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Nov. 6 (Tue.)	Presidential Elec	tion Sep. 7 (Fri.)
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Aug. 6 (Tue.)	City Primary	Jun. 7 (Fri.)
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Next Up: The BIG One

This is what we've been preparing for: the **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**.

We need about 425 election inspectors for the Presidential Election. In particular, we need many more of our Republican citizens to work at our polls on November 6. Sp PLEASE, PLEASE make sure to circled November 6 on your personal calendar because the City (and your fellow Americans) need your help at the pollo that day the polls that day.

make 🔨 our 🧷 🎢 Please commitment to work the Presidential Election starting Friday, September 7. You should email Howard with your firm commitment rather than can the confirmation.

Remember, YOU can make difference on November 6!

It's the Law!

by Jackie Beaudry

Q: "Why does the new Application to Vote have the



redundant question, 'Are you a United States Citizen?' printed on it?"

A: We received a lot of questions about the new Application to Vote. In case you didn't notice, it asks the voter to answer "Yes" or "No" to the question, "Are you a United States Citizen?" The correct answer to that question is obviously YES, if the voter wants to receive a ballot. However, if the voter refuses to answer this question, you MUST issue the voter a ballot without any other encumbrances after you read him/her the following statement:

Under the Michigan Constitution and election laws you must be a citizen of the United States in order to vote.

Late in the morning on Election Day, the Bureau of Elections sent local clerks an email that read, "Our objective in providing the citizer ship question is to place pon-citizens who have inadvertently registered to vote on notice that it is not proper or them to vote. By reading the statement above to those who refuse to indicate that they are a citizer, you have placed them on notice that a non-citizen cannot vote? Of course, if a voter answers NO to the question, indicating that they are not a citizen of the United States, they do NOT get a ballot!

A little background might help to lessen your confusion. In February, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson promugated an election Que in anticipation that Senate Bill (S.B.) #803 would be enacted. The Michigan Legislature sent Enraled S.B. #803 – requiring voters to declare their citizenship before receiving a ballot – to Governor Snyder to sign into law. you email Howard, you get the added However, on July 3, Governor Snyder comfort of receiving an email vetoeo this bill along with two others, and, without a super majority, the Michigan Legislature was not able to werride the governor's veto. So until S.B. #803 (or any similar bill) is made a Public Act, our election inspectors will continue issuing ballots to voters even if they refuse to answer this question because . . . It's the Law!

The New Kid in Town!

The Clerk's Office has a new member on the staff! We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Alexa as our new Deputy City Clerk. She comes to us from Freedom Township, where she was the Township Clerk for the last 9 years. Jennifer may be new to our office, but she is certainly not new to

Ann Arbor! Born and raised in our lovely City, (GO PIONEERS!!!), she now lives with her husband and three

children just a few minutes away from our equipment warehouse - a nice convenience ©. You will be seeing a lot of Jen (as her friends



call fer in the future. Aside from working with FOIA requests at the office, she will be buzzing around the warehouse and polling places, coordinating the election custodians and making store every precinct is fit for voters and inspectors alike. Make Sure to say 'Hi!" to Jen the next time you visit our office or see her at your presinct on Election Day.

Help, We're Stuck!

During the last election, we received a few calls from inspectors frantically seeking advice on what to do if a voter was mistakenly given two

ballots and the ballots were actually marked but not cast. How should the second ballot be accounted for in the EPB? What do you do with the second ballot? Most importantly, how



can this type of mistake be prevented from happening in the first place? First and foremost, if this actually happens at your precinct, don't procrastinate: call the Clerk's Office IMMEDIATELY! We will walk you through the correction procedure. More importantly, there is a simple technique that Howard has droned on incessantly at training classes that easily prevents this type of problem. The solution is to PRE-FILL your secrecy sleeves with the individual ballots...in groups of ten or twenty. Once the secrecy sleeves have been pre-filled with ballots, then go back and read aloud the ballot numbers -1,2,3,4,5,7 - you will notice that you missed ballot #6 (or whatever number). Never rush, even if the voter

line is an hour long. As Wyatt Earp exhorted, "Fast is fine but accuracy is everything!" Paying close attention to the stubs on each ballot <u>after</u> you have pre-filled the secrecy sleeves, will allow you to easily see if two ballots are stuck together or perhaps missing from the stack.

EPB Team

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On a related note to the previous article, if you remember from U ∈ our most recent EPB training, Howard strongly suggested

that election inspectors work as a TEAM at the EPB workstation. One election inspector sitting in front of the EPB announces aloud to the second election inspector, the ballot information displayed on the EPB do not assume the screen information is correct. The second inspector, sitting right next to the first inspector, has the responsibility of looking at the actual ballot and verifying that the information his/her co-worker has just read is correct. Only after the two election inspectors confirm that the ballot number in the

EPB matches the ballot number printed on the stub of the ballot, should the ballot be issued to the voter. By clearly communicating with each other, most problems can be

avoided. For some reason, election workers are hesitating to talk to each other. More likely, in slow times, inspectors feel that two workers are not necessary to ssue each ballot. Unfortunately, by trying to streamline and skip a step, mistakes were made.



