

OFFICER CONNECTION

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***"Election workers are the
unsung heroes of our
democracy."***

*- Jena Griswold,
Colorado Secretary of State*

Office of Elections Welcomes New Training Coordinator

Dan Garrigan comes to us with a wealth of existing elections experience and an abundance of hometown pride.

Having moved to Prince William County with his family in 1977, Dan worked his way through PWCS and NOVA's higher education network, graduating from Rockledge Elementary, Woodbridge Middle, Woodbridge Senior High School,

and Northern Virginia Community College. A man who is of and from PWC, he's even worked to deliver papers for the Potomac News, a local paper that used to be headquartered right across from Potomac Mills



Mall, and has flown planes out of both Manassas Regional Airport and the old Woodbridge Airport. Having served the voters of Prince William as an election officer for 15 years, he now brings that knowledge, commitment, and love for his fellow citizens with him to run the EO Training Program from the other side. He is positive and engaged and looks forward to working with all of you ahead of November's election and beyond.

With his addition to the team, our office is now fully-staffed with 18 full-time employees.

Next Up: November Assignment and Training Timeline

August 1

New EO Application
Deadline

Early August

Precinct Assignments
Are Sent

Mid August

Election Officer Training
Begins

November 4
Election Day

Stats and Accomplishments

Officers Assigned

	November	June
New Officers	213	45
Language Officers	63	32
Early Voting	93	53
Total Assignments	1109	640

FY 2025

Voters Served

	November	June
Early Voting	97,800	4,800
By Mail	30,900	7,400
Election Day	92,700	14,874
Total Voters	221,400	27,000

FY 2025

Takeaways and Improvements



QR codes placed on every piece of election equipment allow officers to easily access videos on equipment setup and follow along in real time on election morning.



New videos on the training site cover a range of hot topics, including move rules, provisional ballots, and closing paperwork.



Virtual CO/AO Brief with the Director of Elections gives one last overview of election-specific considerations and procedures, and allows for questions to be asked and answered in real time.

Conveniently placed QR codes allow for quick access to assistance.



Election Officer Process

It can take up to six weeks from Application Submission to "Ready" Status.

Don't wait. Encourage your friends and family to apply now.

pwcvotes.org/electionofficer

Election Officer Policy

Please bring your lanyard and badge to every election.

New badges and pins will be given out in November!

Updates and Changes

Virginia Law Changes

Starting July 1, 2025, five new Virginia laws will impact the Office of Elections.

SB 1044 requires general registrars to report provisional ballot results by precinct.

Results must be submitted by 5 p.m. on the tenth day after an election.

HB 1735 and SB 991 shorten the voter registration deadline from 22 days before general and primary elections to 10 days before these elections. This change allows voters more time to update their registrations, but could create challenges if voters change their address after ballots are mailed.

Fun Fact

In Virginia, law changes go into affect on July 1 of each year.

HJ 443 and SJ 253 create a 13-member committee to study whether Virginia should move all general elections to even-numbered years. The study will look at how the change

would affect voter turnout, costs, and legal requirements. A final report is due in 2027.

HB 1600 gives \$.75 Million to the Virginia Department of Elections to be used to move election systems to the Cloud and replace the existing systems used to track campaign finance

and committees.

Lastly, **HJ 500** marks the Tuesday after the November General Election as "Election Worker Appreciation Day", to recognize the hard work of election officials and staff.

Get Ready

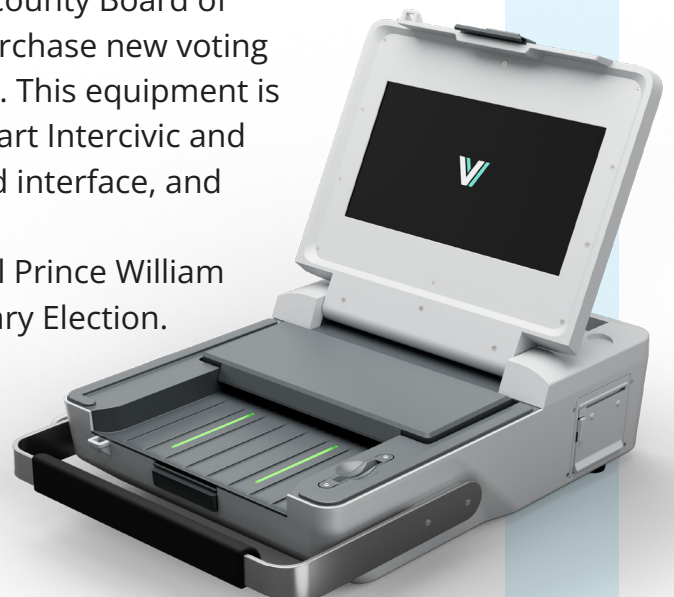
New Election Equipment. Coming June 2026.

