

The Chatham Elections Newsletter



Chatham County Elections



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HIGHLIGHTS!

My Voter Page

The State will post sample ballots for the June Runoff soon at mvp.sos.ga.gov/! Visit MVP to download your sample ballots, check your voter registration status, polling location, and early voting sites, and find options to request an absentee ballot.

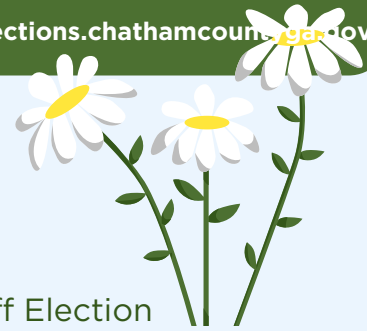


<https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>

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Preparing for the June 16 Runoff Election

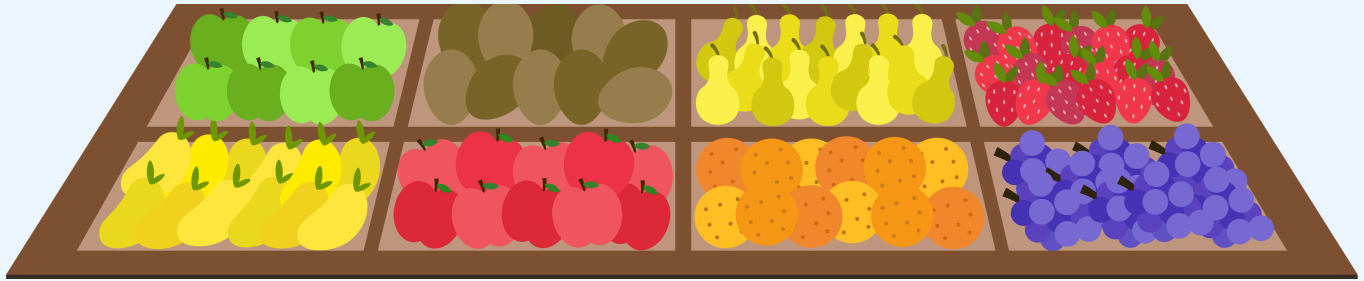
The June 16, 2026 General Primary and Nonpartisan Runoff Election is approaching. Our office is working to ensure a secure, transparent, and accessible voting experience for all voters. While runoff elections typically see lower participation, we encourage voters to make a plan to vote early, by mail, or in person on Election Day.

Inside this edition, you will find key runoff information including early voting schedules, absentee deadlines, and ballot style details, along with the official recap of May 19 turnout numbers. This issue also includes reminders on campaign finance and hurricane preparedness, as well as a Board Member Spotlight featuring James Hall following his re-election.

Community Updates

New Board of Election Members

This month we will be spotlighting James Hall, an incumbent member of our Board of Elections who has been re-elected to another four-year term and will be sharing his priorities and goals for his second term. We also recognize incumbent Trish Brown, who has likewise been re-elected to continue her service on the Board. In addition, we look forward to welcoming two new Board members who will begin their terms in 2027, JaQuan Oliver and Jody Voss, and we are excited to have them join the Board and contribute to our ongoing work.



Elections Events

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Monthly Board Meeting

The Chatham County Board of Elections will hold its regular monthly meeting on **June 9th, 2026, at 3:30pm.**

The meeting will be held at our elections office: 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite F, Savannah, GA.

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General Primary/Nonpartisan Runoff

Several races in the May 19 election did not produce a candidate with more than 50% of the vote, meaning those contests will advance to a countywide runoff election on June 16. Additional information on the runoff contests, along with early voting and absentee-by-mail periods, will be included later in this newsletter.

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Special Session

Following the statewide primary runoff elections, Georgia lawmakers will convene for a special legislative session beginning June 17, 2026, to address critical election administration issues ahead of the looming July 1 deadline that restricts the use of QR codes. While no changes will disrupt voting in the active runoff, the General Assembly will also utilize the special session to adjust state legislative and congressional district maps in response to recent federal judicial precedents, solidifying boundaries that will shape future election cycles.

2026 Election Updates

CAMPAIGN FILING DEADLINES

The next Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report (CCDR) filing deadline is July 31, 2026, with the grace period extending through August 7, 2026. Officials who do not have an active Affidavit of Exemption on file are required to submit CCDR filings in accordance with state law.

Reminder: Final CCDR (Final Report & Termination Statement)

This is the final report required to terminate a campaign and may only be filed once the campaign has a \$0 balance on hand and \$0 in outstanding debt. All filers must submit this report in order to officially close their campaign, even if an Affidavit of Exemption is on file.

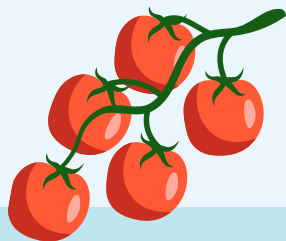
Reminder: Affidavit of Exemption

Candidates who do not intend to accept or spend more than \$2,500 during the current election cycle may file an Affidavit of Exemption to be excused from filing CCDRs. This affidavit is only valid for a single election cycle and must be filed again for each new cycle. Candidates who participated in the May 19 election must submit a new affidavit for the current cycle if they wish to remain exempt.

