A Report to the State Board of Elections

May 20, 2024



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Monthly Statewide Voter Registration Totals 2024

Date	Number of Registered Voters					
JAN 1, 2024	768,978					
FEB 1, 2024	770,363					
MAR 1, 2024	772,284					
APR 1, 2024	773,555					
MAY 1, 2024	774,636					
JUN 1, 2024						
JUL 1, 2024						
AUG 1, 2024						
SEP 1, 2024						
OCT 1, 2024						
NOV 1, 2024						
DEC 1, 2024						

Statewide Elections

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
State Primary Election	Tuesday, September 10, 2024	State
General Election	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	State

New Castle County

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION

Kent County

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Kenton	Monday, May 20, 2024	Municipal
Smyrna Referendum	Thursday, June 6, 2024	School
Bowers	Saturday, August 3, 2024	Municipal

Sussex County

ENTITY	DATE	TYPE OF ELECTION
Cape Henlopen Referendum	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	School
Slaughter Beach	Saturday, July 6, 2024	Municipal
Fenwick Island	Saturday, August 3, 2024	Municipal
Rehoboth Beach	Saturday, August 10, 2024	Municipal
Henlopen Acres	Saturday, August 31, 2024	Municipal
Bethany Beach	Saturday, September 7, 2024	Municipal
Dewey Beach	Saturday, September 21, 2024	Municipal
Delmar	Monday, October 7, 2024	Municipal

Upcoming Deadlines

State Primary Party Change Deadline: Friday, May 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m.

Candidate Filing Deadline: Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Noon

- Polling Place Accessibility (ongoing/update)
 - Continued work on polling place signage/access/parking plans
 - Election Officer Training Videos: Including updated UVC video
 - Voting Equipment/Absentee Voting Accessibility Demonstrations & Process Improvement Collaborations
 - National Federation of the Blind-Sussex County Chapter

Public School Elections

- School Board Elections Held on Tuesday, 5/13/2024
- School Referenda Elections:
 - •Appoquinimink School Dist. Referendum (2nd Attempt): 4/23/2024
 - Referendum Passed
 - Results Certified
 - Cape Henlopen School Dist. Referendum (2nd Attempt): 5/21/2024
 - Additional polling places added
 - Reconfiguration of Cape Henlopen High School polling place
 - Smyrna School District Referendum (2nd Attempt): 6/6/2024
 - Preparation Efforts Well Underway
 - •For Both Referenda/All School Elections: Working closely with USPS Election Mail regional representatives to ensure all ballots received by return deadline are returned to DoE

Early Voting and Permanent Absentee Voting

- On February 23, 2024, Delaware Superior Court Judge Mark Conner ruled that Delaware's permanent absentee voting and early voting statutes violate the Delaware Constitution.
- State is appealing Superior Court decision to Delaware Supreme Court.
- State filed a Motion to expedite decision and motion was granted.
- Supreme Court will issue a decision prior to 6/30/2024 providing the Department plenty of time prior to the State Primary and General Election to know what is the constitutional course of action.

- FY 2025 Budget Planning Timeline
 - Continued Follow-up from hearing with OMB/Budget Analyst
 - FY 2025 Budget "Markup" process underway
 - Working with the Joint Finance Committee and Controller General's Office regarding ongoing needs (see * info below) regarding cost savings realized by cancellation of Presidential Primary
- Governors FY2025 Recommended Budget Includes
 - Funding for additional voting equipment for Sussex County (additional/relocated polling places)
 - Funding for new box trucks for each county office.
 - Funding for creation of parts inventory for equipment repairs
 - Partial funding for voting machine backup battery replacement
 - Partial funding for DTI security services
 - Ongoing discussion on funding for New Castle County Warehouse/Training Center Expansion

*costs sharing with federal grant funds (Help America Vote Act funds)

- Monthly meetings with budget analyst
 - Review of current budget status/needs
 - Reviewing costs for school referenda elections (initial and second attempts[6 districts/9 referenda (3 referenda failed in initial election/as second election being held**)]
 - Consistent check-in on planning for future fiscal year budget planning (short-term and long-term)
 - Review/discuss fiscal requirements of proposed/pending legislation and incorporate into budget planning process

