

# TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## ELECTION INSPECTOR NEWS

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**"Certainty? In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes"...*Benjamin Franklin***

### NEWS

The summer has been very busy at the Board of Elections. The Commissioners attended the NYS Summer Conference in June. Cindy did a presentation on "Voting by Mail". It was well received by everyone who attended the session.

Two of the six voting machines that were acquired at no cost from Massachusetts have been placed in the Spencer polling site.

There will NOT be a countywide Primary this year; only a few towns will be conducting this September election. We will contact you if we need you. Please refer to page 3 for specific locations and times.

Our new database is finally functioning properly after a few adjustments. We are now able to update and receive voter information instantaneously. Input from the Department of Motor Vehicle and Social Security greatly contributes to more accurate voter information.

It appears that we WILL be using the lever machines for our elections this year and possibly next year. Stay tuned for updates as we receive them.



### QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

- ◆ **BE A U.S. CITIZEN**
- ◆ **BE 18 YEARS OLD**
- ◆ **LIVE AT YOUR PRESENT ADDRESS FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION**
- ◆ **CANNOT BE IN JAIL OR ON PAROLE FOR A FELONY CONVICTION**
- ◆ **CANNOT CLAIM THE RIGHT TO VOTE ELSEWHERE**

### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY FEBRUARY 5, 2008

Governor Spitzer recently signed legislation that will change next year's Presidential Primary date from the first Tuesday in March to the First Tuesday in February, which will be **February 5, 2008**.

***BRRRR! WE NEED INSPECTORS FOR FEBRUARY.*** If you ***WILL NOT*** be on warm sunny beaches this winter, ***WE NEED YOU!***

*If you have friends or family that will be wintering in the tundra of Tioga County, WE NEED THEM! A training class is still available on **October 10**. Please contact our office if you know someone that is interested.*

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#### Check our website:

[www.tiogacountyny.com](http://www.tiogacountyny.com)

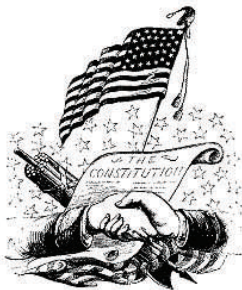


**Election Day Fact**

- ◆ The inspectors count the emergency ballots.
- ◆ The BOE counts the affidavit ballots.

**1920  
STEP INTO A  
VOTING TIME  
MACHINE**

It is 1920 and you are a woman living in New York. New York gave women the right to vote in 1917, but this is the first year you will get to vote in a presidential election. Since the 19th Amendment to the Constitution passed all women over the age of 21 have the right to vote.



**MILITARY VOTING**

- Persons serving in the military may vote from their designated 'home of record', regardless of where they may be stationed or for how long.
- If that 'home of record' is in New York, you may register and vote in local, state, and federal elections by completing a 'REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST' and sending it to the board of elections in your 'home of record' county.
- Your request will register you and also serve as your absentee ballot application. The application will be valid for 2 federal elections.
- Applications are available from your Voting Assistance Officer on base, or you can visit [www.tiogacountyny.com](http://www.tiogacountyny.com) for an application.
- Always be sure to share any change of address information with the Tioga County Board of Elections.
- Questions? Call **Tioga County BOE** at (607) 687-8261, **State Board of Elections** at (518) 473-5086, the **Federal Voter Assistance Program** at 800-438-8683, or contact your **Voting Assistance Officer** or **US Embassy Office**.

**BOE NEWS**

The BOE Commissioners were honored at a luncheon at the Binghamton Regency and received a recognition award for making all polling sites in Tioga County 100% handicapped accessible. The Southern Tier Disabled Community and the Southern Tier Independence Center bestowed the honors.

Our office staff attended a training session in Waterloo. We learned a lot about the new statewide database. It was very informative.



**Congratulations** to Maurice and Anne Stoughton on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!! Maurice is a custodian for Newark Valley and has been for many years. His wife, Anne, has been an Election Inspector for many years and we hope for many more to come.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- ★ Once in the White House, each President made his mark in different ways. In fact, before Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President, came to office, the White House wasn't even called the White House! People called the building the President's Palace, President's House, and the Executive Mansion. Roosevelt officially named it the White House in 1901.
- ★ Martin Van Buren, the eighth President, is sometimes credited with creating the word "OK." Van Buren was from Kinderhook, New York. During his campaign, Old Kinderhook (OK) clubs formed to support the President. Later "OK" or "okay" came to mean "all right."

