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WHAT EVERY VOTER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SPRING ELECTIONS IN BELOIT?

The Beloit City Clerk's Office is responsible for conducting elections in accordance with the law. Our goal is to ensure that every qualified voter who wants to vote is able to vote and that your vote is counted. Our office depends on more than 150 volunteer election workers to make sure elections are carried out in an open, fair, impartial and trusted fashion. In order to prepare you for a busy election year, allow me to share some important information about upcoming elections.

- There are FOUR scheduled Elections this year: Feb. 16, April 5, Aug. 9 and Nov. 8.
- ➤ Voter ID is now the law. You will need to present to election inspectors a valid photo ID in order to receive a ballot and vote. Please visit http://bringit.wi.gov/ for more information and be sure you are prepared for this requirement.
- February 16th is NOT the Presidential Preference! It is a Spring Primary for State Supreme Court and voting will take place in **TWO polling locations Citywide**:
 - o Wards 1-12 will vote at Beloit Historical Society 845 Hackett Street
 - Wards 13-25 will vote at Central Christian Church 2460 Milwaukee Road
 - Absentee voting in the Clerk's office runs from Feb 1 through Feb 12
- ➤ April 5, 2016 is a BIG ELECTION! Not only is it the Presidential Preference Vote, you elect all of your locally elected representatives including: Judges, County Board Supervisors, City Council and School Board Members. There is also an advisory referendum by the Vote to Amend group. I'm inviting all qualified residents to come out and vote on April 5th and we promise to be ready for you!
- ➤ Voters who used to vote at McLenegan School will now vote at River of Life UMC at 2345 Prairie Avenue beginning with the April 5, 2016 election.
- ➤ WANTED: The Clerk's office is seeking to build a pool of applicants interested in serving as election workers for elections that will occur this year and beyond. This is a unique way to serve your community, meet your neighbors, and become involved in the democratic process. Election workers receive a stipend for serving and are responsible for opening the polls, registering voters on election day, issuing ballots, maintaining a

safe and secure polling site, reporting accurate results after the polls close and offering general voter assistance, all in accordance with state and federal laws. We provide plenty of training and can accommodate as needed! Interested citizens should call 608-364-6680 or send an email to StottlerL@beloitwi.gov.

Not sure if you're registered to vote or don't know where you should go to vote? Please visit https://myvote.wi.gov for lots of information about voting and registration!

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