**per Delaware Code, school districts may have no more than two referenda elections in any 12-month period

- Kent County: Filled Voting Machine Technician Position
- Sussex County: Filled Administrative Specialist Position
- Voting Machine Technician Positions
 - New and existing staff participating in certified training program with ES&S (voting equipment vendor): scheduled for early June
- Campaign Finance Team
 - Fiscal Advisor continues orientation with training now extended to Voter Registration system
- Full-Time Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Position
 - Position posted at DE Department of Justice (DE DOJ)
 - Search process for new DAG position currently underway
 - Current DAG will continue to serve through the 2024 elections

Election Officer (Poll Worker) Staffing of Polling Places Stipend Increases

Position Title	2022 Stipend	*New* 2024 Stipend
Inspector	\$235	\$400
Judge	\$195	\$325
Clerk	\$190	\$300

Standardization Efforts

- Standardization of Procedures/Documents/Materials:
 - Election Officer Training (Largely Complete)
 - Development of Election Officer Training Videos:
 - Elections Team Member leading/coordinating effort
 - Continued work on developing full range of training videos covering all aspects of election officer training and related, specialized topics (e.g. Universal Voting Console use)

Municipal Elections/Organized Voter Registration (OVR) 7

- Municipal Elections Support:
 - Town of Kenton and Town of Smyrna: Working with municipality regarding challenges encountered with municipal elections and resolution of these issues
 - Numerous municipal elections scheduled over next several months
 - Department providing support while balancing not providing legal advice to municipalities/liaisons with municipal solicitors as needed
 - Primary responsibility for administration of municipal elections under the authority of the municipal Board of Elections
- OVR program:
 - OVR trainings scheduled for the 2024 calendar year
 - OVR program activity continues to increase
 - Related responsibility: providing training for municipal staff and Board of Elections members regarding municipal election administration

Community Relations/Public Information

- Outreach Events:
 - NCC Office supported a voting machine demonstration at the 2024 Deaf Expo at the Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. exhibit on Saturday, May 4th.
 - NCC Office supporting Tower Hill School's Young Voter's Club Mock Election, May 20^{th.}
 - Delaware State Fair Exhibitor, July 18-27, 2024
 - Delaware Mock Elections coordinating with UD's Biden School of Public Policy & Public Administration, the Delaware Civics Education Coalition, DTI & other voter education & outreach groups to provide Delaware students in Grades 4 – 12 experience of voting in a mock election in October.
- Advertising:
 - BaytoBay/Daily/Delaware State News & DelawareLIVE online edition advertisements
 - Comcast/Xfinity Stream PSAs
 - Work will begin soon with vendor on additional social media, newspaper, radio and billboard advertisements
- Voter Information Mailer: to be mailed in early August 2024
- Preparing outreach about upcoming deadlines and any changes in voting options and processes.

Campaign Finance-Reporting

- Continuing regular/scheduled meetings with Campaign Finance Reporting System (CFRS) support vendor
 - Evaluating administrative roles best handled by Department users vs. Administrative support by vendor
- Continued review of user entry fields CFRS
 - Reviewing user entry fields to streamline and enhance ease of use
- Filing Deadline for 2023 Annual Reports was January 22, 2024
 - 52 unfiled reports (February); 38 unfiled reports (March): 36 unfiled reports (April);
 35 unfiled reports (May)
 - Campaign Finance staff continue to work with committees with outstanding reports to offer technical assistance and advice
- Ongoing work with municipal and school board candidates
- Scheduling additional campaign finance training sessions in advance of State Primary and General Elections for candidates and treasurers

Technology Updates

- Replacement/Upgrade of Desktop PCs (All Offices)
 - Deployment largely complete and units are in place
- Migration to next generation of Cisco phone system (Statewide migration)
 - Remains pending—to be launched early summer prior to peak election seasons
- Continuing review and streamlining of office phone system call queues (daily and Election Days)
- Reformatting election/ballot building area (June):
 - Secured access
 - · Area will be under video surveillance
 - Providing a dedicated area for this process
 - Ability to use area as an "operations center" on election days

