



Larry's Column

This year's primary is shaping up to be a big one, with contested races affecting every part of the county. Of course, we will also be dealing with the usual issues of precinct delegates and the ban on crossover voting. We were required to upgrade every tabulator in the county. The State is providing new Auto-Mark machines for disabled voters. We were in court yesterday afternoon on a recall issue, and we have clarity hearings scheduled on seven more.

What a year it has been already, and it's only June!

Many, many thanks to everyone for their good work bringing in tabulators for the upgrade process last Monday and Tuesday. There are just a few others, around ten machines, which need to be sent out for special work.

It appears that the AutoMARK roll-out is not going as smoothly as I had hoped. Those of you who participated in that chaotic conference call know what I mean. Moreover, it turns out that the new machines are much heavier and more difficult to set up than we had been led to believe.

Together, I'm sure we can meet these challenges.

State Election News

While candidates on the August 8th ballot in Washtenaw County are now available on the County's website, should you need a listing of all state-level candidates across Michigan, visit: http://miboecfr.nictusa.com/election/candlist/06PRI/06PRI_CL.HTM

As election season gets into full swing, be sure you are familiar with all upcoming deadlines. For more information see: http://michigan.gov/documents/2006_ELECTION_DATES_144157_7.pdf

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Dates To Remember...

June

- 14 - ES&S AutoMARK acceptance in Westland
- 16 - ES&S AutoMARK trainings in Ypsilanti Township
- 26 - Test deck training at Lodi Township Hall

July

- 10 - Last day to register to vote in the August Primary
- 20 - By 4PM, qualifying petitions due for Nov. 7 election

Legislative Updates

- [HB 4755](#) - School Board and Village Elections
- [HB 6152](#) - State Senator/Rep. Filing Fee Change

From Our Office



Primary election season has begun! It started last Friday with a call from Diebold asking us to get all 25 clerks within the County to meet to upgrade their machines. Each one of you were able to make it to the drop-off site and for that we are grateful. We really appreciate the cooperative effort by all of you to get this done.

As we talked during the upgrading it was never more evident of how busy we have been as a group and how busy things continue to be. Many of you mentioned audits, minutes, these machines and a ton of other duties that we never even see. It reminded us of how other county clerks complain and how fortunate we are to work with you. Thank you for the work that you do and thank you for all of the wonderful emails and support as we navigate this busy election season.

There's a ton of information and deadlines coming down the pipes this summer. Attached is a reminder of the upcoming dates including election inspector trainings and test deck trainings, as well as information regarding other election preparations. We will be emailing all important informational updates as we get them, and will contact you as new trainings get scheduled.

TEST DECK TRAINING

Our office will provide a test deck workshop on June 26th from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Lodi Township Hall. Please bring your test ballots. We will work through each jurisdiction's spreadsheet as needed.

ELECTION INSPECTOR TRAININGS

The County Clerk's Office will be holding several Election Inspector trainings at various locations across the County during the month of July. All Election Inspectors that are appointed to work at the August Primary Election must be re-certified at one of the trainings listed below. Please RSVP to the Elections Division of the Clerk/Register's Office at 734-222-6730.

July 11 (1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Election Inspector Training at Scio Township Hall
July 13 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Chair Training at LLRC, Hogback Service Center
July 17 (2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Election Inspector Training at Northfield Township Hall
July 19 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Chair Training at LLRC, Hogback Service Center
July 19 (2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Election Inspector Training at LLRC, Hogback Service Center
July 21 (12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Election Inspector Training at Lodi Township Hall
July 21 (3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Chair Training at Lodi Township Hall
July 25 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Chair Training at Ypsilanti Township Hall
July 25 (2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Election Inspector Training at Ypsilanti Township Hall
July 27 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) Election Inspector Training at Ypsilanti Township Hall
July 27 (2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) Chair Training at Ypsilanti Township Hall

PRECINCT KITS

Our office is ordering precinct kits from Michigan Election Resources for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election. We will have your kits (1 per precinct) shipped to your offices or homes as requested. The State will be providing some additional supplies (seals, etc.) that we will send to you as soon as we receive them.

ELECTION NOTICES

The County Clerk's Office will not be providing *Last Day to Register or Election Notices* for the August 8, 2006 and November 7, 2006 Elections. Each jurisdiction will be responsible for its own notices, or the coordination of its notices with other jurisdictions.

ELECTION NIGHT

August 8, after the close of polls, our office will be uploading election results. Please bring your envelopes and memory cards to the County Clerk/Register's Office as soon as you have all of your precincts in. If you experience any problems with your closings, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734-222-6730.