

# TIOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## ELECTION INSPECTOR NEWS

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*“Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time.” e.b. white*

### BOE NEWS

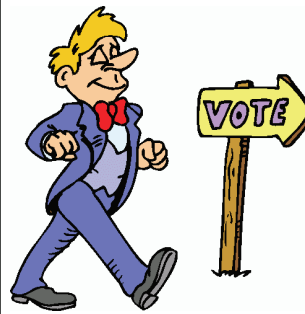
The summer has been very busy at the Board of Elections. The entire staff attended the NY State BOE conference in May.

There was a lot of discussion about the HAVA provision that requires the vendors to place all source codes in escrow with the State Board. This provision would disqualify at least 5 vendors. They use Microsoft programs for some portion of their programming and Microsoft refuses to release their source code.

We have finally been moved to our new server in anticipation of the NYSVOTERII database that the entire state will be utilizing. The database allows us to access and enter voter information in

real-time. Our staff and a member of the IT Department will be attending a training session in mid-June.

The Commissioners and the Head Custodians recently traveled to Lee, Massachusetts to consider 7 voting machines that were no longer being used by that County. The machines were ultimately given to Tioga County at no charge! They were transported to our county barn by Cindy's son, Ben. All the voting machines in Tioga County will have printer packs. A big thank-you goes to Lee, Massachusetts!



### Speaking of Elections

George Washington is the only president who didn't blame the previous administration for his troubles.  
~Author Unknown~

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Remember that your Primary paycheck might seem a little larger...it includes the \$25.00 from the inspector training class
- Primary Paycheck-\$100.00
- General Paycheck-\$150.00
- Chairperson -\$25.00 extra
- There are approximately 30,708 registered voters in Tioga County
- The Primary date has tentatively been changed to Sept. 18, 2007. We are waiting for Governor Spitzer to sign the legislation.

### INSPECTORS WANTED

Do you have any friends or relatives who might be interested in learning to be an Inspector? We'd especially love to find younger citizens. Perhaps you have children (or grandchildren), 18 years or older, who might be interested. As you already know, it is an excellent way to see our democratic ideals in action and give something back to our community. Have them call us, or let us know, and we'll call them.

If you are already an Election Inspector and have any thoughts, comments, and/or knowledge worth sharing with other inspectors, we encourage you to send items to us and we'll try and publish them in the next newsletter. Such items may include any questions or even an "Election Day Tip". Please call or email our office with these tips.

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### Tips for Election Day

Be sure to sign your canvass sheets at the beginning and end of the day.

#### Did you Know....

Electronic Voting, 19th Century Style-Thomas Edison's first patented invention was an electric vote recorder. He intended it to be used by legislative bodies, not the general public. But Congress and other legislatures preferred the slow pace of roll call votes; it allowed them to filibuster or try to convince others to change their votes, so the device was never used.



## NOTES FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS

Once the ballots are printed, you can apply for, receive and cast your ballot all in one visit to the Board of Elections. (Ballots are ready about 3 weeks prior to each election)

In New York state you may not vote in a Primary Election unless you are enrolled in a political party holding a Primary. Absentee ballots are not issued to any-

one not enrolled in a party for a Primary. You may enroll in a party at any time, but remember that the change is not effective until after the next General Election.

For the General Election of 2006 there were 767 absentee ballots issued and 664 were received.

We also provided military absentee ballots to 35 of

our Tioga County sons and daughters. If you have friends or family that are serving in the Military, please let us know if they would like an absentee application. We would be happy to help. Contact our office with their military address information.

## COMMISSIONER NEWS

Bernadette's daughter will be getting married on June 10, 2007. She recently graduated from Russell Sage College receiving her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. She is also certified nationally. Beth and her husband will reside in Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations to Beth and Christopher Gray!

Cindy's grandchildren Tanner and Allison recently received Confirmation and First Communion. Tanner was asked to pick a Saint's name for his Confirmation name...he decided to use his Grandfather's name instead! Does it get any better than that? Ben Goodrich is a saint in his grandson's eyes.

Aloha! Arrah recently visited Hawaii for a week. Her softball team in Waverly won their first game of the season. Way to go!

Sandy and her husband are preparing for the graduation of their daughter from Newark Valley High School. A happy ending and a new beginning at BCC.

## DID YOU FORGET TO VOTE???

In all the hustle, bustle and excitement of running an election, you forgot to vote! If you are working in the election district where you normally vote, just vote on the machine as usual. Actually, it is a good idea, when possible, for inspectors to cast the first votes on a machine. It is

another way of verifying everything is working properly.

But often inspectors are assigned to work elections districts other than their own. In that case, you have an option - You can vote before election day by using an absentee ballot.

To vote absentee, you simply stop by our office, fill out the application and vote. Be sure you tell the staff that you are an inspector, as you will fill out a special application.

## OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION—2007 PRIMARY

### COUNTY:

Legislature: 4 - Year Term  
 District 3            District 7  
 District 6            District 7  
 District Attorney: 4 - Year Term  
 County Clerk: 4 - Year Term  
 (2) Coroners: 4 - Year Term  
 Sheriff: 4 - Year Term

### TOWN:

#### BARTON:

Town Clerk: 4 - Year Term  
 Highway Supervisor: 4 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term

#### BERKSHIRE:

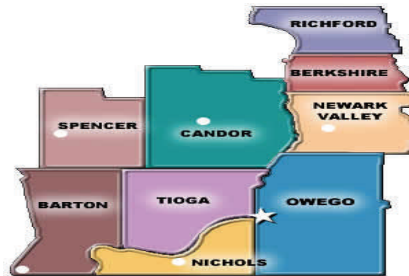
Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 Town Clerk: 2 - Year Term  
 Highway Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term

#### CANDOR:

Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 Town Clerk: 2 - Year Term  
 Highway Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term

#### NEWARK VALLEY:

Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 Town Clerk: 4 - Year Term  
 Highway Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term  
 Justice: 4 - Year Term



#### NICHOLS:

Town Clerk: 4 - Year Term  
 Highway Supervisor: 4 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term  
 (1) Councilman: 3 - Year Term unexp.

#### OWEGO:

(2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term  
 Justice: 4 - Year Term

#### RICHFORD:

Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 Town Clerk: 2 - Year Term  
 Highway Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term

#### SPENCER:

Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 Justice: 4 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term  
 (2) Assessors: 4 - Year Term

#### TIOGA:

Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 Town Clerk: 2 - Year Term  
 Highway Supervisor: 2 - Year Term  
 (2) Councilmen: 4 - Year Term  
 Justice: 4 - Year Term

OUR COUNTY MAP IS  
 AVAILABLE ON OUR  
 WEBSITE.

“IF YOUR  
 ACTIONS INSPIRE  
 OTHERS TO  
 DREAM MORE,  
 LEARN MORE, DO  
 MORE, AND  
 BECOME MORE,  
 YOU ARE A  
 LEADER.”

~JOHN QUINCY  
 ADAMS~

## ELECTION TRUE/FALSE QUIZ (ANSWERS ON PAGE 4)

1. If you already voted by Absentee, you may still vote on the machine.
2. In order for your vote to be cast, you must be 18 years old, a registered voter, a citizen of the US and have lived in the county, city, or village for at least 30 days before the election.
3. A Poll Watcher may challenge voters.
4. You must live within the County in order to be a Poll Watcher.
5. Inspectors must show up at the time the polls are open.



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IF YOU LOVE YOUR FREEDOM,  
VOTE!

### New York State Board Mission

The State Board of Elections was established in the Executive Department June 1, 1974 as a bipartisan agency vested with the responsibility for administration and enforcement of all laws relating to elections in New York State. The Board is also responsible for regulating disclosure and limitations of a Fair Campaign Code intended to govern campaign practices. In conducting these wide-ranging responsibilities, the Board offers assistance to local election boards and investigates complaints of possible statutory violations. In addition to the regulatory and enforcement responsibilities the board is charged with the preservation of citizen confidence in the democratic process and enhancement in voter participation in elections.

### Tioga County Board Mission

We believe an individual's most important right of citizenship is the right to vote. The Board of Elections remains committed to protecting that right and to promote fair, open and accessible elections.

The Board of Elections is a bipartisan office comprised of two appointed Commissioners representing the state's major political parties. Our office includes a professional and dedicated staff of equal party representation in all facets of the Board.

## THANK YOU

A special thank-you goes out to all of our loyal inspectors. We appreciate your dedication and patience. We would also like to mention our brave substitute inspectors who are always willing to work in "OTHER" polling sites. Flexibility is an election inspector's middle name!

We send our best wishes to some of our retiring election inspectors:

**Florence Mack**  
**Gloria Mack**  
**Ruth Leonard**  
**Lulu Klock**

**Jesse Bennett**  
**Bernard Bruetsch**  
**Carolyn Bruetsch**  
**Marion Rutan**  
**Mary Bowen**  
**Joan Eiklor**  
**Edwin Colwell**  
**Barbara Heywood**  
**Martin Domiano**  
**Carole Ainey**  
**Dolores Villata**  
**Gary Shirkey**  
**Marge Telfer**  
**Jane Fuller**  
**Pat Liddington**  
**Harold Saik**

*Please let us know if we did not mention someone. We will include their name in our next newsletter.*  
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*Good friends, good  
books, and a sleepy  
conscience:*

*This is the ideal life  
~ Mark Twain ~*

### Answer to Election Quiz

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. False (you must show up 1/2 hour before polls open)