



Election Judge News

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“It is never too late to be what you might have been.” - George Eliot

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Election Board Night!

Hopefully, by now many of you have been able to access the Election Judge page of our website and view the video collage of the game day pictures you all submitted! Election Board Night went so well and we hope to be able to offer discounted tickets again in the future.

Now, keep that Election Judge password around and check back on the website frequently to familiarize yourself with all the information on your page. Remember you have access to the entire manual from your Election Judge page and other useful material for election day. You are also able to update your voter registration, request a mail-in ballot, and access additional local government information right from the front page of our website!

Open House!

August 1 is National Poll Worker Recruitment Day and we will be hosting our first Open House at the Election Center on Virginia Avenue. Spread the word to anybody who may be interested in learning more about becoming an election judge or someone who may just be interested in the election process and want to stop by the Election Center to learn more. We will have election judges and staff available to answer questions and walk through election day demonstrations, as well as provide applications and brochures.



Looking Ahead

It's hard to believe but it's almost that time again! The Election Judge training schedule will be coming out soon. For the classes beginning in September, instead of classroom style training, we will prepare you for the General Election with a mock election refresher course. Keep an eye out for the email asking you to sign up for a time slot. You will be able to set up like it's election day morning and work through dozens of scenarios!

Early Voting

Early Voting begins Thursday, October 24 and goes through the following Thursday, October 31. We will have the same three (3) Early Voting Centers:

Election Center

17718 Virginia Avenue
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Smithsburg Library

66 West Water Street
Smithsburg, MD 21783

Boonsboro American Legion

710 North Main Street
Boonsboro, MD 21713

Watch out for an email with more information if you are interested in working during early voting.

Don't forget we have a need for election judges willing to pick up election material from the drop boxes! If you find yourself unable

to commit to the full day for Early Voting and/or Election Day this year, please consider helping with the drop box pickup.

We have eight (8) drop box locations around the county and they each need to be picked up at least once a day starting in late September and continuing through Election Day on November 5. If you think you might be able to help with the drop boxes please contact Cory Green at 240-313-2055 or corya.green@maryland.gov.

Training Center

2.1 Security Rules for All Election Judges

- Unauthorized collection, transmission, sharing, or disclosure of voter information is prohibited. These activities will result in immediate removal from office and possible civil and/or criminal penalties.
- Always wear the name tag provided by the Washington County Board of Elections. Always carry your photo ID while working as an election judge.
- Do not deviate from the approved *Election Judges' Manual* or training without the written approval of the State Administrator of elections.
- Make sure that all paperwork is filled out as required.
- Report any security problems to the Washington County Board of Elections right away. Security problems include incomplete or missing paperwork, voided tamper tape, broken seals, unsecured facilities or voting equipment. Do not use voting equipment that



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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. In Memoriam

- has missing or damaged tamper tape or seals. Record all such events in the *Election Day Log*.
- Monitor and secure all election materials and equipment throughout the day.
- Report any suspicious, threatening, or harassing behavior to the Washington County Board of Elections office right away. Report any such behavior that occurs inside the polling place or within the "No Electioneering Zone." Record all such events in the *Election Day Log*.
- Do not allow any unauthorized person to touch the voting equipment. A voter is only allowed to touch his or her own voter authority card, ballot, or ballot activation card.

Cannonball House

On August 10, 1813 in the midst of the War of 1812, British war barges sailed up the Miles River heading for St. Michaels, Maryland in Talbot County. The British intended to surprise attack the American militia in the early morning hours. The local legend states that the residents of St. Michaels "turned off all their lights and attached lanterns to the masts of ships and the tops of trees, causing cannons to overshoot the town." Only one house was said to have been hit

by the cannons. The house became known as "Cannonball House."



We want to honor and remember one of our long time election judges and avid member of the community who has recently passed away. Glenn Young passed away just last month at the age of 77.

Glenn lived a life dedicated to the service of others. He worked as a member of the Peace Corps soon after graduating from Wesleyan College. Later, he became a minister of several churches, including the pastor of Manor Church of the Brethren in Boonsboro and Hedges Chapel in Hedgesville, WV.

Glenn could always be found working with and supporting local charities and community organizations that provide assistance to the most vulnerable of our society. He played a vital role in starting the REACH homeless shelter ministry for the local community, supported Habitat for Humanity, and regularly donated to the American Red Cross blood drive.

He continued in his service to community by becoming an election judge in 2006. Glenn served as a chief judge for the Valley Grace Brethren Church location from 2006 through the 2016 election cycle. He then became the chief judge for the Hickory Elementary School location for the next 3 election cycles, working through the 2022 General Election.

For those of you who may have worked with Glenn, I'm sure the polling place will not feel the same this year.

Glenn Young was an active and vibrant member of the local community who we will all miss very much.



*Glenn A. Young, Jr
July 24, 1946 – June 25, 2024*



Trivia Question: The Cannonball House was an early 19th century structure that was said to have been hit by a cannonball during the War of 1812. The house was owned by a successful shipbuilder, who lived with his wife and infant daughter. Can you recall the shipbuilder's name? Which successful shipbuilder owned Cannonball House?

Answer below:

