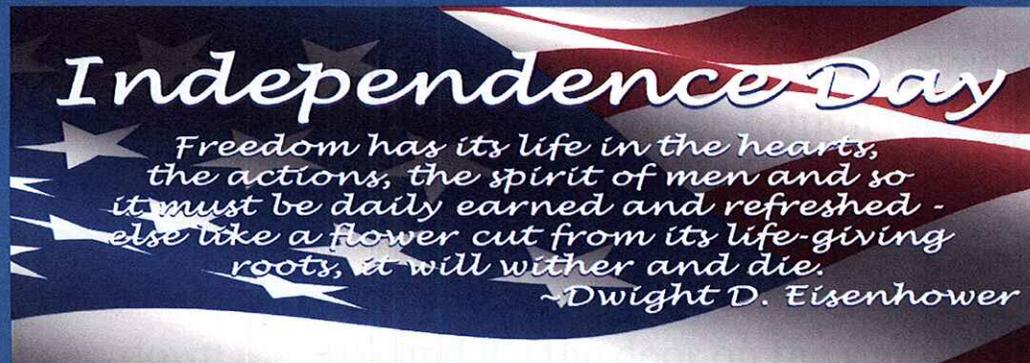




Tompkins County Election Worker News

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Upcoming Events

Primary Election:

September 9, 2014

General Election:

November 4, 2014

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School Board Elections confusion

School Board Elections are run by the school board. The Tompkins County Board of Elections does not assist with those elections except for providing the scanners and voting booths. If you would like to work at the ICSD election and were not contacted, please contact Danielle Desilva, District Clerk. The address is 400 Lake Street, PO Box 549, Ithaca, NY 14850-0549. Phone number is 607-274-2102 or email is Danille.desilva@icsd.k12.ny.us. You must reside in the ICSD district to work the polls.

Polling Site Arrival Times

	Primary	General	Instructions
Poll Site Managers (PSM)	Arrive at poll site at 11:00 AM	Arrive at poll site at 5:00 AM	Leave when everything on closing checklist is done, all paperwork is signed and inspectors have left.
Election Inspectors	Arrive at poll site at 11:30 AM	Arrive at poll site at 5:30 AM	Leave when everything on closing checklist is done and all paperwork is signed.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?

ELECTION OFFICIAL

Contact the Board of Elections (607) 274-5521 or email one of the people above.

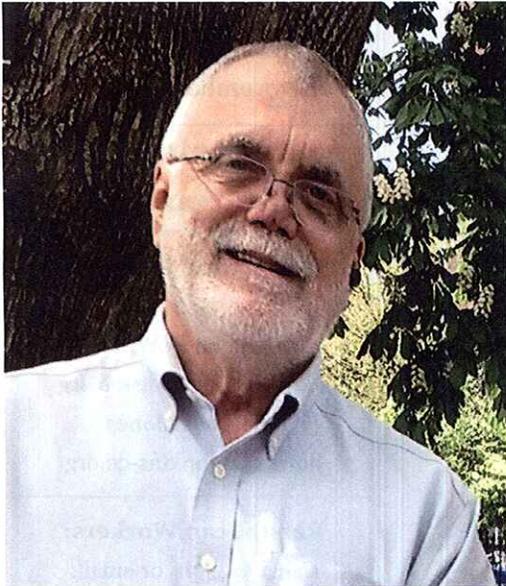
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Commissioners Corner



**Democratic Commissioner
Stephen DeWitt**

NEW Affidavit Process:

By Jocelyn Jones

Q: What is the NEW process for affidavit ballots on election day?

A: In previous years we have had the inspectors issue affidavit ballots to voters. While issuing the affidavits, the inspectors needed to look up information about the voter that sometimes would take a little while and cause a longer wait time for other voters in line. We have decided to give the responsibility of the affidavits to the Poll Site Managers (PSM).

Q: How will changing the affidavit ballot responsibilities cut down on long lines?

A: We are solving the long line issue by giving the affidavit responsibility to the Poll Site Managers. When a voter comes through the line and is not in the poll books the Inspector will call over the PSM and the PSM will very nicely take the voter to the side and continue with the affidavit process.

Q: What will the PSM's do with the affidavits when the voter finishes filling them out?

A: The PSM will check the envelope to make sure it is filled out in all the corresponding areas and then take the envelope to the correct district table and give the envelope to the Inspector who will then log the information about the voter in the challenge report at the beginning of the poll book and place the affidavit envelope in the blue Election Returns Bag-B.

Q: Do you think this is going to be more beneficial for the Inspectors and PSM's?

A: Absolutely, before the inspectors had the responsibility and we received many complaints from the Inspectors and voters about the long lines. The Inspectors are great at their jobs, we just think that this will be a win-win for everyone.

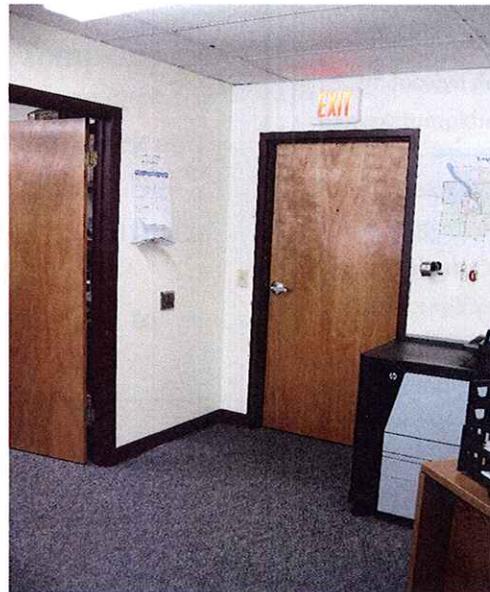


NEW accessible access in to our office

Come one, come all, and use our new and improved accessible doors. Our new ADA entrance will be helpful for anyone coming to vote, inspector/PSM trainings, or even just to drop by to say hi. The main ADA entrance is the Assessment office entrance located on the left hand side of the building. To enter our office go around the corner, down the hall, and it's the door on the right.



ADA access to our office is from the outside to the left of the BOE main entrance .



Just a push of a button.