- Continued updates to site and a comprehensive bi-weekly review of all pages of site assessing site accessibility
- Continued review of accessibility of entire site using analysis tool
 - Latest update shows continued steady improvement via review
 - Site average "health score" of 99+/100
 - Most individual pages 100/100, with lower-performing pages primarily displaying legacy format election results
 - Continued work on "legacy" items on site such as PDF of election results
 - Continued review of each site "legacy" page to determine which need to be optimized (based on use(and text/tags used in searches to ensure accurate search results/compatibility with accessibility tools
 - IT Team will continue to review and maximize accessibility
 - Scan scheduled for 5/14 postponed due to School Board Elections
 - This scan scheduled for 5/28
- School Referenda and School Board Elections webpages updated continually to reflect most recent elections/adoption of standardized reporting format
- Continued refinement of automated website update tools linked to candidate filing
 - Tool automates filed candidate status updates based upon review of required fields (residency/background checks) and adjusted candidate status published on website

Bill Number	Purpose	Status	Comments/Notes
HB 43	Permits "No Party" voters to vote in State Primaries	House Administration Committee	No action
HB 93	Requires municipalities to utilize State voter registration system	House Administration Committee	Motion to release from committee failed
HB 96 w/HA 1	Permits 16- and 17-year olds to vote in school board elections	House Administration Committee	Tabled in committee
HS 1 for HB 121	Authorizes artificial entities, LLCs, Partnerships & Trusts to vote in Seaford Municipal Elections	Passed House/In Senate Executive Committee	This bill affirms a municipal charter change.
HB 189	Prohibits corporations and artificial entities from voting in municipal elections	Released from House Administration Committee	No action
HB 215	Consolidates Presidential and State Primary Elections on Presidential Primary Date (Effective for Primary Elections held after 10/1/2024)	Passed House/ Defeated in Senate	No action
HB 291 W/HA 1 (stricken) & HA 2	DoE establishes a phone number and online form for reporting suspected violations and protects the identity of those reporting suspected violations. Permits committees that unintentionally accept prohibited contribution to return it or to pay funds to State Treasurer. Mandates that a committee intentionally accepting prohibited contributions must return it to the donor.	Released from House Administration Committee	HA 1 required donor employer/job title listing in campaign finance reports but made info not public; requires return to donor of unlawful contribution/ HA 2 eliminated requirement for donor employer/job title listing
HB 292	DoE reviews all campaign finance reports. Creates new categories of "Submitted But Not Reviewed" and "Reviewed and Final". DoE works with candidate to rectify violations discovered to resolve and to file an amended report including revised reporting.	Released from House Administration Committee	

Bill Number	Purpose	Status	Comments/
HS 1 for HB 293	DoE must ensure locations housing polling places are accessible. Provides for emergency provisions if no accessible polling locations are available. Substitute bill clarifies that emergency situations are during states of emergency and natural disasters. Provides options for impacted voters to vote at alternate polling place and by alternate means. Provides a means to file an administrative complaint if accessibility requirements are not met.	Passed House; Released from Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee	Notes Next step: Senate consideration
HS 1 for HB316	Bans Deep Fakes relating to Elections within 90 days of an election. Substitute bill amends the original by adding disclosure statements for audio-only media, and adds mobile apps, websites, and streaming platforms as covered media channels. It also adds provisions to ensure compliance to federal laws.	Passed House/in Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee	
HB344	Seeks to randomize ballot name order moving away from current ballot design currently provided for in Code.	House Administration Committee	Introduced
SB 3 w/HA 2	Amends State Constitution to remove reasons for absentee voting; HA 2 adds language that "no excuse" needed to vote via absentee ballot; adds language to confirm permanent absentee status; adds language affirming 10 days of early voting prior to Primary/General/Special Elections	Passed Senate/ Released from House Administration Committee	HA 1 stricken; HA 2 added to bill
SB 26	Amends State Constitution to lower voting age to 18. Codifies at State level the 26th Amendment to U.S. Constitution.	Passed Senate/ Tabled in House Administration Committee	No action
SB53	Amends charter of Town of Selbyville related to elections. Creates district representation and updates residency requirements for elected officials.	Senate Elections & Government Affairs Committee	Introduced
SB 180	Amends State Constitution to change qualifications for voting. Updates antiquated language & residency requirements. Lowers voting age. Prohibits General Assembly from removing right to vote as a penalty. Eliminates disqualifying felonies. Limits disqualifying period for those convicted of a felony only to time in custody/incarcerated.	Released from Senate Judiciary Committee	
SB241 w SA1	Extended the candidate withdrawal deadline for presidential primary elections and permitted cancellation of an election if only one active candidate remains in a race. Legislation expires 12/31/2024.		Introduced, Passed & Signed 3/19/2024

