

## Administrator's Note



In less than two months, the Shelby County Primary Election will be held.

At the February monthly meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission, the commissioners certified the candidates that will appear on the May 1st ballot. Shortly after that the official ballot was built, and once ready, it was mailed to all residents serving overseas in the military who requested an absentee ballot.

When that group of absentee ballots was mailed, the election cycle officially began. After that there is a constant whirlwind of activity at the Election Commission, as staff prepares to mail out absentee ballots to other out-of-town residents, and schedule off-site election polling places.

Ballots are taken into every nurs-

ing home in the county to make it easy for elderly voters to participate in every election. Teams of election officials take the ballots not only to nursing homes, but to rehabilitation facilities and hospitals. Ballots also are taken to county correctional facilities so citizens convicted of misdemeanor crimes, or those awaiting trial can vote.

This is just one of many aspects of election administration that occurs behind the scenes, before Early Voting begins, which brings me to a very important point.

During Early Voting, April 11 - April 26, registered voters may vote at any of 21 locations around the county. Please check our website for locations and times. Lines are typically much shorter during Early Voting, which is a great convenience to voters.

On Election Day, voters must

vote at the polling place assigned to the precinct in which they reside. Early voters receive the same ballot they would receive on Election Day, but because there are so many more machines used that day, only the ballot for each precinct is programmed into machines before they are delivered to the precincts.

I encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of the convenience of Early Voting. Make voting a family affair. Pick up your parents and vote with them, or go cast your votes at the same time your adult children do.

Mark your calendars so you will remember the dates when you can exercise your most fundamental right as a citizen. **So, either during Early Voting, or on Election Day JUST GO VOTE!!!**

*Linda Phillips*

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## Election News

- Early Voting, Shelby County Primary, April 11 - 26. For a complete list of addresses and times of operation of Early Voting sites, visit the ELECTIONS tab at [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com).
- Shelby County Primary Election Day, May 1. You must vote the polling place assigned to your precinct. Check your polling place location at [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com), VOTERS tab.
- Petitions are still being issued for those running as Independent Candidates in the County General Election August 2, 2018. The deadline for returning signed petitions is **Noon** April 5, 2018.

## Sample Ballot—May 1, 2018 Primary

There will be a write-in line for each race on the ballot but no write-in votes will be counted in this election, because no one filed to be a write-in candidate.

Office	Republican	Democratic
County Mayor	David Lenoir Terry Roland Joy Touliatos	Sidney Chism Lee Harris
County Commissioner Dist 1-13	See our Website	See our Website
Assessor of Property	Keith Alexander Robert 'Chip' Trouy	Melvin Burgess Lorie Ingram
County Trustee	George Barnes Chism Dexter L. Orman	Derrick Bennett Joseph Lee III Regina Morrison Newman
Sheriff	Dale Lane	Floyd Bonner Bennie Cobb
Circuit Court Clerk	Michael Finney John Lackey Tom Leatherwood Steve Moore	Del Gill Temiika D. Gipson
Criminal Court Clerk	Richard DeSaussure, III	Amanda Scott Hill Heidi Kuhn Carla Stotts-Hills
Juvenile Court Clerk	Robert Hill Bobby Simmons	Janis Fullilove Morrie E. "Jimmy" Noel Harold C. Smith
Probate Court Clerk	Paul C. Boyd George "Dempsey" Summers Chris Thomas	Bill Morrison
County Clerk	Donna Creson Soheila N. Kail Arnold Weiner	Wanda Halbert Jamal Whitlow Mondell B Williams
Register of Deeds	Wayne Mashburn	Shelandra Ford Adrienne M. Pakis-Gillon



Are you registered to vote? The deadline to register to be able to vote in the 2018 County Primary is Monday, April 2, 2018!

*Davinca Wilber (l) and Devon Andrews*

*"With all the things going on we need people who will advocate for the things we want and need in our city," Davincia said.*

# Polling Place Changes

There are seven polling place changes that will affect some voters on Election Day, May 1. Check [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com) to see a complete list of polling places.

