



Montgomery County, Texas Election News



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We have been busy this summer with preparation for the September and November elections as well as negotiation and finalization of a contract for a new Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting System. A coming issue of the newsletter will provide more detail about implementation of the new voting equipment during the March 2006 Primary Elections.

A new facility to house the voting equipment is under construction. Two additions to the Elections Administration staff have been approved. Information about the new positions can be found on the Jobs Online on the County home web page.

A project is under way to confirm the mailing address of over 5,000 voters based on information received from a national change of address service. If you receive a request for address confirmation, please complete and return it to us to insure that our records are current and that you have been registered in the correct precinct according to your new address.

During July, staff members participated in the annual Election Law Seminar sponsored by the Texas Secretary of State to be briefed on legislative changes. Texas Association of Election Administrators (TAEA) has played a major role in many election law changes. TAEA is an organization whose members consist of Election Administrators and other persons involved in the election process including County Clerks and Tax Assessor/Voter Registrars. The stated purpose of TAEA is to promote the efficient integration of voter registration functions with the actual conduct of elections and to ensure that voter registration, voting and vote tabulation are all carried out in accordance with the highest legal and ethical standards. I have the privilege of serving as the newly elected President of TAEA for the coming year.

ROAD BOND ELECTION

September 10, 2005

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

- ★ Early voting locations and times are shown on page 3.
- ★ Election Day polling locations have been consolidated. The 20 polling sites are on page 4.
- ★ The last day to apply for ballot by mail is September 2, 2005.

City of Magnolia Election

September 10, 2005

Malcolm Purvis Library

510 Melton St.

Magnolia, 77354

Early Voting

Weekdays only August 24 thru Sept. 6

(Closed Sept. 5)

Election Day

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Election Administrator and staff were honored to host participants from four nations.

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Linda Henry & Sandy Hawkins
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INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The U.S. State Department on behalf of their International Visitor Program requested the help of the Montgomery County Elections Administrator's office in hosting international visitors from a multi-regional delegation traveling under the program title "Accountability in Business and Ethics of Financial Management".

The delegation, comprised of 4 participants representing the nations of Ghana, Indonesia, Romania, and Sri Lanka and a representative of the State Department, visited Washington D.C., Houston and San Francisco to explore the meaning and implication of ethical standards and how they are defined, monitored, and enforced in our country.

On August 11, 2005, the international visitors participated in a tour of Election Central, observed a demonstration of vote tabulation, security safeguards and participated in an exchange of information about transparency in the election process. A luncheon featuring barbeque and apple pie was enjoyed by the visitors and allowed for a sharing of differences in our countries.

We would like to thank our visitors for the following observations and comments about their visit:

GHANA

Mr. Daniel Batidam

Executive Secretary, Ghana Integrity Initiative

"There is a high level of transparency in the electoral process of Montgomery County which is essential for the credibility of the electoral process and voter confidence and trust that their votes will indeed be counted."

INDONESIA

Mr. Arief Budiman

Executive Researcher, Jawa Pos Institute of Pro Otonomi

"Thank you very much for a great chance to know more about the electoral process in the U.S. (federal, state and county/city level). I'm honored to be one of the International visitors to meet the Federal Election Commission Staff/Commissioners and Administrator of Montgomery County Elections."

ROMANIA

Mrs. Camelia Sutiman

Chief Prosecutor, National Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office

"I think the United States of America offers a very good example in the matter of transparency, especially in the electoral process. I hope to come back soon."

SRI LANKA

Ms. Bishrul Hana Ibrahim

Associate Editor, Sunday Observer

"I am very impressed by the manner with which you assure the election process is fair and transparent though surprised by the somewhat low voter turn out."



