

Inspector Newsletter

Summer 2009

Tioga County Pilot Program



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Primary Election
September 15, 2009
Polls open at 12 noon
(Inspectors arrive 11:30 AM)

General Election
November 3, 2009
Polls open at 6:00AM
(Inspectors arrive 5:30 AM)

*A perfect summer day is
when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing,
the birds are singing,
and the lawnmower is
broken.*

We would like to introduce you to our
new Voting Machine Technicians:

**T. Jane Maas &
Sandra Balliet**



The State of New York remains fully committed to full compliance with HAVA. New York is equally committed to ensure that we replace a working voting system with one that will be in full compliance with federal VVSG standards. VVSG is the voluntary voting system guidelines. In the state's commitment to fully replace lever machines in New York, they seek voting systems that are better than our existing system, and that do not deprive New Yorkers of their constitutional rights as voters.

After a great deal of internal discussion and consultation with county boards of elections, the SBOE (State Board of Elections) has concluded that there is a great deal of value

that can be gained from the experience of a secure and controlled pilot program.

As previously indicated, it is the SBOE's intention to encourage and allow Op Scan devices to be deployed, in the pilot program, as widely throughout the State as they can be, based upon the availability from the manufacturer and capability of each local board of elections to use them. In keeping with this intention, the SBOE has required the local boards to identify to the State Board both their intention to participate and in what portion of their county it will be using the OpScan voting system. In addition to any other requirements that are developed, the SBOE is requiring that:

1. The pilot area is comprised of distinct polling places so that all of the voters within that polling place cast their vote on the same voting system. This will ensure that training and outreach efforts are consistent and focused.
2. If the poll site serves multiple election districts, that all of the voters in that poll site will be included in the pilot.
3. In a pilot district, all voters will be voting on scanners or BMDs. **No lever machines** will be deployed in the pilot districts.

The Commissioners have decided to participate, to some extent in the SBOE's Pilot Program. They have decided to fully implement the towns of **Richford and Newark Valley** with the new OpScan devices.

All of the machines needed by the counties for a full 2010 deployment will be in the possession of the counties by March 15, 2010. By way of explanation, prior to full certification in December of 2009, SBOE is projecting that the vast majority of new machines will be ordered by the counties by May 30, 2009. Assuming final sign-off by the NYS Comptroller's Office by May 29, 2009, it is anticipated that full acceptance testing of the new Sequoia devices can begin August 10, 2009 and will conclude no later than December 23, 2009.

In summary, while the SBOE remains strongly committed to the full certification process, we believe that the Pilot program as outlined above will provide both the State and the counties with an invaluable learning tool as we finalize certification and full deployment in 2010. In addition, SBOE is committed to full certification and delivery.

**OFFICES TO BE
FILLED IN
2009**

County/Town	Office	Term	
County	County Treasurer	4	
County	Coroner	4	
County	Coroner	4	
Barton	Supervisor	4	
Barton	Justice	4	
Barton	Councilman	4	
Barton	Councilman	4	
Berkshire	Supervisor	2	
Berkshire	Clerk	2	
Berkshire	Councilman	4	
Berkshire	Councilman	4	
Berkshire	Highway Superintendent	2	
Candor	Supervisor	2	
Candor	Clerk	2	
Candor	Justice	4	
Candor	Councilman	4	
Candor	Councilman	4	
Candor	Highway Superintendent	2	
Newark Valley	Supervisor	4	
Newark Valley	Justice	4	
Newark Valley	Councilman	4	
Newark Valley	Councilman	4	
Newark Valley	Highway Superintendent	4	
Nichols	Supervisor	4	
Nichols	Councilman	4	
Nichols	Councilman	4	
Owego	Supervisor	4	
Owego	Clerk	4	
Owego	Councilman	4	
Owego	Councilman	4	
Owego	Highway Superintendent	4	
Richford	Supervisor	2	
Richford	Clerk	2	
Richford	Councilman	4	
Richford	Councilman	4	
Richford	Highway Superintendent	2	
Spencer	Supervisor	2	
Spencer	Clerk	4	
Spencer	Councilman	4	
Spencer	Councilman	4	
Spencer	Highway Superintendent	4	
Tioga	Supervisor	2	
Tioga	Clerk	2	
Tioga	Councilman	4	
Tioga	Councilman	4	
Tioga	Highway Superintendent	2	

INSPECTOR EXPECTATIONS

As an Election Inspector, you will be representing the Board of Elections on the most crucial day of the year.

