



### Larry's Column

Thanks and congratulations to everyone on the smooth election last Tuesday (May 2).

As you know, the State also chose May 2 as the day to announce the decision on the HAVA machines for disabled voters, a day on which most clerks were busy running elections. Under federal deadlines, these machines will be in every Michigan polling place in August.

I myself have not seen the AutoMARK machine yet, but if it lives up to preliminary reports, it shouldn't be a big problem for precinct workers or municipal clerks. The machine is basically a "high-tech pencil" for disabled voters to mark their ballots via touch screen, earphones, foot pedals, sip/puff straws, etc.

Disabled voters will receive a regular ballot, which will be inserted into the AutoMARK for the voter to make choices. When the voter is done, the ballot will go back into a privacy sleeve and be fed into the tabulator, the same as all other ballots.

And this "pencil" only weighs 42 pounds.

Election officials all over the state (and nation) are coping with these same issues and similar machinery mandated by federal law. Whatever challenges we face, we will not be alone.

### State Election News

See the attached document ([May06-State.pdf](#)) for information, from the State, on the new AutoMARK machine.

[More State News: Election News, Issue #32](#)

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### Dates To Remember...

#### May

- 16 - By 4PM, Primary Election filing deadline
- 22 - Close of books for post-election campaign reports
- 24 - Clerk's Association Meeting at 11:30AM, Ann Arbor Township Hall
- 29 - Memorial Day, Office closed
- 30 - Wording for ballot proposals in August Primary certified to county and local clerks

#### June

- 01 - Post-election campaign finance reports due

#### Legislative Updates

- [HB 4755](#) - School Board and Village Elections
- [HB 6022](#) - Inactive voters and those who moved

### From Our Office



**Canvass of Elections:** The Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers certified the May elections on Monday, May 8. Updated "official" election results can be found on our web site at <http://election.ewashtenaw.org/may2006/indexreport.html>. Certified copies of each of your jurisdiction's canvasses will be mailed to you this week. Included in this mailing will be a list of errors and omissions (i.e. no seal numbers recorded, no signatures, incorrect vote totals) that the Board of Canvassers recorded and requested that we forward to each jurisdiction for review.

**Election Reimbursement:** Election reimbursement requests for the May 2, 2006 elections are due to the Washtenaw County Clerk/Register's Office by June 1, 2006. The reimbursement claim form is available at:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Reimburse\\_Claim\\_Form\\_116701\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Reimburse_Claim_Form_116701_7.pdf).

More detailed information regarding the reimbursement process will be sent via email this week.

# "News You Can Use"

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**Help Desk Support: The Bureau of Elections and the QVF Help Desk will be open from 7:00 am - 8:30 pm on Election Day, February 28, 2006.**

**To help us better serve you, please direct your calls accordingly:**

**Voter Registration and QVF Software Questions:  
1-800-310-5697**

**Election Law, Tabulator and Other Election Questions: 1-800-292-5973**

**March QVF Software Training** - As you are aware, several new versions of the QVF software were released over the last few weeks. At this point, all QVF servers and client computers should be operating with **version 2.18**. The new software version contains a substantial number of enhancements that are specifically designed to facilitate the new consolidated elections calendar and the various associated tasks that must be completed for each election. The new software also contains certain changes that are needed to prepare for the import of digitized signatures from the driver file, and to prepare for the release of a new, totally web based, QVF product that will be of particular interest to Michigan's smaller jurisdictions that do not have direct access to the QVF.

In light of these changes, we are pleased to announce that beginning on March 6, 2006 the Bureau of Elections will offer QVF software training at fifteen regional locations throughout the State. Unless indicated otherwise, each session is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. A complete listing of dates, alternate times and locations is provided below.

Please feel free to attend at a location that is most convenient to your schedule. While the Bureau of Elections is not requesting an RSVP, it should be noted that some of the host facilities are requesting an RSVP to assist them in planning for seating and refreshments. These training sessions are recommended for all election officials that are responsible for maintaining the QVF for their jurisdiction, including jurisdictions that currently access the QVF via PC Anywhere.