September 10, 2005 Road Bond Election

Early Voting Locations



Election Central
225 Collins Street
Conroe, Texas 77301



South County Community Building
2235 Lake Robbins Drive
The Woodlands, Texas 77380



Malcolm Purvis Library
510 Melton Street
Magnolia, Texas 77354



East County Courthouse Annex
21130 U.S. Highway 59 South
New Caney, Texas 77357

Early Voting and Election Day Site for
City of Magnolia Election

Early Voting Times

August 24 – August 26
August 29 – September 2
September 6

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

For directions to polling locations,
<http://www.co.montgomery.tx.us/election/earlyvoting.shtml>

Note: We will be trying out an “electronic poll book” in five of the consolidated precincts in an effort to continually improve our voter check-in procedures. This new device will enable an election judge to direct a voter to their proper polling location and check registration status.



CONSOLIDATED POLLING LOCATIONS

September 10, 2005

7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Code	Voting Precincts	Polling Location
A	1, 8, 22, 23, 57, 72, 85	Willis Community Building 109 W. Mink, Willis, 77378
B	5, 9, 19	Arnold-Simonton House 905 Stewart, Montgomery, 77356
C	10, 20, 21, 44, 51, 60	Conroe High School 3200 W. Davis, Conroe, 77304
D	38, 63, 77	West Branch Montgomery County Library 19380 HWY 105 W, Montgomery, 77356
E	40, 43, 50	Panorama City Hall 99 Hiwon Dr., Panorama, 77304
F	18, 29, 30, 74	Malcolm Purvis Library 510 Melton St., Magnolia, 77354
G	11, 39, 76	Lake Conroe Forest Community Building 610 Navajo, Montgomery, 77316
H	13, 28, 65, 66	Decker Prairie Elementary School 27427 Decker Prairie Rosehill Rd., Magnolia, 77355
I	24, 56	Needham Road Fire Station 9430 Hwy 242, Conroe, 77385
J	31, 69, 71, 75, 81	Mitchell Intermediate School 6800 Alden Bridge, The Woodlands, 77382
K	4, 33, 48, 67, 79	South County Community Building 2235 Lake Robbins Dr., The Woodlands, 77380
L	6, 35, 46, 68, 80	Robinson Road Community Building 27434 Robinson Rd., Oak Ridge, 77385
M	3, 59, 70, 78	Galatas Elementary School 9001 Cochrans Crossing Dr., The Woodlands, 77381
N	49, 58, 61, 62	Collins Intermediate School 6020 Shadowbend Pl., The Woodlands, 77381
O	32, 45, 47, 84	Wilkerson Intermediate School 12312 Sawmill Rd., The Woodlands, 77380
P	7, 16, 41, 53, 54	East MCCD Center 16401 First St., Splendora, 77372
Q	14, 26, 37, 52, 82	East County Courthouse Annex 21130 Hwy 59 S, New Caney, 77357
R	12, 17, 55, 83	Cut-N-Shoot Fire Station 14421 E. Hwy 105, Cut-N-Shoot, 77306
S	2, 25, 36, 42, 64	Grangerland Community Building 15961 FM 3083, Grangerland, 77302
T	15, 27, 34, 73	Rice Elementary School 904 Gladstell, Conroe, 77304

Montgomery County Election Administration

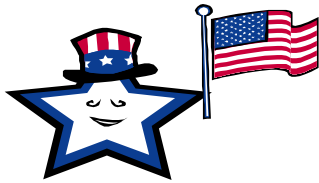
Our Mission Statement

The Montgomery County Election Administrator's office has the responsibility of conducting all Federal, State, and County elections in Montgomery County, as well as elections at the request of local governmental entities. The office also maintains the Montgomery County voter registration database.

We understand elections are the foundation of democracy and good government. Elections must accurately reflect the intent of the electorate. Access, accuracy, privacy, and integrity are vital voter rights.

We are committed to maintaining public confidence in elections by assuring all of our elections are conducted in a fair, efficient and accurate manner with the highest level of integrity. The staff commits to excellence in maintaining up-to-date, accurate voter registration rolls to provide fair and equal opportunities for all qualified voters to participate in the democratic process.

Vote! It's your voice. Use it.



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