



Election Insider

April 22, 2024

Greetings everyone! Welcome to another issue of the Election Insider. As promised, a new issue of the newsletter will be sent out after each Electoral Board meeting, which happened on April 9.

June Primary and Early Voting

Our office received the official announcement that there will be a **Republican Primary on June 18**. This means that Early Voting will start on May 3 at the Office of Election.

We are anticipating the primary to be slow, therefore the two satellite locations at City Hall and Hickory Hill Community Center will only be open the last two Saturdays (June 8 and June 15) before Election Day. Hours for the satellite locations are from 9AM to 5PM.

Our office will be closed the day after Election Day on June 19 to observe the national holiday Juneteenth. This is the first time ever that the office will be closed after an Election Day. Canvassing will begin the following day on June 20.

Increasing Election Officer Pay

The Electoral Board has approved to increase election officer pay. This decision was made to reflect the hard work of election officers after a 15 hour work day and with the consideration of inflation.

With the pay increase, we are expecting more interest from the general public to become election officers and serve their community.

The pay increase will take effect in the November General election.

PAY BREAKDOWN		
Title	Per Day	Per Hour
Chief Election Officer	\$300	\$20/hour
Assistant Chief Officer	\$250	\$17/hour
Election Officer	\$200	\$13/hour

“I Voted” Sticker Contest

Our office is finally wrapping up the “I Voted” Sticker Contest and voting is now available to the public. If you haven’t voted yet, head over to <https://richmond.com/contests/i-voted-sticker-photo-contest/> or scan the QR code to vote for your favorite sticker design. See below to see the top four finalists.

There will be ONE winner, whose sticker design will be used in all polling locations in the November General election. Following the winner, there will be three finalists who will be receiving gift cards through the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

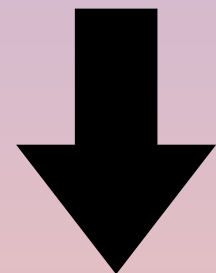
The contest was open for submissions from February until April to all VCU students. The voting period started on April 15 and the last day to vote is April 30. The winner will be announced on May 3.

This is the first “I Voted” sticker contest in the City of Richmond. General Registrar Keith Balmer was inspired by sticker contests in other localities as it has shown to spark civic engagement from the youth and the public.

“I Voted’ sticker contests are both a nice opportunity to bring some fun and creativity to the office, but also great for community engagement and outreach at a time when we’re looking for more ways to engage voters to provide facts about how our elections run, to help people know who their local election officials are, and that they are the trusted source for accurate election information,” Registrar Balmer said.



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YOUR VOTE**



More Structural Changes

Since the last issue, Emmoni Spell has switched roles with Proscovia Tendo, an election specialist in the Voter Registration department. Proscovia now works as one of the precinct managers and Emmoni is working in Voter Registration. We welcome Proscovia onto the team. Proscovia is diligent and exudes a strong work ethic. The team is excited to have her!

Proscovia Tendo



“Greetings my name is Proscovia Tendo, a Precinct manager. I joined the Richmond Office of Elections in September 2021 and I have been working with the Voter Registration Department.

I recently moved to the Election Operations Department. It is a blessing working here as everyone has been nothing but amazing. Looking forward to the future.”

Gratefully, Proscovia

Integra

Our office will be fully launching our new software system called Integra in early May. General Registrar Keith Balmer has been speaking about Integra during training classes, and now it is here! Our department has sent messages to your mobile phones and emails. **If you have not received our messages/texts, please contact our office to verify your contact information we have.**

Integra will allow our office to become more efficient with scheduling Election Officers to work at our precincts. It will also allow us to send mass messages via texts and/or emails, send surveys following an election and reduce paper waste. As with anything new, we expect to encounter some kinks and speedbumps as we navigate through this software. We kindly ask for your patience.



If you have not registered your account, now is the time to do so. Registering your account allows you to view your portal. Inside of the portal, Election Officers will be able to view:

- Specific training for your role
- Sign up for classes
- Receive class reminders on confirmed classes
- Precinct Assignment
- Your inbox

Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs will be able to view:

- Specific training for your role
- Sign up for classes
- Receive class reminders on confirmed classes
- Precinct Assignment
- Your inbox
- Election Officer Roster

Registering your account

1. Visit <https://va.elect-integra.com/sochExternal/UmljaG1vbmQgQ2l0eQ/login> or scan the QR code
2. Watch video
3. Click on “If this is your first time to login, click here to register”
4. Please register with your email that you have submitted while applying to be a poll worker. Should you have a question on which email is used, contact us.
5. Check the box “I’m not a robot”
6. Click the “Register” button. A temporary code will be sent to your email. Enter this code as your password. Check “I’m not a robot” and click on “Login” button.
7. You will be prompted to create a new password and to confirm password. You will receive notification that password has been changed.
8. You are now in your portal

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 804-646-4411 or email ElectionOfficer@rva.gov

Scan here to register!