**QVF Training Schedule**

(All training sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.)

<b>March 6</b>	Delta Twp Hall 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy Lansing, MI 48917 (517) 323-8500 <b>RSVP: <a href="mailto:truiz@deltami.gov">truiz@deltami.gov</a></b>
<b>March 7</b>	Livingston County Oceola Township Hall 1577 N. Latson Howell, MI (517) 546-3259 <b>RSVP:</b> <b><a href="mailto:Oceola.clerksdept@comcast.net">Oceola.clerksdept@comcast.net</a></b>
<b>March 8</b>	Macomb County Sterling Heights - Freedom Hill 15000 Metro Parkway Sterling Heights, MI <b>Mike (586) 469-5209</b>
<b>March 9</b>	Muskegon County Human Resources Bldg. Room 203 133 E. Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442 Kim Grimm (231) 724-6425 <b>RSVP: <a href="mailto:grimmki@co.muskegon.mi.us">grimmki@co.muskegon.mi.us</a></b>
<b>March 10</b>	Lapeer County Mayfield Township Hall 1900 N. Saginaw Lapeer, MI <b>(810) 664-0821</b>
<b>March 13</b>	Berrien County Coloma Township Hall 201 S. Cleveland Paw Paw, MI <b>RSVP: Kathleen (269) 468-7212</b>
<b>March 14</b>	Bay County Williams Township Hall 1080 Midland Rd. Auburn, MI (989) 662-4408 <b>RSVP: <a href="mailto:clerk@williamstwp.com">clerk@williamstwp.com</a></b>
<b>March 14</b>	Dickinson County Iron Mountain City Hall - Commissioners Room 510 S. Stephenson Ave. Iron Mountain, MI

	<p>9:00 - 4:00 CST  * That means 10:00 - 5:00 EST  <b>RSVP: Pete Dishnow at 1-800-366-5885</b>  or <a href="mailto:dishnowp@michigan.gov">dishnowp@michigan.gov</a></p>
<b>March 15</b>	<p>Marquette County  Peter White Public Library - Community Room  217 N. Front Street  Marquette, MI  9:30 - 4:00 P.M.  <b>RSVP: Pete Dishnow at 1-800-366-5885</b>  or <a href="mailto:dishnowp@michigan.gov">dishnowp@michigan.gov</a></p>
<b>March 16</b>	<p>Kent County  Gaines Township Hall  8555 Kalamazoo Ave. S.E.  Caledonia, MI  (616) 698-7980  <b>RSVP: Crystal Osterink at</b>  <a href="mailto:costerink@twp.gaines.mi.us">costerink@twp.gaines.mi.us</a></p>
<b>March 16</b>	<p>Chippewa County  Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD - Learning Lab  315 Armory Place  Sault Ste. Marie  9:00 - 4:00  <b>RSVP: Pete Dishnow at 1-800-366-5885</b>  or <a href="mailto:dishnowp@michigan.gov">dishnowp@michigan.gov</a></p>
<b>March 17</b>	<p>Crawford County  Grayling Township Hall  2090 Viking Way  Grayling MI  <b>(989) 348-4361</b></p>
<b>March 20</b>	<p>Wayne County  Canton Township  Summit Building  Professional Development Center  46000 Summit Parkway  Canton, MI  (734) 394-5120  <b>RSVP: Fax to (734) 394-5128 Attn: Polly</b>  or <a href="mailto:Polly.white@canton-mi.org">Polly.white@canton-mi.org</a></p>
<b>March 21</b>	<p>Oakland County</p>

	<p>Novi Civic Center - Gateway Event Quarter (near Parks and Rec. Department) 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. Troy, MI <b>RSVP: <a href="mailto:mcornelius@ci.novi.mi.us">mcornelius@ci.novi.mi.us</a> or call 248-347-0456</b></p>
<b>March 24</b>	<p>Wexford County Clam Lake Township Hall 8809 E. M 115 Cadillac, MI <b>(231) 775-5401</b></p>