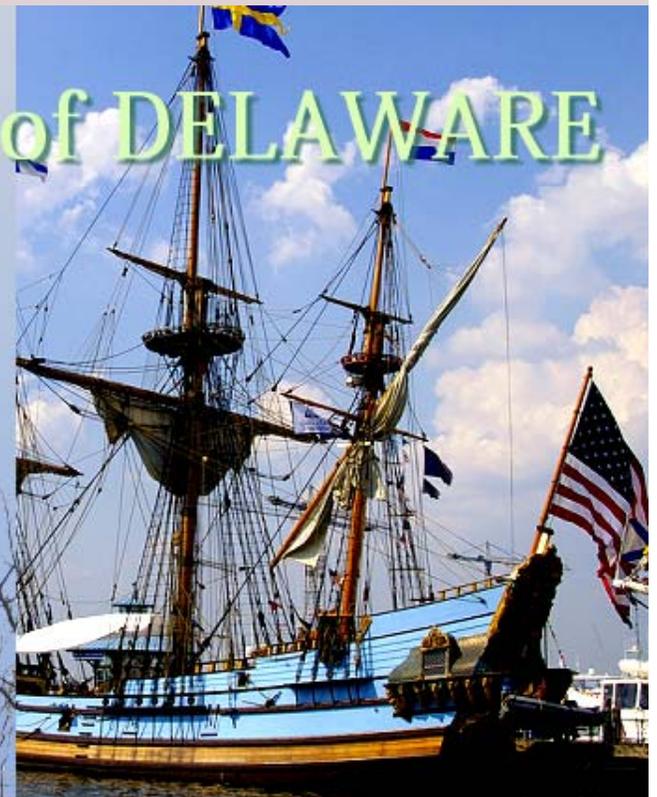
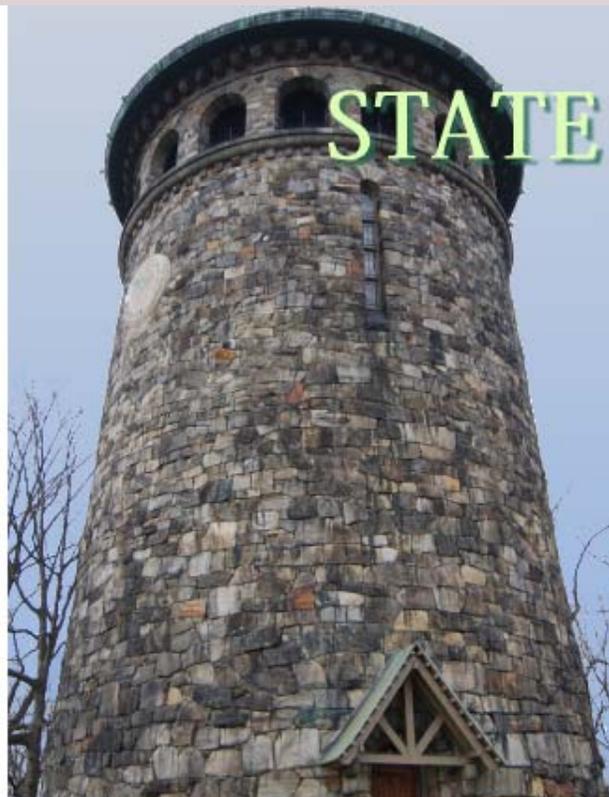
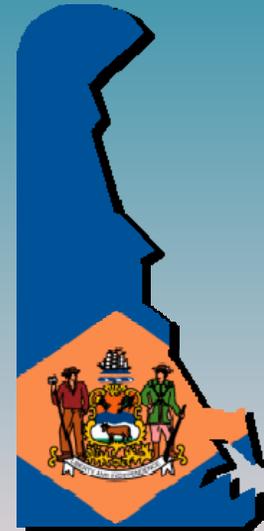


A Report to the
Board of Elections for New Castle County
March 2, 2010



STATE of DELAWARE

Financial highlights

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- On track.
- Still waiting for bill from American Casting to pay for voting machine seals purchased before the 2008 General Election.
- Continue to watch energy costs. Will have to transfer funds from Contractual Services to cover shortfall before the end of the Fiscal Year. This FY's expenditures about \$5,600 less than last FY as of end of January.
- Received notice that the Warehouse has been switched from Delmarva to the State's energy pool program. This should reduce the electric bill.

