

THE LEGISLATIVE BUZZ

NOW THAT REDISTRICTING is at an end, let's take a look forward to see what changes have been produced and what to look for in the future. To begin with, **the Commonwealth Republican/Democratic primary** that is usually held in June has now been pushed back to **Tuesday, August 23 2011**, and the **2011 General Election** is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 8, 2011**. This coming Fall General Election promises a full ballot: the line-up begins with all the 140 Senate and delegate General Assembly seats up for election (they'll be some in your area for sure); the Commonwealth Constitutional Offices (includes the Commonwealth Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, Sheriff, and Treasurer); some Supervisors and School Board seats, along with the Soil and Water Commission, will be up for election.



IN 2012 The **Presidential Primary** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 6th**; **the Virginia Democratic/Republican Primary** is now scheduled for **Tuesday June 12th**; and **the General Election** **Tuesday November 6th**. This election includes **the President and Vice President, a U.S. Senate seat (Senator Webb's open seat)**, and various U.S. House of Representative seats.

What will be confusing (temporally) will be the **re-drawn local, state, and federal district boundaries**. Some Localities will have major changes, others will have relatively few changes and some will have no changes at all. In addition, because of the population increases, new voting precincts are being developed. Some situations may become quite confusing. Another factor playing a part in this puzzle is the Department of Justice (DOJ). The DOJ has final approval of redistricting plans and new voting precinct boundaries.

When all is well between the DOJ and the Virginia Commonwealth, the Virginia State Board of Elections (SBE) will prepare new "Voter Cards" for all legally registered Virginia residents. These "Voter Cards" will provide information as to "what local district", "what voting precinct", "what Congressional district"; and "which State Senate" and "House of Delegate" districts" a voter is located in. Finally, the "Voter Card" will provide the address and phone number of your local General Registrar. See voter card info below left.

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"VOTER CARDS" may take sometime to arrive at your address; however, you may always count on your General Registrars. Your General Registrar is included in a State-wide voter computer system and he/she can provide to you the latest and best voter information. In the VIPMOAA area of operations there are seven voting localities. Each locality has a General Registrar available to assist you with voting information. In VIPMOAA they are:

- * **Gloucester County** – **Carole Gates** – **804- 693-3080**
www.gloucesterva.info/registrar
- * **Hampton City** – **Terri Kyle** – **757-727-6218**
www.hampton.gov/voter
- * **James City County** – **AJ Cole** – **757-253-6868**
www.jcegov.com/vote
- * **Newport News City** – **Vicki Lewis** – **757-926-8683**
www.nngov.com/voter-registrar
- * **Poquoson City** – **Tammi Pinckney** – **757-868-3070**
www.ci.poquoson.va.us Click on "Residents" then "Voter"
- * **Williamsburg City** – **Win Sowder** – **757-220-6157**
www.williamsburgva.gov
- * **York County** – **Walt Latham** – **757-890-3440**
www.yorkcounty.gov/voting

P.S. These localities also have a local TV station to provide additional voter information for you.

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