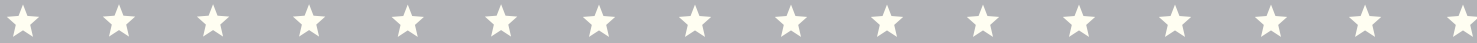


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### 2019 & Presidential Primary Highlights

We have a lot of accomplishments to highlight in this volume of *The Messenger*! As always, thank you for your time and dedication to serving the voters of Ramsey County.

#### *Poll pads*

Every election judge in the county was trained to use poll pads in 2019/2020! We implemented this new technology at every polling place to great success and positive feedback from judges and voters.

#### *Presidential nomination primary*

Together on Mar. 3, we administered a presidential primary! This was the first presidential primary in Minnesota since 1992 and only the 5th in Minnesota history. You took a presidential primary-specific training, tackling content of the presidential primary law and adapting to new procedures to ensure voters privacy at every step of the voting process. Thank you for your flexibility, excellent questions, and willingness to work another big election at an odd time of the year. We did it!

### Student Judges

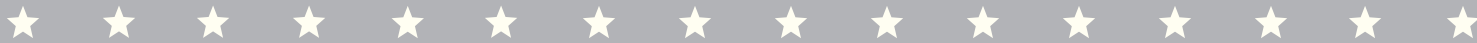
Thank you to all of the student judges who worked in 2019 and for the presidential primary! We appreciate your willingness to serve and have heard wonderful feedback from the judges you worked with. We hope your experience was a good one and that you continue to serve every election. You are valuable contributors to our team and members of the community!

Thank you to our students from Washington Technology Magnet School in Saint Paul! Students volunteered their time after polls close during the election night returns process. They helped head election judges bring Election Day materials into Ramsey County Elections, then assisted our staff in accepting and organizing the materials. We have received many positive comments from our election judges. Thank you!

### COVID-19

Ramsey County continues to follow our standard practices to prepare polling places and election judges. As a result of COVID-19, federal, state, and local officials are carefully considering how to best proceed with administering elections under any restrictions or safety recommendations.

As always, we want to ensure that the voting process is accessible, and we will continue to plan every election with that as our priority. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call our office to discuss this matter further. We will continue to update you as we learn more.



## 2020: What you need to know

There is potential for an Aug. primary for federal, state, county and the City of Roseville. The primary will be confirmed in June after the candidate filing period closes.

Interest letters for the Aug. primary and Nov. general election will be sent in the middle of April. Assignment letters will be sent in early June.

### Training for 2020

The Elections Office requires Election Day training for all election judges ahead of the presidential election in Nov. The first set of in-person training classes will be offered in July, before the state primary on Aug. 11. Additional classes will be offered in Oct. If you cannot attend a class in person, an online version of the class will be available. You will be able to sign up for training when you receive your assignment letter. The training will review all the roles inside the polling place, including greeting and directing voters as they arrive, checking in pre-registered voters on the poll pad, registering new voters, and issuing ballots. The class will debut NEW training videos which will be accompanied by hands-on exercises.

### Did you know? Duty cards are a useful tool

Need a quick refresher while working on Election Day? Read through your duty cards. The elections office provides each polling place a set of duty cards that describes the role and responsibilities of election judge positions inside the polling place. Duty cards cover the greeter judge, poll pad judge, registration judge, ballot judge, equipment judge, and using the ballot marking device. The *Polling Place Reference Guide* will also contain the duty cards in a new appendix section, so you may take a look before Election Day.

### We are recruiting!

We have begun our recruitment efforts for election judges to serve in 2020. Please pass the word to your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, students, employees, and so on.

We need bilingual/multilingual judges! If you are currently an election judge and are bilingual/multilingual, we may use your help as an interpreter on Election Day, too. Please contact our office if you are interested in this opportunity. To provide others with more information and how to sign-up to be an election judge, visit our website at [rcelections.org](http://rcelections.org).

## 2020 Calendar

Mid-Apr.	Interest letters emailed
Early Jun.	Primary assignment letters sent - sign up for training
Month of Jul.	Training
Aug. 11	Primary, polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Month of Oct.	Training
Nov. 3	General election, polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## What's on the ballot for Ramsey County in Nov. 2020?

President  
U.S. Senator  
U.S. Representative  
Supreme Court, Appeals Court  
& Second Judicial Court Judges  
State Representative  
State Senator

County Commissioner - Dist. 1, 2 & 7

### City offices

Arden Hills	North Oaks
Blaine	North Saint Paul
Gem Lake	Roseville
Lauderdale	Shoreview
Little Canada	Spring Lake Park
Maplewood	Vadnais Heights
Mounds View	White Bear Town
New Brighton	

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