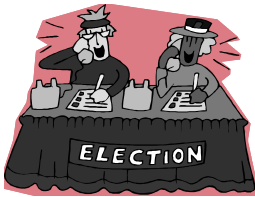


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Let's Talk Elections!

Where is Election Services Located?

Election Services is now located at 35 Woodfin Street on the first floor. The new Board of Election board room is almost finished and will be located on the second floor of the same building.

We bid a fond, loving goodbye to 189 College Street where the Board of Elections was located for close to 34 years!



"Hands-On" OVRD & Computer Training for BOTH Judges and Assistants

We have listened to you! Optional Hands-on computer and OVRD (Online Voter Registration Database) training sessions will be offered at varying levels AND open to include potential election day assistants. This gives everyone an opportunity to learn and practice.

Judges are strongly encouraged to attend. The computers are here to stay!!

Ben has been gracious enough to provide Saturday and evening classes to accommodate those that cannot attend daytime classes.

See inside for details.....

Change the way you look at things, and the things you look at will change. -Dr. Wayne Dyer

Do you want to work during the 2012 Presidential Elections?

Q. Would you like to be a pollworker during the exciting 2012 Presidential election?

NOW is the time to contact your party precinct chair. You may not realize this, but each Party starts working on their 2011-2013 pollworker recommendations for chief judge, party judge, and assistants long before most people are even thinking about elections! Each political party chair submits these lists to the County Board of Elections, who will appoint all 2011-2013 term judges on August 16, 2011. Persons appointed to these offices must be registered voters, residents of Buncombe

County, of good repute, and able to read and write. (GS 163-41)

Q. Can I assume I will continue to serve as a judge or assistant, if I am currently appointed?

DO NOT ASSUME THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE! YOU MUST BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT BY YOUR POLITICAL PARTY. If you are currently serving as a judge or chief judge in your precinct, and you would like to continue to serve, please contact your precinct chair or your party chair before the August 11th deadline to assure

that your name is on the list that will be submitted to the County Board of Elections.

Q. How are assistants chosen?

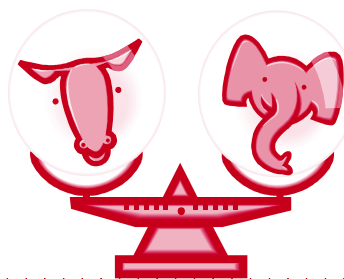
In August 2011, political party chairs will also submit lists of assistant names, in order of preference, for the 2011-2013 term. Before each election, Election Services staff will call assistants in order of the party's preference and confirm their availability for that par-

ticular election. Remember every election has different worker needs. Only the individuals called by Election Services for that specific election will be working that election.

Please continue to look within your communities for potential pollworkers and refer them to their political party chair.

Q. When does the party chair submit these lists to Election Services?

The deadline for each party chair to submit their recommendations for appointments to Election Services is Thursday, August 11, 2011.





Mandatory Judge Training Schedule

Election Services conducts mandatory trainings for judges and chief judges WITHIN THE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EVERY ELECTION. (Historically, we have only been able to reserve the training facility on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday).

Remember: GS 163-46 requires the chief judge and judge to attend an instructional meeting conducted by the director of elections prior to each primary and general election.

It is ALWAYS IMPORTANT to mark these two weeks on your calendars to avoid conflicts which may arise.

PLEASE NOTE: All precincts will be open in November 2011 general election. Only the City of Asheville Precincts will be open in October 2011 primary election.

If you already know that you will be recommended for appointment but will be unable to attend training or work the election, please call Mary at 250-4216.

How Can I Review Basics Before Election Day???

There are two different ways for you to review general polling place "how-to's" and laws associated with Election Day.

You can view the training videos on our website and/or take the SBOE online training. (Call our office and we will provide you with the SBOE instruction sheet). This online training is a great review even for the "long-timers."

The County training videos review the M100, the Automark, provisional voting, OVRD kits, and setting up your polling place. You can access the training videos online (Go to the Election Services website, "click on" Precinct worker in "Department Links" on the left side of your screen. You will see a "Training Videos" box on the right. Get some popcorn, sit back and enjoy!!

Where Can You Find General Information About Elections?



