

Logistics Ideas for the Takoma Park Election in 2018

There are four precincts where Takoma Park residents are assigned to vote in general elections

- 13-04 Takoma Park Elementary School
- 13-06 Piney Branch Elementary School
- 13-21 Takoma Park Middle School
- 13-68 Takoma Park Recreation Center

If the City Council moves the date of City elections to coincide with state and federal general elections beginning in 2018, before it is possible to have City contests on the state ballot, the Council might want to consider a concurrent election. This concept envisions an election that occurs alongside the state's election.

Before the election date is changed, the City should have a written agreement with the Montgomery County Board of Elections (and the State Board if necessary).

Election Day Voting

Takoma Park residents voting on Election Day would report to their assigned precinct to vote, where a separate Takoma Park check in would be required. Voters would receive a separate ballot for their ward that would include the contest for mayor and city councilmember, and any referendum questions. Once voted, ballots would either be scanned at the precinct or placed in a ballot box for scanning or hand counting at the Community Center.

Voters eligible to vote only in Takoma Park (noncitizens and 16/17 year olds) would also vote at the precincts by checking in with the Takoma Park election judges.

Any voter not voting at their assigned precinct would be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Early Voting

The vast majority of Takoma Park early voters use the Silver Spring Civic Center early voting site. The Board has discussed the option of setting up a kiosk there to capture these early voters. Voters would be given an absentee ballot either to vote immediately or return using an envelope with return postage. The Board will discuss with legal counsel the implications of staffing one early voting site and not others.

To continue to enable our voters to vote early in Takoma Park, we would staff an early voting site (for Takoma Park residents only) at the Community Center.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting by mail would take place as always.

The Board will explore whether some coordination can be arranged with the Montgomery County Board so that our voters do not have to apply twice for an absentee ballot.

Same Day Voter Registration

We don't yet know how the state will handle same day voter registration in 2018. The present system allows residents to register and vote at early voting, but not on Election Day. At early voting, only residents who can have certain information confirmed at the time may register and then vote.

If the state does not offer Election Day registration or if the voter who is registering is not eligible to vote in the state election, we would conduct Election Day registration and voting, but only at the voter's home precinct. The registration would only be immediately applicable for Takoma Park's election.

The Board will explore what coordination can be arranged with the Montgomery County Board so that our voters who are registered by the County do not have to register twice to vote.

Staffing the Election

Potential election staffing needs are noted below. These election workers would be in addition to the staff of the City Clerk's Office. The Board estimates that each of the four precincts would need a chief judge and at least four to six election judges. Also, each precinct will need one or two registrars.

Event	Number of Judges	Number of Days	Number of Hours	Cost assuming \$15/hour
Early Voting SS Kiosk	3	8	10 each day	\$3,600
Early Voting TP CC	3	5	5 each day	\$1,125
Election Day – Voting Operations	7, at 4 locations; 1 at the Community Center	1	15	\$6,525
Election Day -- Registration	2, at 4 locations	1	15	\$1,800
Total				\$13,050

The City paid \$3,400 for election judge staffing in 2015. Two judges did not accept payment and are not included in this amount. Recruiting this number of election judges may be challenging,

especially with the date change since we will be competing with Montgomery County for judges.

Other Considerations

Expenses for the 2015 election totaled around \$13,000. This amount included payment to election judges, leasing of e-pollbooks, printing, mailing, promotion, translation, and supplies. The Board did not use scanners in 2015 but would explore the option of leasing scanners for 2018.

Logistics Ideas for the Takoma Park Election 2017

The Board discussed conducting the 2017 election similarly to the 2015 election but testing procedures that could support multiple voting sites.

Attachments:

- Election Day Voting by Precinct in 2012 and 2014
- 2012 and 2014 Absentee, Early, and Election Day Voting - Combined
- Early Voting by Location in 2012 and 2014

ELECTION DAY VOTERS BY PRECINCT

	2012 (Presidential)	2014 (Gubernatorial)
Precinct 13-04 Takoma Park Elementary School	803	671
Precinct 13-06 Piney Branch Elementary School	1241	1093
Precinct 13-21 Takoma Park Middle School	1701	1123
Precinct 13-67 and 13-68 combined (13-67 Grace United Methodist Church and 13-68 Takoma Park Recreation Center were combined in 2016)	1898	1437
Total	5643	4318

Election day voters, 2015 City Election - 1768

Figures for Precinct 13-04 (which also has Silver Spring voters) calculated by board members from county sources.

2012 figures for other precincts derived from http://www.elections.state.md.us/elections/2012/turnout/general/turnout_byprecinctparty.xls

2014 figures for other precincts derived from http://elections.state.md.us/elections/2014/turnout/general/GG14_Turnout_by_party_by_precinct.xlsx

2012 - Presidential General Election - Actual Precincts

		Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	All wards	
Precinct 13-04 Takoma Park Elementary School	Absentee	111						111	
	Early	270						270	
	Other	803						803	
	Total	1184						1184	
Precinct 13-06 Piney Branch Elementary School	Absentee	53	61	63				177	
	Early	130	165	166				461	
	Other	387	456	445				1288	
	Total	571	682	673				1926	
Precinct 13-21 Takoma Park Middle School	Absentee	6	11	33	61	53		163	
	Early	15	29	86	233	224		586	
	Other	43	79	231	704	690		1748	
	Total	64	118	350	998	967		2497	
Precinct 13-67 Grace Memorial Church	Absentee		39	70			5	114	
	Early		107	185			10	302	
	Other		295	498			66	859	
	Total		441	753			81	1275	
Precinct 13-68 Takoma Park Recreation Center	Absentee		40				55	96	
	Early		109				123	232	
	Other		301				792	1093	
	Total		450				970	1420	
All precincts	Absentee	170	151	165	61	53	60	660	Check
	Early	415	409	437	233	224	133	1851	1851
	Other	1234	1131	1174	704	690	858	5791	
	Total	1819	1691	1776	998	967	1051	8302	

Unshaded cells: figures from reports

Green cells: calculated figures

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2014 - Presidential General Election – Precincts 13-67 & 13-68 Combined

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Precincts 13-67 & 13-68 Combined Grace Memorial Church Takoma Park Recreation Center	Absentee		80	70			60	210	KEY FIGURE
	Early		216	185			133	534	
	Other		596	498			858	1952	
	Total		891	753			1051	2695	
All precincts	Absentee	170	151	165	61	53	60	660	Check 1851
	Early	415	409	437	233	224	133	1851	
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	Early	125						125	
	Other	671						671	
	Total	836						836	
Precinct 13-06 Piney Branch Elementary School	Absentee	21	23	24				69	
	Early	65	65	66				196	
	Other	352	374	378				1103	
	Total	438	462	468				1368	
Precinct 13-21 Takoma Park Middle School	Absentee	3	4	12	12	25		55	
	Early	8	10	32	76	85		211	
	Other	43	57	182	465	334		1082	
	Total	54	71	226	553	444		1348	
Precinct 13-67 Grace Memorial Church	Absentee		15	24			1	40	
	Early		42	65			4	112	
	Election day		244	375			35	654	
	Total		302	464			40	806	
Precinct 13-68 Takoma Park Recreation Center	Absentee		17				17	34	
	Early		46				67	113	
	Other		265				543	808	
	Total		327				627	954	
All precincts	Absentee	64	59	60	12	25	18	238	Check
	Early	198	163	163	76	85	71	756	756
	Other	1066	940	935	465	334	578	4318	
	Total	1328	1162	1158	553	444	667	5312	

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Precincts 13-67 & 13-68 Combined Grace Memorial Church Takoma Park Recreation Center	Absentee		32	24			18	74	KEY FIGURE
	Early		88	65			71	225	
	Other		509	375			578	1461	
	Total		629	464			667	1760	
All precincts	Absentee	64	59	60	12	25	18	238	Check 756
	Early	198	163	163	76	85	71	756	
	Other	1066	940	935	465	334	578	4318	
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Early Voting by Takoma Park Residents in the 2012 and 2014 General Election

2012 General Election		2014 General Election	
EV01 - Bauer Recreation Center		EV01 - Mid County Recreation Center	
TP01	3	TP01	1
TP02	2	TP02	0
TP03	2	TP03	0
TP04	0	TP04	0
TP05	0	TP05	0
TP06	1	TP06	0
Total	8	Total	1
EV02 - Executive Office Building		EV02 - Executive Office Building	
TP01	4	TP01	2
TP02	6	TP02	5
TP03	3	TP03	3
TP04	3	TP04	1
TP05	1	TP05	2
TP06	2	TP06	2
Total	19	Total	15
EV03 - Germantown Recreation Center		EV03 - Germantown Recreation Center	
TP01	0		0
TP02	4		
TP03	2		
TP04	1		
TP05	2		
TP06	0		
Total	9		
EV04 - Marilyn Praisner Recreation Center		EV04 - Marilyn Praisner Recreation Center	
TP01	7	TP01	0
TP02	12	TP02	2
TP03	5	TP03	0
TP04	3	TP04	0
TP05	11	TP05	0
TP06	8	TP06	2
Total	46	Total	4

EV05 -Silver Spring Civic Center		EV05 -Silver Spring Civic Center	
TP01	401	TP01	190
TP02	385	TP02	145
TP03	425	TP03	156
TP04	226	TP04	72
TP05	210	TP05	81
TP06	122	TP06	66
Total	1769	Total	710
		EV6 - Bohrer Park	
		TP01	0
		TP02	3
		TP03	0
		TP04	0
		TP05	0
		TP06	0
		Total	3
		EV07 - Damascus Recreation Center	0
		EV8 - Jane Lawton Recreation Center	
		TP01	1
		TP02	2
		TP03	2
		TP04	2
		TP05	0
		TP06	0
		Total	7
		EV9 - Wheaton Recreation Center	
		TP01	4
		TP02	6
		TP03	2
		TP04	1
		TP05	2
		TP06	1
		Total	16
Total Voted Early	1851	Total Voted Early	756