FY 2010 Expenditures as of March 1, 2010

CATEGORY	SPENT	ENCUMBERED	AVAILABLE	BUDGETED	% SPENT
1 Personnel	\$619,750	\$0	\$358,950	\$978,700	63%
2 Travel	\$873	\$0	\$9,827	\$10,700	8%
3 Contractual	\$135,619	\$38,886	\$33,995	\$208,500	65%
4 Energy	\$10,042	\$7,758	\$0	\$17,800	56%
5 Supplies	\$1,628	\$0	\$8,072	\$9,700	17%
6 Mobile Registration	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$3,500	0%
7 FY 2010 School Elections	\$22,736	\$0	\$135,664	\$158,400	14%
8 FY 2010 Technology	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
9 FY 2009 Technology	\$5,479	\$0	\$50	\$5,529	99%
10 FY 2009 End of Year	\$6,574	\$2,697	\$712	\$9,983	66%
11 2008 Pri & Gen Election	\$0	\$0	\$35,645	\$35,645	0%
12 Special Election	\$0	\$0	\$1,035	\$1,035	0%
13 Special Election	\$0	\$0	\$305	\$305	0%
TOTAL	\$802,701	\$49,342	\$550,769	\$1,439,798	56%

FY 2010 v. FY 2011 Budget

Department of Elections for New Castle County

CATEGORY	FY 2010	FY 2011	Difference
1 Personnel	\$978,700	\$966,800	(\$11,900)
2 Travel	\$10,700	\$10,300	(\$400)
3 Contractual	\$208,500	\$196,700	(\$11,800)
4 Energy	\$17,800	\$22,300	\$4,500
5 Supplies	\$9,700	\$7,700	(\$2,000)
6 Mobile Registration	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
7 School Elections	\$158,400	\$158,400	\$0
8 Pri & Gen Elections	\$0	\$1,699,800	\$1,699,800
TOTAL	\$1,387,300	\$3,065,500	\$1,678,200

Department activities

Board removals and corrections

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Removal programs:
 - Moved from State: 193 (D - 83, R - 73, Other - 37)
 - Address Verification: 15 (D - 7, R - 3, Other - 5)
 - Personal Requests: 6 (D - 1, R - 2, Other - 1)
- Birth year changes: 22

Department activities

Voter registration

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Registered voters
 - Nov 2008: 380,877
 - Feb 2010: 383,176
 - Mar 2010: 383,777
- Deceased: Removed from rolls
 - Vital Statistics: 1,088 (D - 591, R – 281, Other – 216).
 - Obits & Written Requests: 5 (D - 2, R – 3, Other – 0)
- Not a citizen: 0
- Processing and filing: Current

Minor Party Ballot Status

Voter registration

Department of Elections for New Castle County

Party	01/01/09	3/01/10
<i>Green Party*</i>	588	563
<i>Working Families Party*</i>	567	497
Libertarian Party	759	815
<i>Constitution Party*</i>	306	286
Independent Party of Delaware	1,325	1,771
<i>Blue Enigma Party*</i>	326	305
<i>Socialist Workers Party*</i>	305	274

*The parties in red do not meet the ballot status threshold of 612.

2009 Voter Registration Transactions

	New Registration	Name change	Party change	Transfer between county	Transfer in county	Correction	Duplicate	Decline	Void	Total
January	333	172	98	54	1,351	216	964	158	228	3,574
February	527	133	102	53	1,521	142	861	124	247	3,710
March	840	226	194	70	1,498	411	1,715	373	498	5,825
April	1,112	360	458	56	1,293	1,320	3,203	1,070	544	9,416
May	1,026	256	393	62	1,202	1,035	2,490	1,267	464	8,195
June	1,226	288	382	42	1,325	1,044	2,726	1,365	357	8,755
July	1,233	343	356	59	1,337	1,034	2,901	1,366	316	8,945
August	1,207	265	320	69	1,273	822	2,641	1,232	293	8,122
September	1,165	272	349	67	1,409	917	2,279	1,235	394	8,087
October	1,005	272	311	62	1,264	769	1,335	1,187	143	6,348
November	863	209	258	50	1,070	456	1,058	984	57	5,005
December	1,087	276	326	60	1,348	604	1,065	1,104	62	5,932
Total	11,624	3,072	3,547	704	15,891	8,770	23,238	11,465	3,603	81,914

