombardi had left on the American sports world. The Vince Lombardi trophy made of sterling silver and standing at just 22 inches high is one of the most coveted prizes in American sports today.

On January 17, 1971, the winners of Super Bowl V held high, for the first time, the now aptly named Vince Lombardi Trophy! And wouldn't you know it, that team was the Baltimore Colts! Baltimore would go through some growing changes over the years and would not hold the trophy again until 2001!



Will Super Bowl LVIII on February 11, 2024 see Baltimore raising the Lombardi Trophy again?

Whether your team will be vying for the trophy this year or you'll be watching for the commercials or the social experience, you'll know you'll be watching a piece of American sports history!

Trivia Question: Who is the only player from a losing team to be awarded Super Bowl MVP?

Answer below:

