



Larry's Column

Thanksgiving comes after the election, but I already know what I am thankful for.

I'm thankful to live in a country where a change in government involves ballots instead of bullets.

I'm thankful to live in a state which has wisely provided for marking votes on solid, tangible paper. And even though the AutoMarks have been a hassle, I'm thankful to have a way for disabled voters to cast votes privately.

I'm thankful for the leadership of our township and city clerks, in every one of our 25 jurisdictions. And I'm thankful for the careful work of the deputy clerks who work with them, just as I am thankful for the outstanding staff in the county clerk's office.

All of us should be thankful to the voters and taxpayers. We strive every day to be worthy of their confidence.

But as we prepare for November 7th, there is one group of faithful workers who deserve special gratitude: the hundreds of men and women who work long hours in our precincts. It is the poll workers who greet the public, authenticate voters, maintain order and decorum, cope with problems, and tabulate the votes. In short, they conduct the election.

Make sure your poll workers know how much we all appreciate them!

State Election News

AutoMARK Help: The ES&S Michigan Call Center will officially open on October 23, 2006. Please contact the Center if you have any questions or concerns regarding your AutoMARK machine. The telephone number for the Call Center is 1-877-281-8731.

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Dates To Remember...

October

- 27 - Pre-election campaign finance reports due
- 31 - Notice of General Election published

November

- 03 - 4pm, Write-in Declaration of Intent Deadline
- 04 - 2pm, Deadline to request an AV Ballot
- 07 - Election Day
- 10 - Veteran's Day, County offices closed

From Our Office



Election Day is fast approaching and preparations are continuing. AutoMark flashcards and supplies will be available for pick up at our office assuming that the State meets their deadline for delivery, on October 20th. If you haven't upgraded your AutoMark machines, please let us know so that we can assist you if necessary. Also, let us know if you have additional supply requests. Included below is a list of all upcoming election inspector training dates and locations, as well as the date for the AV count board training. Please RSVP for your training dates as soon as possible to insure that your workers get a spot.

Regular Training Dates

- 10/18, 9a-12p, Saline City Hall
- 10/25, 6p-9p, Webster Twp. Hall
- 10/27, 9a-12p, Scio Twp. Hall
- 10/27, 2p-5p, Scio Twp. Hall

Chair Training Dates

- 10/26, 9a-12p, Ypsilanti Twp. Hall
- 10/26, 1p-4p, Lodi Twp. Hall
- 10/30, 10a-12p, LLRC
- 10/31, 2p-5p, Scio Twp. Hall

AV Count Board Training: 10AM at the LLRC