2008	28,651	3,238	10,102	1,397	27,420	9,543	19,356	3,727	5,537	108,971
2007	13,836	2,725	1,570	1,080	24,303	6,927	31,305	11,416	9,942	103,104
2006	14,693	3,354	2,451	1,180	26,852	9,992	33,082	14,885	9,298	115,787
2005	13,427	3,315	856	900	22,894	8,638	32,842	11,022	8,518	102,412

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	New Registration	Name change	Party change	Transfer between county	Transfer in county	Correction	Duplicate	Decline	Void	Total
January	916	222	338	54	1,277	389	909	1,117	58	5,280
February										0
March										0
April										0
May										0
June										0
July										0
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2009 Removals

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Deceased	2,250	2,806	3,754	2,292	2,382	2,849	2,490	2,383	2,612	3,088
Obit & Written Req	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	175	318	99
Moved from State	1,571	1,304	1,364	970	1,572	1,067	1,590	921	1,938	886
Board Removal	13	6	8	20	21	36	30	24	11	13
DOE Verification	520	472	293	1,220	127	205	386	2,646	281	1,992
Department 2014h	866	0	1,216	3,485	0	1,686	0	2,877	0	4,566
COE Verification	79	2,947	69	3,770	2,249	1,046	614	16	0	0
COE 2014h	0	0	0	0	0	20,413	57	0	0	0
Not a Citizen	0	0	0	0	0	5	21	16	9	6
TOTAL	5,299	7,535	6,704	11,757	6,351	27,307	5,340	9,058	5,169	10,650

Appoquinimink School District Referendum

Voter card reconciliation

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Total votes cast: 2,638
 - Machine votes 2,628
 - Absentee Votes 10
- Total voter cards: 2,637
 - Shown as voted: 2,630*
 - Not a citizen: 1
 - No ID 1
 - No ID with district address 2
 - Left without voting 1
 - Void 2

*The two card discrepancy was at Meredith Middle School. Based on discussion with the Inspector and examination of the audit logs for the assigned machines, it is most likely that two voters Left Without Voting whose cards were not annotated as such.

Department activities

eSig implementation

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Auto-districting will be implemented March 4, 2010.
 - Developed using existing structure.
 - Testing went well.
- Phase II involves processing paper applications in a more automated manner and using eSig at mandated NVRA agencies.
 - Under development.

Department activities

FY 2010 Elections

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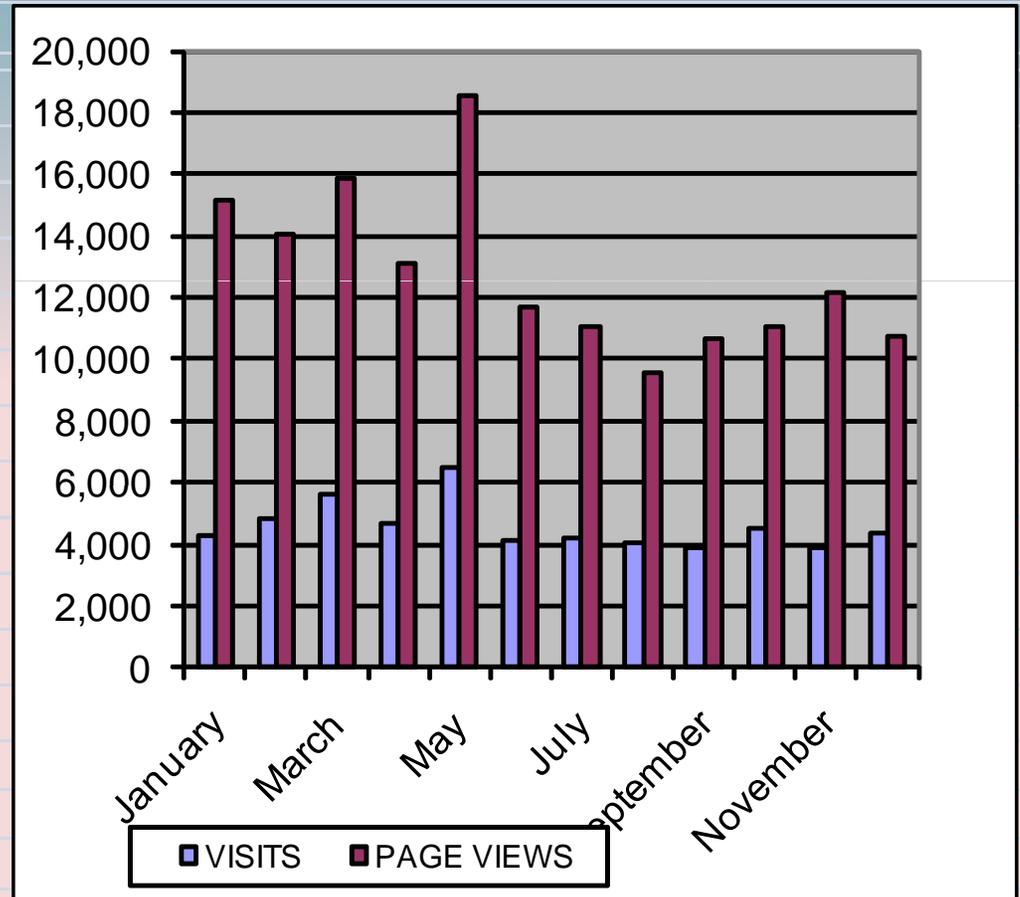
- March 26 & March 29-31: Youth in City Government
- March 29: Wilmington Job Corps
- *April 5: Town of Newport (tentative)*
- *April 5: Town of Odessa (tentative)*
- *April 6: City of Delaware City (tentative)*
- *April 13: City of Newark (tentative)*
- April 29: St. Ann School
- April 30: Howard High School of Technology
- *May 1: Town of Townsend (tentative)*
- May 11: School Board