We do everything possible to notify affected voters of the change well in advance of an upcoming election, and timing is critical in mailing notices. If they are mailed too early, a voter might forget the location change. The Election Commission mails notices at least 30 days prior to the election following the change and publicizes the changes as much as possible.

Changing locations is never a random decision that is taken lightly. We wish they were never necessary. Polling locations change for various reasons that are completely out of our control.

For instance, one of the schools that was used as a polling place closed. In another case, there was inadequate handicap access to the building. If a structure used as a polling place is conducting renovations and parking is not available, or it makes it difficult for voters to enter and exit that may also prompt a change.

Divine Life Church housed a polling place, but sold its property to a different church, so the name changed to The Truth Church. Although this is not technically a polling place location change, voters may be confused and think they are going to the wrong place, so they are mailed letters, too.

It's always a good idea to check the VOTER tab at [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com) before an election just to make sure you know where you need to go on Election Day. Remember though, if you VOTE EARLY, you can vote at any of the 21 locations, which is always a good choice.



Precinct	Old Location	New Location
17-00	Memphis Leadership Foundation	Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church—70 N. Bellevue Blvd, Memphis 38104
87-03	Holy Nation Ministries	East Side Baptist Church—3232 Covington Pike, Memphis 38128
89-01	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Good Shepherd United Methodist Church—6050 Summer Avenue, Memphis 38134
BAR-03	Altruria Elementary School	Bartlett Baptist Church, 3465 Kirby Whitten Road, Memphis 38135
BAR-04	Ellendale Elementary School	Ellendale United Methodist Church—7217 Centralia Road Bartlett 38135
FOR-01	Harvest Church	St. Mark's United Methodist Church—8255 Winchester Road, Memphis 38125
ROS-15	East Win Christian Church	Greater Love Baptist Church, 4439 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis 38125

Precinct	Old Name	New Name
60-06	Divine Life Church	The Truth Church—2019 Ball Road, Memphis 28114

## SCEC's Newest Workers

These two new staff members, Liberty and Shelby, have been assigned to warehouse duty. Unwanted visitors were invading the space in the evening, so instead of hiring expensive exterminators, the feline duo was brought in to play cat-and-mouse. And they have won the game. Just having the two furry rescue cats in the building has discouraged the nocturnal invaders and Liberty and Shelby have a warm, comfortable new home. Employees sometime spend some stress relieving break time with the cats, who have in turn given SCEC employees peace of mind.



Liberty (front) & Shelby



# Shelby County Election Commission

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[www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com)

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## Check Out Our Updated Website!

The upgraded version of the SCEC website, [www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com), is now up and running. Visitors to the site will immediately notice a dramatic change. The site has a cleaner look and is much more user friendly.

While the old site had many tabs down the middle, making it sometimes confusing to find information, the upgraded site contains only six top tabs: VOTERS, POLL WORKERS, CANDIDATES, ELECTIONS, OUTREACH and a general information tab, called SCEC.

“We want the public to be able to access information as quickly and easily as possible,” Linda Phillips said.

The first tab on the dropdown list under VOTERS gives people instant information on how to check their registration status and where they need to go vote on Election Day.

SCEC is always looking for qualified

poll workers, so the POLLWORKER tab has a dropdown list that provides specifics about how to become a poll worker, the pay rate, responsibilities and an application.

The CANDIDATES tab at the top includes information about which SCEC often receives calls, like campaign signs and rules for poll watchers.

Information on upcoming elections, as well as information on past elections is under the ELECTIONS tab.

Upcoming elections lists each of the scheduled elections in 2018 and 2019. Click on a specific election for important information like early voting places, as well as dates and

times of operation. Sample ballots will be posted 45 days before each election.

Under OUTREACH you'll find information about upcoming classes, touring the Operations Center, volunteering at SCEC, programs for future voters and our Voting Rocks! program.

The SCEC tab includes meeting minutes, bios of the commissioners and key staff members, statistics and policies as well as a page about the history of the Election Commission.

