



The Messenger

A newsletter for Ramsey County election judges

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Welcome to New Election Judges

Welcome Roseville, Mounds View and Arden Hills judges! Ramsey County will now be administering all elections in these cities, and we are excited to add these judges to our team. We will be holding two orientation sessions on March 13 to introduce our new election judges to some of our procedures and answer any questions you may have. We will provide further information about these sessions to judges who live in these cities in the coming weeks.

New Election Judge Training Method for 2012

We are currently in the process of developing a new training option for all election judges. This method will incorporate online training. Judges who choose to utilize this method will be required to complete a portion of their training online and also complete a one-hour in-person discussion of the material covered in the online section.

Election judges may also opt for our traditional training method. This option requires judges to attend a two-hour in-person training session.

The in-person sessions will be held in our office and at one or more suburban locations. Judges will be able to select a location that is convenient to them.

Training materials will be available on our website in early June. Judges utilizing either method of training will need to study these materials before attending the in-person portion of the training.

2012 Election Judge Training Schedule

All election judges are required to attend a training session before working this year. Training for judges who are working in both the primary and general elections will be held in July and early August. Judges who are working in the general election only will receive training in October. Online sign-up for training will be available about one month prior to the start of training. If you do not sign up during this time, we will assign you to a class and send you the information by postal mail.

2012 is a presidential election year, which is the biggest election of the four-year election cycle. Since voter turnout will be high this year, all judges will be assigned to work the full day – from

6:00am to 9:00pm. Head judges will work with their judges on Election Day to ensure that everyone receives adequate breaks throughout the day.

More Training Materials Online

Over the next few months we will be adding additional training materials to our website to help you prepare for Election Day. These materials will include a revised Reference Guide, which outlines all of the Election Day procedures, as well as more self-evaluation tools to assess your election knowledge. Please check out these tools at www.rcelections.org and add the website to your favorites. We continually update the website, so please check back often for updates.

We will also be adding videos to our YouTube channel that will demonstrate Election Day procedures. You can find our YouTube channel at <http://tinyurl.com/7ouobpv>. A link to our YouTube channel is also on our website. We also encourage everyone to follow us on Twitter, @rcelections. We frequently use this resource to share updates about election news. A link to our Twitter page is also on our website.

Recruiting

We are always looking for qualified, enthusiastic people to serve as election judges. The 2012 election will have a large voter turnout, and we will need a lot of election judges to help us make it a great year. If you have friends and neighbors who would also like to serve their community, please ask them to contact us.

Election Judge Database

As you might remember, last year we implemented a new database that allows us to correspond by email. If you have not provided us with your email address, or have changed your email address, please let us know so that you will be able to continue to receive information from us.

Questions or suggestions?

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