Department activities

WEB site activity

Department of Elections for New Castle County

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>VISITS</u>	<u>PAGE VIEWS</u>
January	4,249	15,177
February	4,802	14,058
March	5,598	15,878
April	4,695	13,103
May	6,473	18,521
June	4,128	11,662
July	4,193	11,032
August	4,031	9,572
September	3,869	10,693
October	4,492	11,050
November	3,883	12,131
December	4,402	10,706
NOT BOLD = 2009		
BOLD = 2010		



Department activities

WEB site development

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- “Plain language” initiative: continuing

Department activities

Staff training

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- “In-house” training on Auto-Districting function on 3/4

Department activities

Travel

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- No travel scheduled at this time.

Department activities

Census 2010

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Received data from Bureau of the Census for final review.
 - House and Senate lines
 - Splits of census blocks based on past redistricting
 - Comments due back March 31

Department activities

Voting machines

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Hardware and Firmware
 - Nothing new
- Software (Guardian)
 - Nothing new
- System testing and acceptance
 - Nothing new

Department activities

Absentee system

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Hardware and Firmware
 - Nothing new
- Software (GEMS)
 - Nothing new
- System testing and acceptance
 - Nothing new
- Will most likely continue with the Premier system under ES&S for 2010.

Department activities

Facilities/Equipment enhancements

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Thermostats for warehouse heaters
 - Owner installed at his expense.
 - Work completed.

Department activities

Help America Vote Act of 2002

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Additional Requirements Payments approved by Conference Committee (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).
 - \$70 million.
 - Not sure of Delaware's share. Probably the usual $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%.

Department activities

Legislative actions – General Assembly

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- HB 244 – School Elections bill enacted.
 - Resulted in cancelation of 4 down state referendums
 - If Notice of Election insufficient, the Department has authority to cancel the referendum.
- HB 245 – Title 15 clean-up enacted
 - Mostly eliminating obsolete language and practices
 - Doubled minority party ballot access requirement. Now 1/10 of 1 percent of registered voters as of December 31 in year before an election. 612 for 2010 elections.
 - Changed titles (i.e., removed “Administrative”; Titles are now “Director” and “Deputy Director”)

Department activities

Legislative actions – Federal

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Defense Authorization Bill
 - Signed by President Obama
 - Drafted legislation to implement
 - Will move filing and withdrawal deadlines in order to comply with new deadlines
- Other under consideration
 - No excuse absentee voting
 - Voter registration “modernization”
 - On-line registration mandate

Department activities

Outreach

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Department's Facebook page active on December 9.

Old business

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- None

New business

Department of Elections for New Castle County

- Approve change in polling place for Appoquinimink School Board elections
 - Replace Redding Middle School with Bunker Hill Elementary School as requested by Appoquinimink School District
- Next Board meeting April 6, 2010