

# **Poolesville Biennial Election**

## **November 2, 2010**

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**This newsletter is dedicated to the upcoming Poolesville Biennial Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. On this day, we will be electing two of five Commissioners and deciding on the referendum Charter Amendment Resolution 001-10.**

**The following is information concerning the election, rules for registration of voters and other matters of importance to prospective voters and candidates. Please keep this information for reference.**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>November 2, 2010</b>
<b>Hours of Voting:</b>	<b>7:00 AM to 8:00 PM</b>
<b>Polling Place:</b>	<b>Poolesville Town Hall 19721 Beall Street</b>
<b>Office to be Filled:</b>	<b>Expired Terms of Two Members of the Commissioners of Poolesville Four-Year Term</b>

### **Registration For Voters**

- A. Residents may qualify to vote in the Poolesville Town Elections in either one of two ways. First, registration with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections qualifies a person to vote in the Town Elections. Secondly, Poolesville maintains a supplemental list of registered voters, and**

voters may register separately on this list, even though they may not be registered with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections. If you already have registered with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections or the Town of Poolesville, there is no need to repeat the process. You will continue to be registered as long as you remain a Town resident.

If you have relocated within the corporate limits of Poolesville, please ensure that you change your address with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections or the Town of Poolesville.

- B. Qualifications:** Persons registering to vote in Poolesville must be 18 years or older at their last birthday preceding the date of election; be citizens of the United States; reside within the corporate limits of the Town at least 30 days prior to the date of the election; not be under guardianship for mental disability; not have been convicted of buying or selling votes; and have no conviction of infamous crime, unless pardoned by the Governor, OR
1. in connection with a first conviction, have completed the court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, parole, community service, restitutions, and fines; or
  2. in connection with a subsequent conviction, have completed the court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, parole, community service, restitutions, and fines, and at least three (3) years have elapsed since the completion of the court-ordered sentence imposed for the conviction, including probation, parole, community service, restitutions and fines.
- C.** Residents may register with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections by calling 240-777-8683.
- D.** Prospective voters may also register for the Town of Poolesville supplemental list at Town Hall any weekday, 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
- E.** Final date of registration will be                     .
- F.** Any political party or entity wishing to appoint observers and/or challengers shall make application therefore no later than                     . The Supervisors of Elections may allow an appropriate number of observers depending upon the number of political parties/entities requesting same.
- G.** Any time prior to five (5) calendar days before an election, any voter may file with the Board a request to add or delete a voter from the registration list who has been erroneously omitted or improperly registered.

# Instructions to Candidates for the Office of Commissioner of Poolesville

- A. Candidates must be qualified registered voters for the Town of Poolesville elections (see 1-B above); be twenty-one (21) years of age or older at their last birthday preceding the election; have continuously resided within the corporate limits of the Town of Poolesville for at least six (6) months prior to the election; continuously reside within the corporate limits during his or her term of office, and not been convicted of a felony.
- B. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Election - [REDACTED] - Any Candidate desiring to run for office must file an official form furnished by the Town and signed by twenty-five (25) residents who are qualified registered voters of the Town of Poolesville, and pay a fee of \$10.00.
- C. An Ethics Financial Disclosure Form must also be completed and filed at the same time as the Petition.

We will utilize the Town's website at [www.ci.poolesville.md.us](http://www.ci.poolesville.md.us) for any updates to the above instructions.

## Absentee Voting

Any qualified, registered voter of the Town of Poolesville who may be absent for any reason from the Town on any municipal election day or who, because of injury, illness, other disability or confinement in or restriction to any institution, death or serious illness in the immediate family or employment by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections is unable to be physically present and voting at the polls on any municipal election day, or who is authorized to vote by absentee ballot by an applicable federal law, may vote as an absentee voter. Such voter shall make application for an absentee ballot. The application shall be filed in Town Hall not later than ten (10) days preceding any election [REDACTED].

After the tenth (10) day preceding an election, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, and on the day of the election prior to the time the polls close, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply for an emergency absentee ballot for reasons stated in Subsection A if those reasons arose after the tenth (10) day preceding the election. The application shall be made under penalty of perjury but without formal oath, setting forth the reason for absentee voting. Printed forms of applications for absentee ballots in accordance with the requirements of this article shall be prepared by the Poolesville Board of Supervisors of Election and shall be available to any voter upon request.

**Upon receipt of the application, the Board if satisfied that the voter qualifies for absentee voting, shall issue to the voter, or the voter's duly authorized agent, an absentee ballot which shall be marked by the voter, placed in the provided sealed envelopes and returned to the Board. If the voter does not apply in person, the applicant shall designate a voter registered in the Town as agent for the purpose of delivering the absentee ballot to the voter, and the agent shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was delivered to the voter who submitted the application, was marked by the voter in the agent's presence, placed in the provided envelope and sealed in the agent's presence, and returned, under seal, to the Board by the agent. Any absentee ballot received by the Board after the time for closing of the polls will not be counted.**