A great place to go to get answers about county elections:

<http://www.buncombecounty.org/vote>

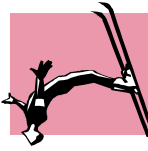
Or check out Elections Central on the SBOE website for Federal and State elections: <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us>

Why Do We Always Vote On Tuesday?



People used to have to travel overnight to their polling location. In an effort to avoid religious days of rest, Congress chose Tuesday, leaving Monday and Wednesday as travel days. Tuesday was voting (and horse-resting) day.

Pollworker Survey To all who participated —THANK YOU!! The thought and time you put in your response is greatly appreciated!! We are looking into incorporating changes to the trainings and rectifying several polling place concerns. Let us know how we do!



Election Day Computers Are Here To Stay!! Optional OVRD and Computer Training Classes

Many of you still need extra “hands-on” OVRD training, as confirmed in your survey responses. Ben is happy to once more offer additional hands-on training. In response to your suggestions, we have expanded the class offerings (see below). All judges are strongly encouraged to attend. Potential assistants are welcome.

Location: All computer trainings will be held at the Fireman’s Training Center (180 Erwin Hills Rd). Light brunch will be provided.

Compensation: Confidence resulting in a more relaxed Election Day with the setting up, operating, handling issues that occur (what do you do when the printer quits working? Or the computer will not turn on?), and packing up at the end of a long tiring day.

Please email Mary (mary.harrill@buncombecounty.org) or call 250-4200 to sign up for these classes. There is limited space so call NOW!

CLASS	10am to 12 noon	6pm to 8pm
Laptop Basics—Slow and easy Basic review of laptop, printers, cables, and cords. Includes a brief Windows “how to”	Mon June 6 Tues June 14 Wed June 22	
OVRD Easy How to use OVRD in all Election Day scenarios	Tues July 26 Wed August 10 Thurs August 25 Sat August 27	Thurs August 18
OVRD Refresh Lab A chance for hands-on review of OVRD before election day. Attendees will complete various Election day scenarios at their own pace. No structured instruction.	Tues August 16 Wed September 7 Mon September 12 Sat September 17	Mon September 12 Thurs September 15

TAX TIME!

Are you unsure about reporting and withholding requirements for election workers? Rest easy, we have the answers for you. If you have received less than \$600.00 in a calendar year, you will not receive a W-2 from Buncombe County. Regulation section 1.6041-1 (a)(2)(ii)

of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that a form W-2 be filed only to election workers who receive payments of \$600.00 or more. Compensation less than \$600.00 is not subject to income tax withholding under Section 3401 (a) of the IRC.

If you have any questions about this topic, please call Mary at 250-4216.

Wanted

Looking for experienced election workers who know and love elections. Willing to travel to precincts and help resolve issues on Election Day. Call Mary at 250-4216 for details.

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Offices on 2011 Ballot (Unofficial list)

<u>ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL</u> (3 seats) Jan Davis Brownie Newman Bill Russell	<u>BLACK MOUNTAIN ALDERMEN</u> (3 seats) Ruth Brandon Joan Brown Michael Sobol	<u>WOODFIN ALDERMAN</u> (3 seats and Mayor) Mayor Jerry VeHaun James (Jim) Angel Donald H. Honeycutt Geneva Maney
<u>BILTMORE FOREST COMMISIONERS</u> (3 seats and Mayor) George Goosman (Mayor) Charles W. Grimes E. Glenn Kelly Doris P. Loomis	<u>MONTREAT COMMISSIONERS</u> (2 seats) John (Jack) Catskill O'Neil Tate	<u>WOODFIN WATER AND SEWER</u> (3 Seats) Sarah W. Gassaway Lisa McCanless McDavis Keith Snyder
	<u>WEAVERVILLE TOWN COUNCIL</u> (3 seats) Walter L. Currie Doug Jackson Gene Knoefel	<u>COUNTY SALES TAX REFERENDUM</u> (COUNTY WIDE)

2011 Election Schedule

	Asheville Primary		Municipal Generals and Countywide Referendum	
Activity	Date	End Time	Date	End Time
Filing for Candidacy	7/1/2011 To 7/15/2011	12 noon		
Registration deadline	9/16/2011	5:00pm	10/14/2011	5:00pm
One-Stop Voting	9/22/2011 To 10/8/2011	1:00pm	10/20/2011 To 11/5/2011	1:00pm
Election Day	10/11/2011		11/8/2011	
Canvass	10/18/2011		11/15/2011	