



### Larry's Column

Two years ago, we clerks were faced with the complicated task of negotiating a new system for school elections. Now, it's time to revisit the issue and renew those agreements.

I remember vividly how much apprehension we felt in January 2005. But as election officials, I think we can all take some pride and satisfaction in the relatively smooth process we have enjoyed since then. Many voters have praised the convenience and simplicity of a single polling place, the move to Tuesday as the sole election day, and the reduction in what might otherwise have been a multiplicity of single purpose elections.

Now, two of our school districts will have November elections: South Lyon in odd years, Whitmore Lake in even years. That choice doesn't remove the need to work out and sign coordinating agreements, since school proposals may appear on the ballot at any of the four legal dates. And indeed, two school districts (Plymouth-Canton and Whitmore Lake) will have proposals on the ballot in February.

I wish all of you the very best for the new year, and I look forward to continuing to work together on behalf of Washtenaw County's voters.

### State Election News

The State's [Election News, Issue #42](#) contains a wealth of information on upcoming School Elections. Among the items included:

- \* School Election Coordinating Committee Meetings
- \* School District Precincts: Points to Remember
- \* Obtaining School District Maps
- \* Election Date Options (includes Cities & Villages)
- \* Date Calendars Available

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### **Dates To Remember...**

#### January

- 01 - New Year's Day, County offices closed
- 15 - Martin Luther King Day, County offices closed
- 31 - Annual campaign finance reports due

#### February

- 13 - 4PM, Deadline to file for May 8 Election
- 19 - President's Day, County offices closed
- 27 - Election Day

### From Our Office

Happy New Year!



On January 17, 2007 the Washtenaw County Clerk/Register's Office will be hosting the Election Consolidation Committee meetings in the lower level conference room located at 200 N. Main Street. Copies of updated ECC contracts are being distributed via email this week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your school agreements, please give us a call at 734-222-6730.

Preparation for the February 27th election has begun for those jurisdictions that have issues on the ballot. The County Clerk/Register's Office has completed the ballots and will be sending them for proofing shortly. In preparation for the upcoming May elections, we would like to remind everyone that the filing deadline for candidates who wish to appear on the May ballot is 4:00 p.m., February 13th. The last day to submit proposal language for the May election is March 9th.