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IMPORTANT

UPDATE!

Did you previously vote at Youth's Benefit Elementary School? Due to construction at the school, your new polling location has been changed. You will be receiving a new voter notification card in the mail. If you have any questions concerning this feel free to contact our office!

Blurb from the Bosses

Well, the 2014 Gubernatorial Election produced another amazing performance by the election judges as you all squared off against a challenging and in some cases, a trying election. Outstanding! As we turn the page, we find ourselves looking at a new President, new voting system and if you didn't notice, new election newsletter. Of course with new comes change. We know, change is scary and not exactly comfortable for most people, but elections are all about change. For you Michael J. Fox fans let's call this "Backwards to the Future." On Election Day once the voter checks in, they will be given a paper ballot, walked to the voting booth, color in their circles, then walk over to the optical scan and cast their ballot. Sort of the same as it ever was. Early voting will have some additional challenges with same day registration and use of the ExpressVote, but that is for another day. In the end it's the same process. The voter checks in, is given something to vote on, they vote, they cast their ballot, head for the door and get their "I Voted Sticker." Ughhh. And folks, it's really that simple when you break it down. So, in closing, to steal a lyric from a country songwriter extraordinaire, "*the zero has come full circle.*" Now, as there is no reason for you to not return, see ya'll in 2016.

-Kevin and Dale



New year,

New administration,

New seal!

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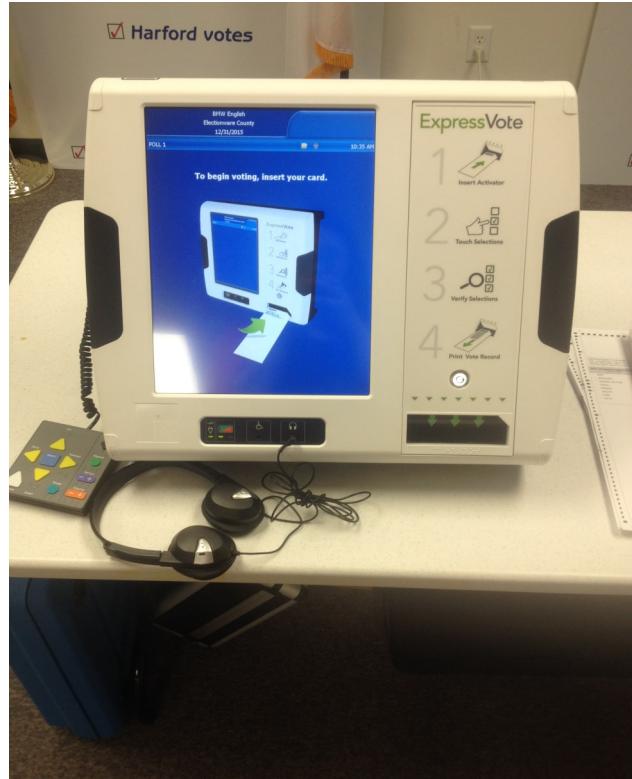


Checking in with the Poll-book and the Express Pass Printer...



The check-in process will be similar to the past elections with the exception of the new **Express Pass Printer** at Early Voting. The printer will print an activation card for the ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device.

Marking your ballot using the ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device...



Inserting your ballot or activation card into the DS200...



After completing either a paper ballot or marking an activation card, the voter will insert their ballot into the **DS200**. The DS200 will scan and tabulate the votes.

Depending on the voters needs, they may vote on the **ExpressVote Ballot Marking Device**. Here, the activation card received from the Express Pass Printer is inserted and the voter makes their selections. When the voter is finished making their choices, the device will print their votes on the activation card they initially inserted. This allows the voter to have a voter record of their choices prior to inserting it into the DS200.

Meet Our Staff!



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Well, we did it! Another election cycle is under our belts and, as always, we could not have done it without the help of you, our outstanding Election Judges. To our newcomers and our veterans, we want to thank you all for everything you did to make the 2014 Gubernatorial Election a success. With anything of this magnitude, we were not without some bumps in the road but, per usual, you pulled through for us and truly represented the Harford County Board of Elections.

Thank you!

In January, we met with the Chief Judges for a Lessons Learned brunch at the Richlin Ballroom. Over a delicious breakfast, we walked through several scenarios (positive and negative) from Early Voting and Election day. Vibrant and constructive discussion followed. Director, Kevin Keene and Deputy Director, Dale Livingston asked for the group to address any questions or concerns they had. Our Regional Manager, Russell Hicks, also joined us to share

information he had on the new voting system. New judges and returning judges alike received their “years of service” pins at the close of the event. As the election cycle for 2014 is over, the Presidential Election for 2016 is quickly approaching.

We are already in the process of hiring new judges as well as getting ourselves acclimated to the new machines you will be assisting our voters with next year. We invite you all to visit the office and check out the new equipment for yourselves. We are here to answer any questions and concerns you may have on the new voting system. We also ask that if you are not returning in the next election cycle, to please let us know so we may fill your position if needed.

Again, we want to extend our thanks to all of you for what you do to make sure our elections are the best they can be. Do not ever hesitate to contact us with questions, concerns or ideas. Have a great 2015, see you soon!

Join the Team in 2016!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming an Election Judge?