It is very important for us to demonstrate a positive, competent, and cheerful attitude to all of our Tioga County voters.

We expect you to look nice, get along with fellow inspectors, and treat voters with courtesy and respect.

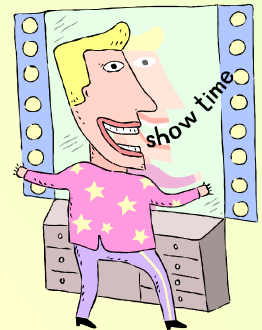
SO ROLL OUT OF BED.....



HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE.....



LOOK NEAT AND CLEAN.....



AND MOST IMPORTANTLY.....SMILE!!!!!!!!!!!!



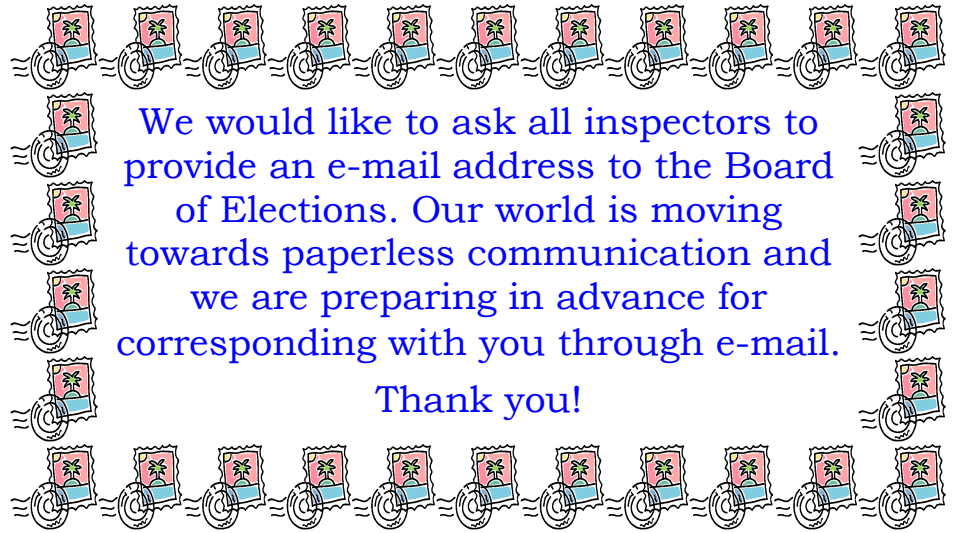
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**IF YOU LOVE YOUR
FREEDOM...
VOTE!!!**



We would like to ask all inspectors to provide an e-mail address to the Board of Elections. Our world is moving towards paperless communication and we are preparing in advance for corresponding with you through e-mail.

Thank you!

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Know Your Voting Machine

New York and states across the country will rely on the latest technologies to ensure that each voter is provided with a smooth, uncomplicated voting experience. Voting systems used throughout the years have changed dramatically, but always with the goal of making the election process more accurate, more accessible and more user-friendly.

If you would like to see which voting machine you will be using for upcoming elections as well as learn how to use this voting device, you may do so at the following address:

<http://www.vote-ny.com>



Here you will find the information you need about the election process as well as information on how your voting system will be used in an election. We hope that these resources will answer any voting questions you have and will provide you with a better understanding of what to expect when you arrive at your polling place on Election Day.