CANDIDATES ON PRIMARY BALLOT - 2007

**BARTON**

Barton Town Councilman  
4 Year Term - Vote for 2

- ◆ Gary L. Reeves
- ◆ Chad P. Stolicker
- ◆ Raymond S. Tyrell

**BERKSHIRE**

Berkshire Town Councilman  
4 Year Term - Vote for 2

- ◆ Richard N. Odom
- ◆ Paul A. Olcott
- ◆ Albert R. Warner, Jr.

Berkshire Town Superintendent of Highways  
2 Year Term - Vote for 1

- ◆ Philip S. Davis
- ◆ Karl James Spoonhower

**CANDOR**

Candor Town Councilman  
4 Year Term - Vote for 2

- ◆ Joseph R. Bish, Sr.
- ◆ Milton H. Dougherty
- ◆ Danny L. Lindsay

Candor Town Clerk  
2 Year Term - Vote for 1

- ◆ Darlene W. Cobler
- ◆ Connie Dence Kulze

Candor Town Superintendent of Highways  
4 Year Term - Vote for 1

- ◆ Eric C. Halstead
- ◆ Tom Shay

**NICHOLS**

Nichols Town Councilman  
4 Year Term - Vote for 2

- ◆ Barbara J. Crannell
- ◆ Kevin K. Engelbert
- ◆ Kenneth E. Snowden

**PRIMARY ELECTION - SEPTEMBER 18, 2007**

POLLS OPEN  
AT 12PM NOON  
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POLLS CLOSE  
AT 9PM

**\*\*\*INSPECTORS MUST REPORT AT 11:30AM**

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**GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

POLLS OPEN  
AT 6AM  
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POLLS CLOSE  
AT 9PM

**\*\*\*INSPECTORS MUST REPORT AT 5:30AM**



ELECTION TRUE/FALSE QUESTION

Q: In a Primary Election, the inspector attending the machine should set the primary lever to indicate the voter's party affiliation before the voter enters the machine.

A: True - Voters may vote in a party's primary only if they are registered members of that party.

**D** ID YOU KNOW?

In society's search for the best kind of government, the suffix "-cracy" (which means "form of government") has worn many hats in its lifetime. "Monos", meaning "alone" or "single" paired with "-cracy" formed the word "monocracy" ("GOVERNMENT BY ONE PERSON"). The suffix also underlies other governmental terms including "democracy" ("government by the people"), "aristocracy" ("GOVERNMENT BY A SMALL PRIVILEGED CLASS"), "theocracy" ("GOVERNMENT BY DIVINE GUIDANCE"), "ochlocracy" ("GOVERNMENT BY THE MOB"), AND "gerontocracy" ("RULE BY ELDERS").

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**What is the citizens' role in our government?**

The U.S. government is the basis for a participatory democracy, which Abraham Lincoln described as a government made "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Under the Constitution, U.S. citizens have the right to influence public policy. In addition to this, citizens have constitutional responsibilities, such as obeying the laws and paying taxes.

The right to vote allows citizens to help choose the officials who will determine public policy. Another way citizens can participate in the electoral process is by contributing their time and money to campaigns to help nominate and elect the candidates they support. The active role of the citizen in the electoral process helps to ensure the legitimacy of a government based on democratic principles.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT TOOK THE INSPECTOR TRAINING CLASS.  
CORRECTION: APOLOGIES TO IRENE CRAIG...SHE DID NOT RETIRE!  
SHE IS STILL SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AS AN ELECTION INSPECTOR



**Speaking of Elections:**

A straw vote only shows  
which way the hot air  
blows.  
~ O. Henry ~



**IF YOU LOVE YOUR FREEDOM... VOTE!**

WE'RE ON THE WEB

[WWW.TIOGACOUNTYNY.COM](http://WWW.TIOGACOUNTYNY.COM)

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