Department Facilities

- All Facilities:
 - Updated physical security assessments of all facilities with federal partners (DHS/CISA) have been completed and under review
- State Election Commissioner's Office
 - No updates at this time
 - Upcoming: Reformatting of ballot building area
- Kent County Office/Warehouse
 - Replacing natural gas regulator for backup generator
 - · Warehouse floor lining: "parking spaces" for voting machines
 - Repairs to some badge access hardware
- New Castle County
 - Carvel Building Office
 - · No updates at this time
 - Warehouse
 - No updates at this time
- Sussex County
 - Georgetown warehouse
 - Upgrade to ensure accessibility of access ramp at entrance
 - Seaford Warehouse
 - No updates at this time

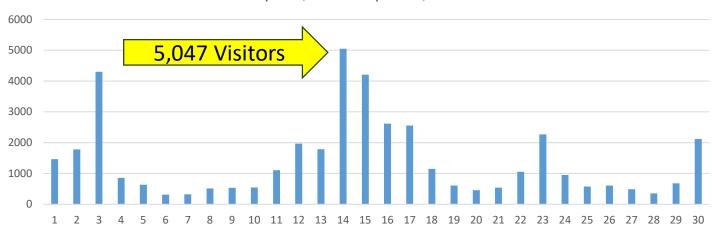
Conferences/Meetings Attending

- Overseas Voting Initiative (OVI): Council of State Governments (CSG)/Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)
 - Participated virtually in recent team meeting (Chicago, IL)
- Election Center (EC) Committees:
 - Postal Committee:
 - Recent meeting at Election Center Joint Election Officials Liaison Committee (JEOLC) Meeting
 - Next meeting at the Election Center National Conference: August 2024 (Detroit, MI/virtual option)
- USPS Mailers Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) [USPS Industry Stakeholder Committee]
 - Spring MTAC Meeting: Participated virtually
 - Election Center representative to MTAC
 - Member of Workgroup on Informed Delivery

Source: Google Analytics

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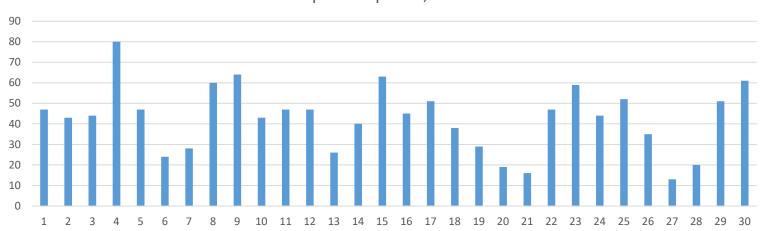
Visitors to elections.delaware.gov April 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024



Daily total number of visitors (5,047 individuals) peaked on April 14, 2024. A total of 42,398 visitors to the Department's main website in April 2024.

https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov

Visitors to CFRS per Day April 1 - April 30, 2024



1,283 visitors visited the Campaign Finance Reporting System in April 2024.

Voter Registration Transactions – New & Updated Records January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

		Updated	Changed	New	Pre- Registration	
Month	New voters	names	party		S	Total
January	3,689	1,126	5,859	5,300	725	16,699
February	4,290	1,130	3,148	5,661	811	15,040
March	4,074	1,076	7,437*	5,503	850	18,940
April	4,669	1,211	6,339	6,505	1,076	19,800
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
2024 Total	16,722	4,543	22,783	22,969	3,462	70,479

^{*} An update was made to party affiliation counts during March and April 2024 pertaining to NO PARTY - AVR and OTHER party affiliations and the system reported these edits as voter registration party change update transactions.