As part of the FY26 Budget, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors approved \$2.4 million dollars to purchase new voting equipment, ballot scanners, and ADA machines. This equipment is the newest election system manufactured by Hart Intercivic and boasts a smaller, lighter machine, a streamlined interface, and enhanced security features.

The new equipment is expected to roll out to all Prince William County voting locations for the June 2026 Primary Election.

What you need to know:

All officers assigned to positions of leadership should plan to certify on the new equipment during the Spring 2026 PWC Election Officer training season.



From The Office

Office of Elections Gets Top Marks on PWC Community Survey

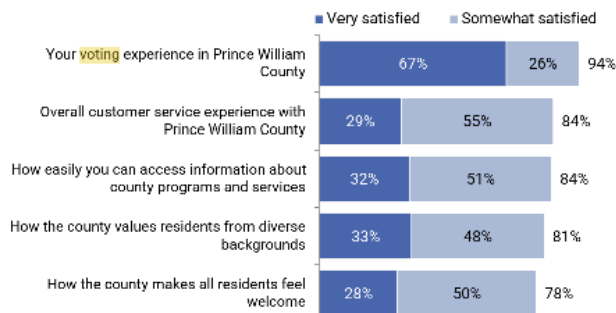
In November 2024, Prince William County completed their biennial Community Survey. The purpose is to assess resident perceptions of the overall quality of life in Prince William County, assess the perception of County services, identify subgroups that may be under-served, and address specific and relevant topics of interest.

The results showed that 94% of PWC residents are satisfied with their voting experience. When compared to the previous survey's outcomes, this rating not only placed the voting experience in the category of "most improved", increasing +7 satisfaction points since 2021, but also earned that activity the highest satisfaction rating of all surveyed metrics. Newer county residents, who may have voted in other places, gave the experience a 98% satisfaction rating.

Your professionalism, positivity, and excellent customer service are paramount to the elections process. We applaud your efforts each election and we are proud to report that the voters of Prince William County applaud you as well.

Figure 6. Satisfaction with Government Operations, Performance and Innovation, 2024

Overall, how satisfied would you say you are with the following in Prince William County that are part of the Government Operations, Performance and Innovation quadrant of government?



Did you Know?

We post all of our results tapes online.

Since November 2023, we have taken time during Canvass to scan every single results tape that you return on election night, convert them to PDFs, and put them online for the public to see. In April, this program won a national award from the Election Assistance Commission (@EACgov).

View all officer signed results tapes at pwcvotes.org/results

A Sneak Peek

New "I Voted" Stickers Coming Nov 2025

Get ready for "Hands In PWC", the 2nd place winner from our 2024 "I Voted: Sticker Design Contest.



This sticker highlights the diversity of Prince William County voters and teamwork that comes with exercising your civic duty. As the nation has evolved and the right to vote has been accessed by more diverse

groups of people, we use this sticker to celebrate all coming together to build the great democracy that we all enjoy.

Design Credit: Erika Lozano, erikalozanoart.com



Special Edition! This year, Halloween falls on the last Friday of Early Voting. To celebrate, we have created a Halloween version of this year's design. Featuring mummies and werewolves, zombies and

ghouls, we put a fun twist on the idea that the right to vote is a right that is shared by everyone.

This sticker will be available at all Early Voting sites for the final week of EV, while supplies last.

Events and Recognitions

EV Officers Recognized by the PWC Electoral Board

November's Early Voting Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs were honored by the Prince William Electoral Board as part of the monthly Electoral Board meeting on May 7, 2025. The Electoral Board recognized the efforts of the 90 Early Voting leaders and officers who served across PWC's six Early Voting locations during last fall's Presidential Election. A HUGE shout out and thank you to all of our Early Voting officers. With Virginia having one of the longest Early Voting periods in the nation, we truly could not do what we do without your tireless commitment and dedication to providing accessible voting options to all voters in Prince William County.



All in the Family

It's no secret that elections in Prince William County are a family affair. Our election officer rosters boast all sorts of familial combinations, from parents and their children, spouses, siblings, and even identical twins!

This month, we'd like to spotlight The Shirkeys. This June, Andrew served on Election Day as an EPS at Hampton Middle School. His daughter, Andrea, helped around the office as our PWC Summer Intern. Andrea didn't let on that her dad was an officer, and it took us two weeks to discover the relation when we just happened to notice their similar last names. They are excited to now have two more things in common, election experience... and matching t-shirts. *Photo Credit: Mrs. Shirkey*

As Always, Thank You.

Elections would not happen without people volunteering to run them. Election workers are the unsung heroes of our democracy, putting in countless hours to ensure that their local elections run smoothly and that every eligible voter can make their voice heard. - Jena Griswold, Colorado Secretary of State