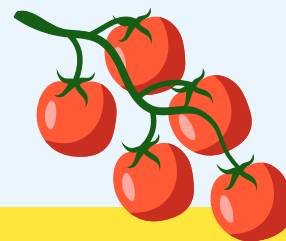
L&A AND TRAINING UPDATE

The Chatham County Board of Elections' Logic and Accuracy (L&A) will begin on June 1st and will run until completion. Staff are diligently testing and validating 540 ballot marking devices and printers, along with a scanner for each of the county's 80 active polling locations, to ensure full readiness for the upcoming General Primary/Nonpartisan Runoff Election on June 16th, 2026. This process helps confirm that all equipment is functioning properly and that ballots will be accurately presented and counted.

Because the runoff election will utilize experienced poll workers who served during the May 19 election, additional full-scale training sessions will not be required.



What to Expect on the Ballot



May Election Turnout Recap

Out of 208,926 active voters, 56,645 ballots were cast in this election, resulting in a local turnout rate of 27.1%, slightly below the statewide turnout rate of 28.2%.

Ballots Cast by Party

Democrat Ballots: 34,166
Republican Ballots: 20,759
Nonpartisan Ballots: 1,720

Voting Method Breakdown

Election Day Voting: 33,248 ballots
Early Voting: 21,120 ballots
Mail Voting: 1,277 ballots

For voters interested in exploring additional turnout statistics and statewide election data, visit:
<https://sos.ga.gov/page/election-data-hub-unofficial-turnout>

Official Signage Reminder

Clear and accurate communication with voters remains one of our top priorities. Following some confusion during the May 19 election, we want to remind the public that **all official notices and signage issued by the Board of Elections will display our official seal.** If you see signage containing election-related information that does not display our official insignia, please contact our office so appropriate action can be taken.

What to Expect for the Runoff?

May's election was both a General Primary and a Nonpartisan Election. Contests in a primary that do not produce a candidate with more than 50% of the vote advance to a countywide runoff election.

Nonpartisan contests were decided in the May election and will not advance to a runoff.

As a reminder, voters who participated in the May 19 election must vote the same ballot style they voted in the runoff election. Voters who did not vote in the May 19 election can choose either party in the runoff.

Here are the races on the June 16 Runoff ballots.

Republican Ballot

Federal (Party Primaries)

U.S. Senate

Statewide Offices (Party Primaries)

Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
State School Superintendent
Public Service Commissioner (District 5)

Democratic Ballot

Federal (Party Primaries)

U.S. House of Representatives (District 1)

Statewide Offices (Party Primaries)

Lieutenant Governor
Secretary of State
Commissioner of Insurance
Commissioner of Labor

Remember to visit My Voter Page to see your specific ballot and print it. As always, you can bring your marked sample ballot into your poll with you.

Fun Fact!

Did you know that the tradition of "I Voted" stickers dates back to the early 1980s? They were first introduced to encourage voter participation and quickly became a popular way for voters to show pride in taking part in an election.





Where can I vote?

Collocated Polls

You can check your Election Day polling location by visiting the State-run My Voter Page.



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The following polls have been collocated:

- 1-13 The Sanctuary will vote at:
- 1-14 St. Luke UMC (9114 Whitefield Ave)

- 1-17 Islands Christian Church will vote at:
- 4-02 Islands High School Annex (169 Whitemarsh Island Rd)

- 2-04 Fellowship of Love will vote at:
- 2-03 WW Law (909 East Bolton St)
- 2-09 Salvation Army Comm. Cntr will vote at:
- 1-01 First Presbyterian Church (520 Washington Ave)

- 3-11 Southside Baptist Church will vote at:
- 3-09 ConneXion Church (5411 Skidaway Rd)

- 5-08 Southside Assembly of God will vote at:
- 5-11 Largo Tibet School (430 Tibet Ave)

- 8-17 Georgia Tech, Sav Campus will vote at:
- 8-18 Seventh-day Adventist (50 Godley Way)

Absentee Voting by Mail

Voters in Chatham County may request an absentee ballot for the May 19, 2026 General Primary/Nonpartisan Election.

Request and Mailing Period: Now - June 5, 2026

How to Apply:
Mail, email, fax, online at securemyabsenteeballot.sos.ga.gov/s/, or in person at the Voter Registration Office.

Early Voting Information

- Dates: June 8th - June 12th, 2026
- Weekday Hours & Locations (Subject to Change/TBD):
- VR Annex (1249 Eisenhower Dr): 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 - Mosquito Control (65 Billy B Hair Dr): 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

For more information, contact the Chatham County Voter Registration Office at (912) 790-1520.

Message from our Board Member James Hall



I am honored to be re-elected to the Chatham County Board of Elections. One of my top priorities will be advocating for additional polling locations in West Chatham. As a real estate professional, I see firsthand how quickly our communities are expanding and how important it is for our public infrastructure to grow alongside them. I believe that infrastructure also includes voting, which should be convenient, efficient, and accessible for every Chatham County resident.

Prior to working in real estate, I spent many years working as a data analyst in local government. My prior career taught me to focus on data-driven decision making, accountability, and public engagement. These same principles guide my work as a member of the Chatham County Board of Elections. I believe voters deserve clear communication, well-trained poll workers, and polling locations that are strategically placed to meet the needs of a growing county.

As a proud Georgia Southern "Double Eagle," who holds an MPA, I understand the importance of balancing growth with service. As Chatham County continues to attract new families, businesses, and homeowners, I believe our election infrastructure must evolve accordingly. I am committed to ensuring that every eligible voter has confidence not only in the integrity of our elections, but also in their ability to participate without unnecessary barriers or long travel distances. Strong communities are built when citizens are empowered to make their voices heard.