

EYE ON ELECTIONS

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News for and about Duplin County Elections



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Successful Elections in 2010

The 2010 elections resulted in many changes across our state but one thing does seem clear—change is in the wind.

Duplin County experienced an average turnout of voters for the 2010 general election. Approximately 48% of registered voters participated, which is about the same as other non-presidential elections.

The many questions and issues that come up during every election appeared during the 2010 election season as well. However, many of the attitudes and questions seemed more like a presidential election than an ‘off-year’ election. The

amount of news coverage alone was evidence of this.

We take great pride in saying that all of our precinct workers, rovers, and various county departments pulled together to make our election a success. With very few glitches and even fewer problems, Duplin County wrapped up another successful election season.

As stewards of Democracy, nothing is more important than the preservation of the elections process.

Thank You

It takes a multitude of people to successfully conduct any election. Everyone who worked during the 2010 election cycle deserves a great big

THANK YOU!

Whether you worked in the elections office, or at the early voting site, or at the precinct, or delivered equipment, or helped get supplies in a timely manner, or helped with technical support . . .

we couldn't have done it without you.

It was a very different election climate due to the large numbers of first time voters and early voters. But all our election workers did a great job and we - the Board and Staff - are grateful for each and every one of you.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2011

State Board of Elections appoints county board members	June 23, 2011
Candidate Filing Opens for Municipal Offices	July 1, 2011 at noon
Candidate Filing Closes for Municipal Offices	July 15, 2011 at noon
County Board Members take oath of office	July 19, 2011 at noon
County Board meets to appoint precinct judges	August 16, 2011
County offices closed (Labor Day)	September 5, 2011
1st day to mail Absentee Ballots	October 9, 2011
Last day to register or update registrations	October 14, 2011
One-Stop Voting begins at the Board of Elections @ 9:00 am	October 20, 2011
Last day to request Absentee Ballot by mail	November 1, 2011
One Stop Voting ends at the Board of Elections @ 1:00 pm	November 5, 2011
ELECTION DAY Polls open at 6:30 am & close at 7:30 pm	November 8, 2011
Canvass Date 11:00 am	November 15, 2011



POLITICAL PARTIES

According to North Carolina law, the political parties make recommendations for members to serve on the county election boards. The State Board of Elections will make appointments from those recommendations on June 28, 2011 according to NCGS §163-30.

Once the State Board of Elections appoints the county boards, those board members will meet on July 19, 2011 to take their oaths of office, organize and elect officers. This meeting is required by statute to take place at 12:00 noon.

Then the chairman of both county parties have until August 15, 2011 to submit their list of recommendations for

people to serve as Chief Judges and Judges in each precinct.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a precinct official, please contact your political party chair as soon as possible to let them know.

Democrat Party Chair:

Dr. Mott Blair 910-285-7976

Republican Party Chair:

Mr. Adrain Arnett 910-298-4242



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Early Voting is Popular in Duplin County

In the 2010 general election almost 4,000 voters cast their ballots before election day.

There are two ways to vote early in North Carolina. The first is Early One-Stop voting and the second is By-mail voting. Both of these are forms of Absentee voting.

One-Stop Absentee:

This is when a voter goes to the early voting site, states his name and current residence, signs the application

and is given a ballot. After marking the ballot for the candidates of his choice, the voter then deposits his ballot directly into the voting machine.

Although the machine reads these ballots, the tabulation (or actual counting) is not done until election day. All these voted ballots are kept in a secured location until election day, when the Board of Elections Members conduct and supervise the actual tabulation. The result is released only after the

close of polls (7:30 pm).

By-Mail Absentee:

The law is very specific about how to apply for a By-Mail absentee ballot. Keep in mind that only the voter or the voter's near relative may make a request for an absentee ballot through the mail. The request must be in writing and contain specific information. Please go to our website or call for more details.

www.duplincountync.com

ELECTION INFORMATION WEBSITES

Federal Voting Assistance

www.fvap.gov

Federal Election Assistance Commission

www.eac.gov

State Board of Elections

www.sboe.state.nc.us

NC State Portal

www.ncgov.com

Election Center

www.electioncenter.org

IACREOT

www.iacreot.com

ARE YOU READY for 2012?

- *Is my voter record up-to-date and current?* If you need to make any changes such as name or address updates, simply go online for the forms or stop by the Elections Office.
- *Where do I vote?* This information is on the voter card we mailed you when you registered to vote. If you make an update to your record we will automatically mail you a new card with this information. If you're still not sure just give us a call at

910-296-2170 or go to the State Board of Elections website for all your voter information: ***www.sboe.state.nc.us***

- *Are you considering running for public office?* There are many rules and regulations regarding candidacy in NC. Please call or come by the elections office **BEFORE** spending or receiving any money regarding running for public office.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Osha Metters has graciously served the citizens of Duplin County through her tireless work in the Elections Department for the past 5 years! Mrs. Metters has served in many capacities during these years. She began as an absentee clerk, then served as a Rover with 3-6 precincts under her supervision. Through her hard work, diligent efforts and continuous training, Mrs. Metters has advanced to Supervisor of Rovers and Assistant precinct official training specialist. She always excels at working with the public, and we are grateful to have her on our team!

Thank you, Osha, for a job well done! We are so impressed and hope you will continue to serve as a shining STAR in our county!!!

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*Then join hand in hand,
brave Americans all!
By uniting we stand,
by dividing we fall.
~John Dickinson*

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As this message is being written, oppressed people in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world are struggling and dying every day to gain some of the cherished freedoms that many Americans too often take for granted. The most fundamental of those freedoms is the right to vote in free, fair and meaningful elections. The universal right to vote is the means by which a free people govern themselves. Voting is the most basic essential of citizenship. Every voter exercises a public trust. The members and staff of the Duplin County Board of Elections are committed to ensuring that we have honest, fair and efficient elections. They are, after all, the Glory of America.

*Carolyn B. Ingram
Chairman*