



# 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller

"We want to provide voters with the information they need to be prepared for the polls."

Primary elections are unique because voters select a partisan ballot and there are also some changes we want voters to be aware of before they head to their polling places on August 2nd. Here's some important information we hope you will share with the public to facilitate successful participation on election day:

## WHAT KIND OF BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VOTERS?

Any registered voter who desires to vote on August 2 will be able to choose one of the certified ballots for the **Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Constitution Party** to select the candidate for the state and/or local offices that they prefer to represent their respective party in the November 8th General Election. <u>Only voters in</u> Ash Grove, where there is one issue on the ballot in August, will have a "non-partisan" ballot available.

#### WHERE CAN VOTERS VIEW A SAMPLE BALLOT?

One of the best ways to "prep for the polls" is to **examine the sample ballot before going to vote**. Citizens can see what's on the partisan ballot of their choice by visiting the Greene County Clerk's website which can be found through the Greene County website at www.GreeneCountyMo.gov. (Click "Offices", "County Clerk", "Elections Administration" and then "Candidates and Ballot Issues" -- you will see a text link to August 2nd Ballot.) For an electronic link, click here. No web access? Come by the Clerk's office in Room 113 in the Historic Courthouse or call 868.4060. Ballot information will also be published as legal notice in newspapers.

# ARE THERE ANY ISSUES ON THE BALLOT IN GREENE COUNTY?

Only voters who live in the city limits of Ash Grove will have a question on the ballot for their consideration of a one-half of one percent sales tax for the purpose of street improvements. There are NO QUESTIONS on the ballot for any Greene County voters outside the city limits of Ash Grove.

# LAST DATE TO REGISTER?

**Wednesday, July 6**, is the last day to register for the primary election on August 2. Several locations are designated as permanent voter registration sites, including schools, libraries, colleges and universities, city halls, and the Historic Courthouse, Room 113.

## WHERE IS ABSENTEE VOTING LOCATED?

Absentee voting is underway in the **Greene Co. Archives/Election Center**, **1126 N. Boonville Ave**. Enter through the Archive doorway facing Boonville.

# DO VOTERS NEED TO BRING IDENTIFICATION?

The State of Missouri requires voters to show proper identification when voting. To view the types of ID permissible by law, click here.



### WHO CAN VOTE ABSENTEE?

Qualified voters who have a legal reason as provided by statute may be able to cast an absentee ballot prior to any given election. All absentee voters must sign an affidavit under penalty of perjury attesting as to their legal reason for voting by absentee ballot. Registered voters who are not be able to go to their polling place on election day may vote absentee but must attest to one of the following legal reasons:

- Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote
- Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability
- Religious belief or practice
- Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place
- Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained

The deadline for casting an absentee ballot in person is 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, August 1st. Homebound or out-of-town voters may request an absentee ballot by mail, either handwritten or from the fillable form that can be found on Clerk's website. For electronic link, click here. These requests must be signed by the voters and received in the Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to the election, July 27th. Mailed ballots must be voted, notarized, returned by mail and received in the Clerk's office before 7:00 p.m. on election day.

#### WHAT IF A VOTER HAS A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Registered voters can come in and change an address at the Greene County Clerk's office up through the Monday before a Tuesday election. Voters can even change their address on election day if necessary but to avoid delays, update your address prior to August 2nd if possible.

## HAVE ANY POLLING PLACES CHANGED LOCATIONS?

There are several polling places with new locations on August 2 plus a temporary change while Brentwood Library is under construction. The Clerk's office will be mailing new voter registration cards to those affected by these changes and at no additional cost to the County, there will be an additional reminder card sent as well.

9AB - From 1st Baptist Church Christian Life Center to KENNETH E. MEYER ALUMNI CENTER, 300 S. JEFFERSON AVE.

11 - From High Street Baptist Church to EAST SUNSHINE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 3721 E. SUNSHINE ST.

31C - From High Street Baptist Church to SPRINGFIELD BIBLE CHURCH, 2145 E. GRAND ST.

32AC - From Brentwood Christian Church to SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, 3111 E. BATTLEFIELD RD.

38AB - From Glendale Baptist Church to SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, 3111 E. BATTLEFIELD RD.

34AC - From Sunset Church of Christ to EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER, 910 BALLROOM, 910 W. BATTLEFIELD RD.

Clay B - From River of Life Lutheran Church to FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH, 4855 S. FARM ROAD 205.

Wilson A - From St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to DAVID HARRISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 3055 W. KILDEE LANE.

TEMPORARY: 45A - From Brentwood Library to UNITY OF SPRINGFIELD CHURCH, 2214 E. SEMINOLE ST.

## MEDIA AVAILABILITY/SOCIAL MEDIA

Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller is available for interviews and on-set appearances to provide "Prep for the Polls" tips and education to help make certain citizens are ready to vote on Tuesday, August 2. For additional updates, the media and the public can follow us on Twitter at @greenecovotes and LIKE us on Facebook.com/greenecovotes -- Greene County and Clerk's office will be using the hashtag **#Prep4Polls**.

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