

INSIDE THE POLLS



Polk County Election Official Newsletter

Important General Election date

July 9 (-120 days) is the first day the election office can accept absentee ballot requests for the November General Election. The ballots will not be available until early October.

Upcoming Events

Oct 1 — Oct 5

Satellite Official Training River Place

Oct 29 — Nov 2

Election Official Training River Place

November 6

General Election

Know someone who wants to work?

Do you have a friend, neighbor or family member who might be interested in working have them contact the Election Office at **286-3253**

Pay Increase Approved

The Polk County Board of Supervisors approved Jamie Fitzgerald, Polk County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections pay increase recommendation for election day poll workers.

Poll workers will now receive **\$10 per hour** for election work and training.

Precinct Captains pay will change from \$200 per election to an hourly rate of **\$14** for both election work and training.

Thank you Auditor Fitzgerald for requesting the additional pay.

Like Us on Facebook

The Polk County election office is now on Facebook. Please like and share the page with your friends and family.

We hope this page will give voters valuable information on registration deadlines, early voting options and election day information. We also hope this will

increase are audience for potential poll workers.

General Election Quizzes are now Available

Four new quizzes are available for the General Election. We have an open / close, green side, red side and general election quiz. Quiz links will be sent via email.

Workers can use these quizzes to test out of early training sessions. In order to test out, you will need to score 90% or better on all 4 sections. Testing out is optional.

You are always welcome to attend our training sessions.

General Election Close the Polls Procedure Change

We have changed a step to the close polls procedure. You will now select "YES" and print a write in report.. The write in report will go in the tally book and returned to the election office in the brown bag.

General Election

The General Election is November 6, which is just around the corner!

This is a midterm year, so statewide offices (Governor, Attorney General, etc.) will be on the ballot. All representatives in the Iowa House will also be on the ballot along with State Senators in certain districts. At the county level, there will be three Board of Supervisors seats up along with the County Attorney, County Treasurer and County Recorder. All seats in the U.S. House of Representatives are also on the ballot.

2018 General absentee requests for mailed ballots are valid only from July 9 – October 27. Absentee ballots will begin mailing on October 8. The worry free voter registration deadline is October 27.

If you have any **questions**, please contact the Election Office at **286-3253**.

Stay Calm

When dealing with a difficult voter take a moment to breathe deeply. Stay clam and if necessary have the voter call our office. **286-3247**