



Larry's Column

Once again, many, many thanks to each and every local clerk, deputy clerk, precinct chair, and election inspector in Washtenaw County for your great work on the recent Primary Election. We faced a whole series of challenges -- equipment upgrades, new poll books, new AutoMARK machines, recalls, recounts -- and overcame them all.

As some of you know, we assisted the State in a recount of write-in votes for Congress in the 15th District. The people from the Bureau of Elections were impressed with the responsiveness (on short notice) and preparation of our clerks.

We're not all done yet: the local recounts are scheduled to begin on Monday the 11th of September.

Of course, the big event on our horizon is the General Election. But it's not too early to start thinking about the school election agreements, which must be renewed by January. We're hoping to get this worked out by the end of the year.

Again, thank you so much for your dedication to the citizens of our county.

State Election News

IMPORTANT: For those jurisdictions using ballot containers with two seals, please download the attachment from the State, [August2006-State.pdf](#), and review the instructions carefully.

[More State News: Election News, Issue #35](#)

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Dates To Remember...

September

- 23 - AV Ballots delivered to local clerks.
- 27 - 11:30AM, Washtenaw County clerks meeting at Scio Township Hall.

October

- 03 - Notice of close of registration published.
- 09 - Columbus Day, County offices closed.
- 10 - Last day to register for the November election.
- 27 - Pre-election campaign finance reports due.
- 31 - Notice of General Election published.

From Our Office

After a short hiatus in August due to the Primary Election, we plan for The Lamp to return to its usual monthly publishing schedule.

Vendor Support Requests

It is time again to start preparations for the upcoming November Election. Our first priority is to collect all Vendor Support Request forms for machines that were problematic at the August Primary Election. Please forward all requests ASAP if you have not already done so.



Ballot Schedule/Recounts

We have multiple recounts scheduled for September 11th and 12th. Once these recounts are certified we will be able to finish the ballot programming and send the files to the printer. Please contact our office as soon as possible if you haven't already, to let us know whether or not you are planning on having an Absent Voter Counting Board. We cannot program ballots without this information. Ballot proofs will be forwarded to each clerk with an accompanying sign-off sheet the week of September 11th. Printing will be completed and ballots will be mailed to the local jurisdictions no later than September 23rd.