Recount on Tap

You might not have heard, but John Eaton (not our inspector at Pioneer, but the council candidate) filed for a full recount of the 4th Ward. According to Mr. Eaton's Recount Petition, he claims there were mistakes in the vote counting because his campaign "learned from precinct poll workers that the poll workers experienced problems with the voting machines... [and] absentee ballots counted at the precincts." Apparently, some election workers have never heard the old adage, "lose lips sink ships!" As a result, taxpayers' dollars will be wasted on this needless recount. The recount is scheduled for the day after Labor Day at the County Clerk's Office – *indeed, this will not be a labor of love* \circledast .

Another Little Change

You may notice at the next election that we are no longer providing official ballot marking pens at the polls. Someone figured out that ANY black or blue pen (but never red) marks the ballot just as well as an expensive "officially sanctioned ballot marking tool." After all, absentee voters have been using these old-fashioned common pens for years...and we have never had a problem with them yet. The money saved from this newest suggestion is being set aside for a future election worker pay raise ©.

Jeff Micale Gets Bezonki

No it's not contagious! Actually, we hope someone in our election family gets it next year. The Ann Arbon Chronicle presents this annual award

as a way to recognize a few people who make Ann Arbor a special community. As *The Chronicle* noted, election results get our attention, but it's the people who work behind the scenes that make elections possible. *The*

Chronicle writers typically end their election day at our Absent Voter Count Board (AVCB), which has been overseen by Joff Micale Since 2010.

The Chronicle awarded the Bezonki Avard to Jeff in recognition of the AVCB's vital role "in helping the gears of our democratic process grind smoothly." They duly noted

The professionalism despite being in a pressure-filled environment. The Chronicle also observed that it takes

hundreds of people **vou** to ensure that our citizens get to cast a vote in a free society. Congratulations Jeff!

The Official Canvass

Just over 12,900 ballots were cast at City of Ann Arbor precincts during the State Primary on August 7. With 95,926 registered voters in the city, turnout was a paltry 13.5% – more than 5 percentage points less than the 2010 State Primary.

Forsythe Middle School [5-11] had the most ballots cast (677) and was the



busiest precinct based on ballots cast per worker (113). The average time precincts returned their documents to City Hall was a few minutes after 10:30PM, about 30 minutes slower than the last State Primary, largely due to the newness of using the EPB to create the *Ballot Summary, List of Voters* and *Remarks* reports.

The following individuals were nominated in local races: Sumi Kailasapathy – Council W1, *Dem.* Sally Hart Petersen – Council W2, *Dem.*

Margie Teall – Council W4, Dem. [see Recount on Tap article]

Stuart Berry – Council W5, *Rep.* Chuck Warpehoski – Council W5, *Dem.*

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	2-05	490	5.0	98.0	10:30 PN	Ann Arbor Assembly of God
	2-04	477	5.0	95.4	11:21 PN	Angell School
	5-04	468	5.0	93.6	10:45 PN	A Slauson Middle School
	5-09	452	5.0	90.4	11:20 PN	A Haisley School
1	4-07	531	6.0	88.5	11:40 PN	A Dicken School
	2-07	436	5.0	87.2	9:50 PN	A King School
1	2-06	425	5.0	85.0	11:30 PN	A Clague Middle School
	3-03	424	5.0	84.8	10:50 PN	A Tappan Middle School
	5-02	416	5.0	83.2	11:20 PN	A Bach School
	1-10	410	5.0	82.0	11:00 PN	A rrowwood Hills Community Ctr.
	2-09	397	5.0	79.4	11:25 PN	I Thurston School
	4-09	395	5.0	79.0	11:15 PN	A Law ton School
	3-07	390	5.0	78.0	10:45 PN	Allen School
	4-04	384	5.0	76.8	10:35 PN	A Pioneer High School
	2-08	379	5.0	75.8	10:20 PN	A St. Paul's Lutheran School
	1-08	365	5.0	73.0	11:10 PN	A Skyline High School
	5-10	361	5.0	72.2	10:11 PN	Abbot School
	1-09	352	5.0	70.4	11:40 PN	A Clague Middle School
	3-08	352	5.0	70.4	11:05 PN	A Pittsfield School
	5-06	324	5.0	64.8	10:05 PN	A Eberw hite School
	4-06	377	6.0	62.8	11:15 PN	A Cobblestone Farm
	1-05	314	5.0	62.8	9:45 PN	Northside School
	3-04	305	5.0	61.0	10:55 PN	Allen School
	5-05	302	5.0	60.4	10:50 PN	A Slauson Middle School
	3-09	294	5.0	58.8		
	5-03	258	5.0	51.6	9:50 PN	
	3-05	245	5.0		10:30 PN	,
	5-08	219	5.0		11:05 PN	
	4-03	218	5.0		10:25 PN	
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	4-05	200	5.0	40.0		
	3-06	192	5.0		10:45 PN	
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