

PRESS RELEASE

(To be released the week of Oct. 19th)

From: Franklin County Election Board

Subject: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

What Time Do the Polls Open and Close?

Polls in Franklin County will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Registered voters who are in line at 8:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Am I still registered to Vote?

To search for your voter registration status (Active or Inactive), your party affiliation, or your polling place address log onto the SURE Public Portal at www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us, or call the Voter Registration Office at (717) 261-3886.

Where do I go to Vote?

There are seventy-five (75) polling places in Franklin County and you need to go to the polling place assigned to you based on your residence address. Check your registration card for the polling place location or log onto the SURE Public Portal at www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us. This website will also provide directions from your home to your polling place.

Whom do I vote for?

Registered voters will be voting for the following offices: Justices of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Superior Court, Judge of the Commonwealth Court, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, County Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Controller, Coroner, District Attorney, Prothonotary, Register & Recorder, Sheriff, Magisterial District Judges #39-3-03 & #39-3-07, School Directors, Auditors, Constables, Township Supervisors, and Councilpersons. **A sample ballot is available on the County's website at www.franklincountypa.gov or may be obtained from the Franklin County Commissioners' Office, 14 North Main Street, Chambersburg beginning on Thursday, Oct. 29th.**

What do I Need to take with me to the Polling Place?

If you are voting in an election district for the first time, you will need an approved form of identification, either photo or non-photo. No other voter will be asked to present an ID.

Is My Polling Place Handicapped Accessible?

All polling places are considered handicapped accessible.

May I receive Assistance in Voting?

No person is allowed to receive assistance in voting unless his/her registration record indicates the need for assistance or the voter completes and signs a declaration of the need for assistance at the polling place prior to entering the voting booth. A voter may select anyone to assist them EXCEPT: 1) The Judge of Elections; 2) The voter's employer or agent of that employer; or 3) An officer or agent of the voter's union. **Also, each polling place will have a lighted magnifier w/ bifocal lens available to assist those voters who may have trouble reading their ballot.**

Are Candidates allowed to Pass Out/Display Campaign Literature at the Polling Place?

The Election Code states that those individuals or candidates that are campaigning must remain at least ten (10) feet distant from the entrance of the polling place during the progress of the voting.

Am I allowed to display or wear any type of attire with a candidate's name on it into the polls?

The Franklin County Election Board reminds all voters that NO electioneering is allowed within the polling place. This includes the display of candidate names on buttons, signs, or clothing within the polling place as well as items advocating a political party, etc. Voters will be asked to remove the item or to cover it up before receiving a ballot.

Where can I find information about the Candidates that will be appearing on the Ballot?

Check the local newspapers or contact either the Franklin County Democratic Committee (717-597-4332) or the Franklin County Republican Party (717-263-7999) for information.

Who do I Contact with Questions regarding voting or the election day process?

All voter registration questions should be directed to the Franklin County Voter Registration Office at (717) 261-3886. All election related questions should be directed to the Franklin County Election Board at (717) 261-3810.

What type of voting system do we use in Franklin County?

For information on voting in Franklin County, you may watch an online demo and/or instructional video on voting an optical scan ballot using a M100 Precinct Counter at the following website – www.votespa.com (Voting & Elections; Types of Voting; In Person). We also have an assistive marking device for the blind or visually impaired in each polling place that is called an AutoMark and a demo of this machine can be viewed at this website as well.

Where can I view election results?

Franklin County results will be located on the County's website at www.franklincountypa.gov. To view results from other counties or for all of Pennsylvania, please use the Department of State's website which is www.electionreturns.state.pa.us.

REMEMBER, VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE AND EVERY VOTE COUNTS!