	Voter Registration Transactions							
Annual Tot	Annual Totals							
		Updated	Changed	New	Pre-			
Year	New voters	names	party	addresses	Registrations	Total		
2023	35,860	13,795	21,829	70,816	5,909	148,209		

Voter Registration Transactions – Removals January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Month	Deceased*	Moved from State	Address verification	Request by voter		AVR Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
January	936	1,971	13	17	0	72	144	0	3,153
February	907	769	32	15	0	131	155	0	2,009
March	487	2,001	1	12	1	75	171	0	2,748
April	1,177	886	17	3	1	143	163	0	2,390
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									
2024 Total	3,507	5,627	63	47	2	421	633	0	10,300

Voter Registration Removals									
Annual Totals									
		Moved	Address	Request by	Not a	AVR			
Year	Deceased*	from State	verification	voter	citizen*	Declination	Felon	NVRA**	Total
2023	12,322	19,921	1,015	122	0	684	1,604	11,391	47,059

^{*}Deceased, Address Verification, Non-citizen, and Felon records have already been removed. The Board must approve removal of the Moved from State and Request by Voter (Voluntary).

^{**} The NVRA process is run in the year following each General Election to remove those inactive voters with whom the Department has not had any contact for the period covering the past 2 General Elections.



Campaign Finance Violations

2023 Annual Report Tardy and Non-Filers as of May 16, 2024

COMMITTEE TYPE	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Ajavon for New Castle Council President	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Anthony Alexander-Jones for City Council	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Arisa White Campaign 2020	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Ashley Murray For Cape	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Christopher Dalton	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee For Justin Brant	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Alton Irvin	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to Elect Calvin Brown	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee to elect Joseph D DiPasquale	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Committee To Elect Keith James	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	FRIENDS FOR KAREN D. FLOWERS	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends for Paulette Rappa	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends for Tripp Keister	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends for Vashun Turner	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Billy Edwards	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Darrynn Harris	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Ernest Trippi Congo	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends Of LaVaughn McCutchen	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Lillian Oliver	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024



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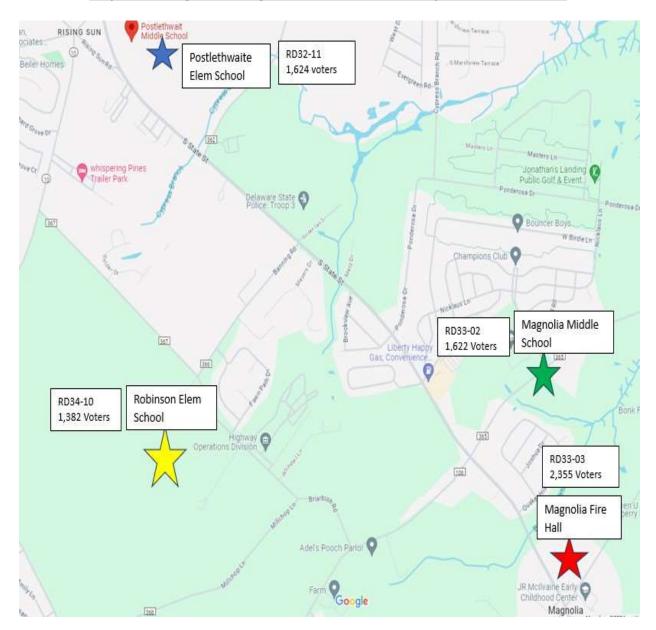
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СОММІТТЕЕ ТҮРЕ	COMMITTEE NAME	REPORT	FILING PERIOD END	FILING DUE DATE
Candidate Committee	Friends of Rebecca Cotto	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends of Vashun Turner	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Friends to Elect Trippi Congo	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Glass for Commissioner	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Hollins '18	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	John Machurek for Delaware	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	LaMar Gunn for Recorder of Deeds	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Machurek for Sheriff	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Supporters of Ronnell Page	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	The Hollins Campaign	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Candidate Committee	Vote Sims 2020 Campaign	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	Black Caucus PAC	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	Citizens for a Better Wilmington	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	Genesis Healthcare Corporation State PAC AKA:Genesis Health Ventures State PAC	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Action Committee	We Are Sussex	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024
Political Committee	35 Democratic RD	2023 Annual	12/31/2023	1/22/2024

30	Candidate Committees
4	Political Action Committees
1	Political Committees

Total Committees

Department of Elections, Kent County Office Proposed Polling Place changes for the 2024 State Primary and General Election



Currently we have two polling locations in this area which is a few minutes south of Dover.