Harford County has an outstanding election team and we are always looking for new members! Visit our website to fill out an application or call us at the office and we can get one mailed to you.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Municipal Elections are City or Town elections held for residents of those municipalities to elect the Mayor, Commissioners or Council members of that area. Here in Harford County, we hold three Municipal Elections: the City of Havre de Grace, the Town of Bel Air and the City of Aberdeen. The Havre de Grace Municipal Election was held on May 5th and was the first election this year. The Mayoral seat as well as three seats for City Council are up for re-election. Both Bel Air and Aberdeen will hold their Municipal Elections on November 3, 2015.



Havre de Grace, Maryland



Aberdeen, Maryland



Bel Air, Maryland



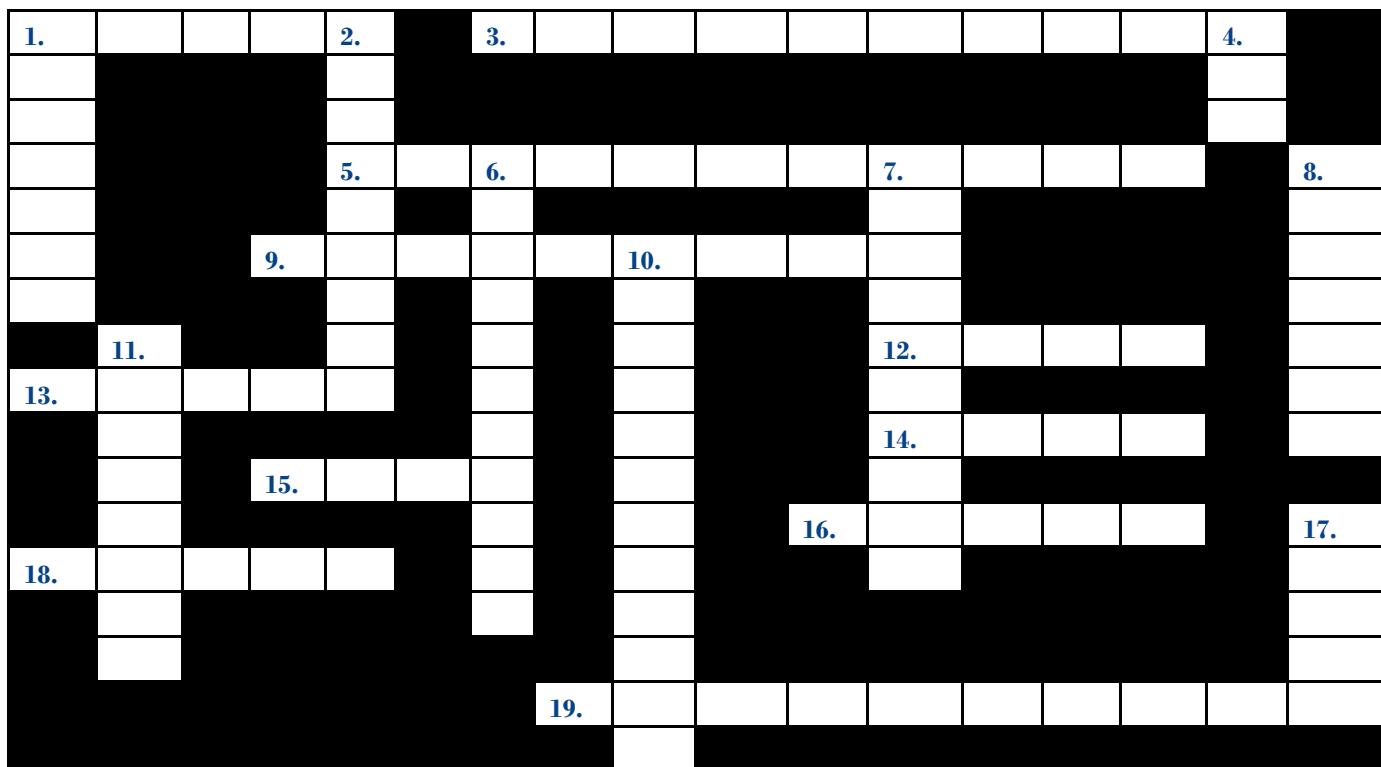
Stay Active!

The best way to ensure a smooth voting process for any of our voters for Early Voting or Election Day is to keep your information up-to-date. If you want to register, have moved, wish to change your party affiliation or your name has changed you should let us know. To check your voter status, click the "check your voter status!" image. If you want to update your information, visit our office or mail in your signed voter notification card with any changes you need to make.

Make sure your information is current, stay active!



Puzzle Page

**Across**

1. Election Judges who are supervisory officials responsible for ensuring an orderly election
3. Election Judges who verify, initial, collect and file Voter Authority Cards and monitor activity
5. Political party whose symbol is an elephant
9. Political party whose symbol is a donkey
12. The official National bird of the United States
13. Every one of these count
14. Term served by Supreme Court Justices'
15. The President can issue this to reject a bill passed by Congress
16. Current Maryland Governor
18. The amount of stars on the United States flag
19. Current Maryland Lieutenant Governor

**Tune in to our next issue for answers to
this crossword puzzle!**

Down

1. Judge that verifies voters' registration information, issues voter access cards and voter authority cards
2. Time that passes between Presidential elections
4. Number of Senators from each state in Congress
6. Judge that verifies a voters VAC information and reason codes for voting
7. The act, process or method of voting, especially in secret
8. Type of election for the position of the highest ranking official in a city
10. Colors found on the United States flag
11. What the thirteen red and white stripes on the flag represent
17. For voting on Election Day, you receive an 'I _____!' sticker