

Washoe County - Registrar of Voters Poll Worker Newsletter



Don't forget!

Bring enough food and water to sustain you the entire day.



Discontinuing Food Delivery for Election Day Poll Workers

For the last few election cycles, Washoe County has provided all Election Day workers with a sack lunch. We've heard lots of feedback, both good and bad, regarding this little "perk" that we've tried to provide.

The decision has been made to put an end to our time as food providers (we weren't all that good at it anyway!) and get back to the basics of running elections. It has been quite costly, extremely time consuming and somewhat difficult to administer.

Please be sure you bring enough food and drinks (no alcohol) to sustain you the entire day. It is important to us that you stay at the polling place all day. There are

options; you can have food delivered; someone can bring in food for you, you can pack a lunch/snack/dinner or maybe your team would like to plan a potluck. Your polling place manager can find out if your polling place will allow you access to things such as a microwave or refrigerator. Our seasoned workers often bring along an ice chest/cooler to keep their food and drinks cool. Think of it as camping out for the day.....

Thank you for understanding our need to discontinue food delivery.

Inside this issue of Poll Worker Newsletter

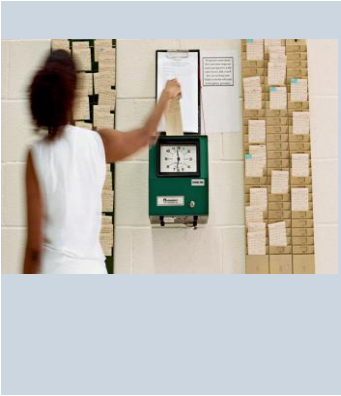
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Season Greetings!

**From the Registrar
of Voters staff**

Poll workers earning more than \$600 annually are now considered “Common Law Employees”



The IRS has decided to change how jurisdictions report poll worker pay. Our accounting department is being told that for those poll workers who make more than \$600 per year, a W-2 must be used to report earnings. This means that the new reporting rule will apply to our Early Voting Workers only. Our understanding is that income tax will not be withheld but if you earn over \$1600 during the calendar year, Social Security and Medicare taxes will be. For those of you who work on Election Days only, you're off the hook! You'll continue receiving the traditional 1099 form.

Since Early Voting Workers will be considered employees of the Registrar of Voters Office, and not independent contractors as in the past, we're anticipating that "New Hire" packets will be provided at the time of training (or earlier) and will need to be completed and returned to us at your training session. Part of a "New Hire" packet is an I-9 form which will require that you provide us with your Social Security Card- so start searching now in case you need to order a new one!

With a group that consists of our office, the Comptroller's Office, the County Payroll Dept., Technology Services Dept. and Human Resources Dept., we are slowly working through how this will be implemented. (A lot of commotion for not much benefit in our humble opinion!)

Stay tuned.....as we get more information about how this will be put into practice, we'll let you know.

History of Tie Elections in Nevada

A tie in a local political race can be determined by a roll of a die, draw of a card or flip of a coin. Here are some interesting stories of tie elections in Nevada.

Coin Flip – In 1972, incumbent Dorothy Wilson was reelected justice of the peace in Gabbs by the flip of a coin. On Election Day, Wilson and Billy Weyer both received 146 votes for the seat on the bench. Amazingly, they both received 133 votes in Gabbs and 13 votes in Lone, the two towns in the district.

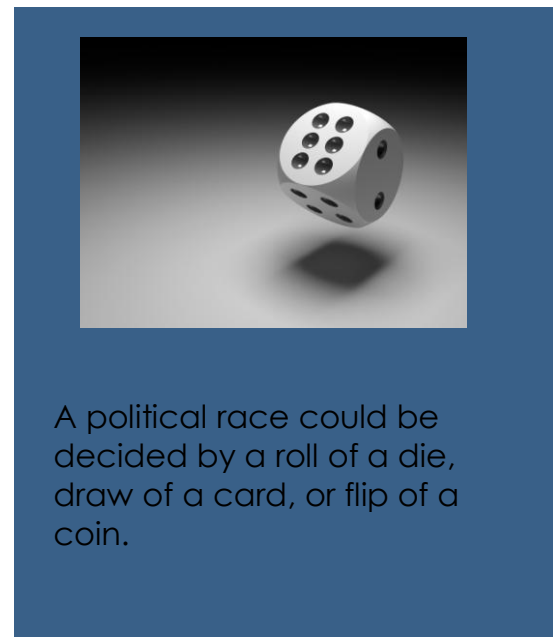
The Nye County Clerk Rena Bailey requested the candidates appear at the courthouse in Tonopah to determine who would win. A toss of a coin was the method selected to determine who would be the justice of the peace. Bailey flipped an 1881, Carson City silver dollar in the air; Wilson successfully called "heads" and was reelected.

Dice Roll – In 1978, in Storey County, Marshall Bouvier, Sam Bull, Dave Horton, Leonard Howard and Pete Sferrazza campaigned in the Democratic primary for district attorney. The top two vote-getting lawyers tied for the nomination. On Election Day, Bouvier beat Howard by two votes. Howard demanded a recount that resulted in Bouvier winning the nomination by five votes, but Howard appealed to district court.

District Court Judge Mike Fondie threw out suspicious votes for Bouvier, cast in the river district, where Joe Conforte's Mustang Ranch brothel was located. The court decision tied the race, and the candidates agreed to roll a die. Howard won by rolling a six to Bouvier's five. Even though Howard won the primary nomination, he lost to Republican Jack Christensen in the general election.

Cutting Cards – Another tie election happened in the Democrat primary for county clerk of Eureka County in 1982. On Election Day, Chorlotte Crutchley collected 109 votes to Dorothy Moyle's 108. After a recount, the candidates were tied because the recount board saw a chad that had not dropped out of one of Moyle's ballots. Given the choice between cutting cards and flipping a coin, the contenders decided on the cards.

On the first draw, both candidates turned over an eight. (Apparently, they were not familiar with the ranking of suites with spades being the highest, followed by hearts, then diamonds and clubs being the lowest). They cut cards again, and Moyle drew a seven of hearts to Crutchley's ace of spades. Crutchley was declared the Democrat nominee, but she lost in the general Election to Republican incumbent Joan Shangle. (Full story can be found at "Nevada Lawyer" – September 2012 Edition – "Occasionally Lady Luck Decides Elections in Nevada" by Patricia D. Cafferata, Esq.)



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**Be aware, Do your
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Did you know.

The Registrar of Voters Office is getting a make-over....sort of.

As the office staff starts preparation for the 2014 Election Cycle we have done some re-arranging, painting and just general de-cluttering.

Walls have been taken down to make room for a data entry pool during peak return times of voter registration applications. The back room of the main office is also being prepped to be the new training facility where poll worker and field registrar training classes will take place.

What would you like to see in our next newsletter?

If you have any suggestions or ideas of what should be covered in our next newsletter submit them to Heather Carmen at hcarmen@washoecounty.us or call (775) 328-3672. You may just see your name spotlighted in our next newsletter.

If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, please contact Heather at (775) 328-3672

Dates for 2014 Election

May 24th, 2014 – June 6th, 2014

Primary Election Early Voting

June 10th, 2014

Date of Primary Election

October 18th, 2014 – October 31st, 2014

General Election Early Voting

November 4th, 2014

Date of General Election

Do you know someone who is interested in working the polls? Submit their contact information and a recruiter will be in contact with them.

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email

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