Postlethwaite Elementary School at the top left on the map -



Magnolia Fire Hall at the bottom right on the map -

The distance between the Magnolia Fire Hall & Postlethwaite School is 2.7 miles.

We would like to move one RD from each of the current locations and move them to two new polling locations:

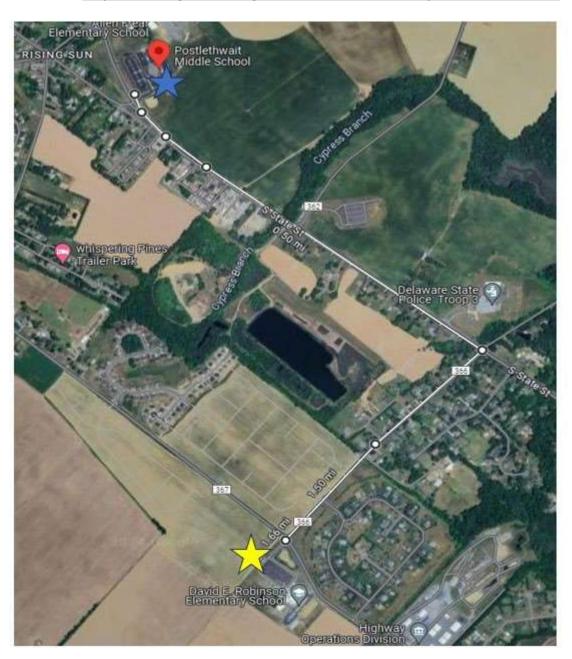
Robinson Elementary School and Magnolia Middle School.

<u>Department of Elections, Kent County Office</u> <u>Proposed Polling Place changes for the 2024 State Primary and General Election</u>



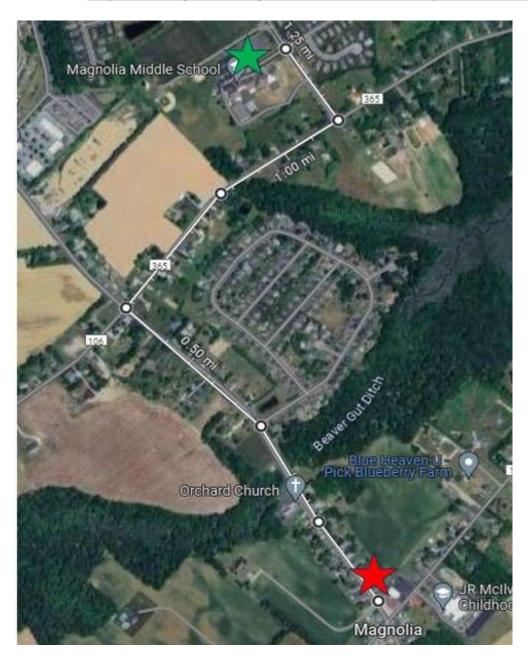
Large new developments in this immediate area are currently being built and with more in the planning stages.

<u>Department of Elections, Kent County Office</u> <u>Proposed Polling Place changes for the 2024 State Primary and General Election</u>



The driving distance from the Postlethwait School to the Robinson Elementary School is 1.6 miles.

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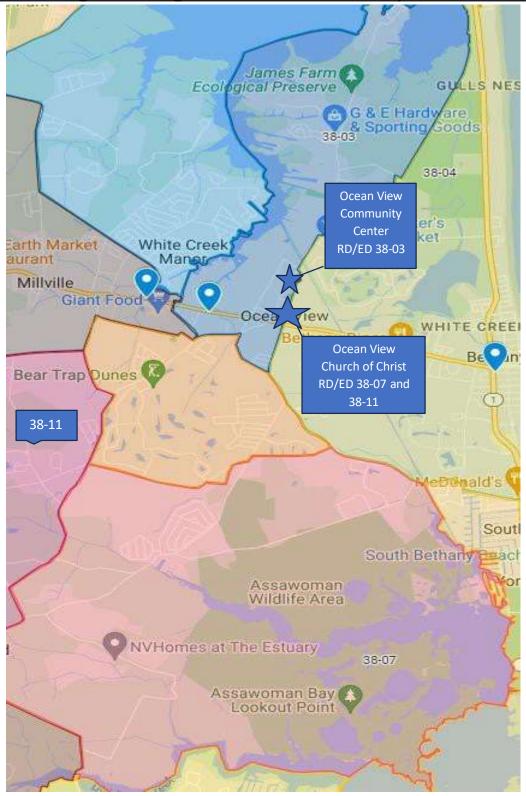
The driving distance from the Magnolia Fire Hall to the Magnolia Middle School is 1.25 miles.

<u>Department of Elections, Kent County Office</u> Proposed Polling Place changes for the 2024 State Primary and General Election

Recap -

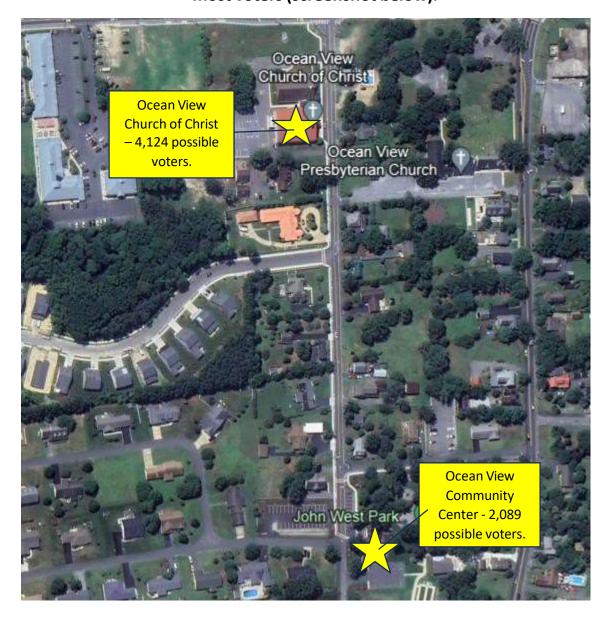
- Turning two locations into four locations for the same amount of voters
- All four locations are within a short distance of each other.
- The two new locations would give us substantial room for the growth in this area.
- Move RD34-10 (1,382 voters) from Postlethwaite
 School to Robinson Elementary School
- Postlethwaite would keep RD32-11 (1,624 voters)
- Move RD33-02 (1,622 voters) from Magnolia Fire
 Hall to Magnolia Middle School
- Magnolia Fire Hall would keep RD33-03 (2,355 voters)

<u>Department of Elections, Sussex County Office</u> <u>Proposed Polling Place changes for the 2024 State Primary and General Election</u>



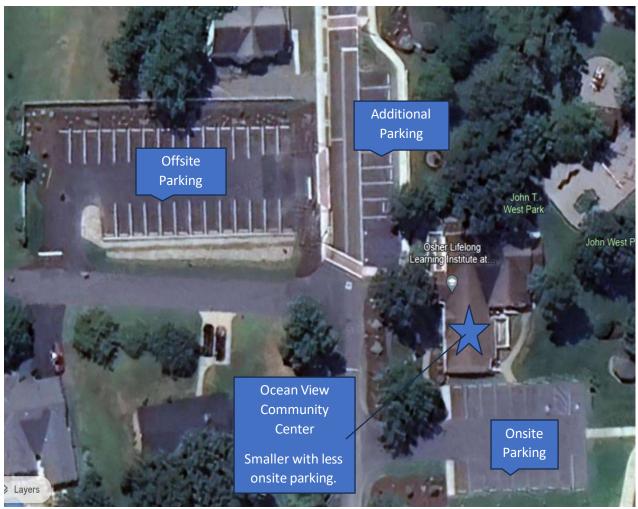
We propose swapping RD/ED 38-07 and RD/ED 38-03 for the upcoming elections. This change would reduce the number of voters going to the Ocean View Community Center by 863 voters and would leave them with 1,518 voters for the 2024 State Primary and 2,089 for the 2024 General elections. Ocean View Community Center is a smaller location (screenshots attached). This also results in a slightly closer drive or walk for many voters as well.

RD/ED 38-07 has 2,952 voters and 38-11 has 1,172 voters. Ocean View Church of Christ would have a total of 2,980 possible voters for the State Primary and 4,124 for the General. This location has a large gymnasium and parking lot that is able to accommodate 863 additional voters more comfortably than the Ocean View Community Center. This location is slightly closer for many voters in the district than the Ocean View Community Center for most voters (screenshot below).



Size Comparison





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