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A Message From Your Clerk & Recorder...

Thanks to our Military...We have recently added a "Uniformed Active-Duty Military Counter" at each of our three Motor Vehicle Offices as a token of our appreciation to those who are serving in our armed forces. These counters will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays. Should this counter become available before their normal number is called, Uniformed Active-Duty Military may proceed to that counter for assistance with their automobile registration and renewals.

November Election...It is with great appreciation that we thank over **1700 Election Judges** who helped with the November 4th Coordinated Election. Of those, over 130 were Student Judges from El Paso County schools. The new "hands-on" Election Judge training sessions at the **Phil Long Expo Center** were well received and were instrumental making this a nearly problem free election. With identification requirements and other new laws, we hope to welcome back many of the same judges for the August Primary Election and the November 2, 2004 Presidential Election. I also wish to thank **Marguerite Duncan** (Manager, Election Department), **Susan Russo** (Assistant Manager, Election Department), **John Gardner** (Manager, Information Systems), and **Rich Jones** (Manager, Distribution Center) for their leadership during the 2003 Election season. You and your staffs did a superb job. Finally, our thanks go out to **Clarica Armstead** (Democrat) and **Ken Schinstine** (Republican) for serving as "Official Observers" and ensuring that a fair and honest election was held once again. Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!

Office Moves...Several of our managers will be relocating their offices and staff in the upper level of our main office in Centennial Hall during the month of December. We expect these moves will result in more efficient operations for our customers and staff. All telephone numbers are expected to remain unchanged. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and understanding during these moves.



Happy Holidays!

Bob Balink

Election Department

Results of the 2003 Coordinated Election can be accessed at <http://www.elpasoelections.com/2003coordinated/results.html>. The percentage of registered voters that participated in the 2003 Coordinated Election was 27.69 %. Thirty one percent of registered voters voted in the 2001 Coordinated Mail Ballot Election; twenty six percent of registered voters cast ballots in the 1999 Coordinated Election.

During the 2003 Coordinated Election, Touch Screen Voting was offered at one polling place in each county commissioner district and was very well received by those voters. The Touch Screen Poll Places were Emerson-Edison Charter School; Giberson Elementary; Keller Elementary; First Presbyterian – Weber Street Center; and Stratton Meadows Elementary.

For any additional information regarding the 2003 Coordinated Election, please contact 575-VOTE (8683).

Locations:**Downtown Office**

200 S Cascade Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
8:00am - 5:00pm
Motor Vehicle
7:00am - 4:30pm
weekdays, except holidays

Chapel Hills Office

Chapel Hills Mall
(On North side between
JC Penney & Mervyn's)
7:00am-4:30pm
weekdays, except holidays

Widefield Office

115 Fontaine Boulevard
Widefield, CO
7:00am-4:30pm
weekdays, except holidays

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Motor Vehicle Department

Avoid wait times at the end of the month! We would like to remind everyone that your license plates may be renewed by mail. There is a 30-day grace period on all renewals. For example, if your plates expire in December, you do not have to renew until the end of January. There is limited staff at all offices until 8:30 a.m. due to extended work hours. Please note, wait times are typically longer the last few days of the month.

Anyone interested in a specific specialty plate is welcome to contact our Motor Vehicle Department to verify availability; however, we are currently out of the following specialty plates: Adams State, Air Force Academy, Always Buy Colorado, Fort Lewis, Korean War (motorcycle), Mesa State, Metro State, Olympic Committee, Regis University, University of Southern Colorado, and Western State plate styles.

For more information, please contact our Motor Vehicle Department at 520-6240.

Recording Department

The Recording Department has made significant improvements in our document recording processing time. Documents are now being returned in less than 1 week, down from a high of 46 days. Efforts continue to further improve our efficiency.

As the holidays and year-end approach, we will be experiencing a large increase in requests for document copies. We ask your patience and cooperation during this time. If you will be faxing requests for copies, we will call to let you know when your documents will be ready to pick up. The time frame should not exceed 48 hours. This will help us to process requests in the order in which they are received and will eliminate unnecessary trips and/or long waits for our customers.

Thank you for your patience and we will do everything in our power to process your requests as quickly as possible.

As always, we encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact our Recording Department at (719) 520-6208 or via email at recweb@elpasoco.com.

Did You Know?

Did you know that you could access El Paso County Board of County Commissioners agendas and results online at <http://bcc.elpasoco.com/bocc/agenda.asp>? You can also search through archived minutes.

If you cannot attend one of the biweekly meetings, you can watch it online at <http://bcc.elpasoco.com/Audio/default.asp>.

For more information, please contact the Deputy Clerk to the Board's Office at 520-6430.

Miscellaneous News

We take pride in our staff and would like to take a moment to acknowledge special events and achievements.

Celebrating service anniversaries are: Gwen Holt (25); Char Nolan (19); Eileen Wheeler (19); Cathy Driscoll (18); Bev Blanchard (15); Tracey Levens (14); Judy Sherbak (14); Andy Moran, Jr. (9); Colleen Odermann (9); Maureen Zentz (8); Steve Kumpf (6); John Atencio (2); Tricia Falchetti (2); Kathy Klinker (2); Jimmie Van Buskirk (2); Tim Bishop (1). We greatly appreciate their hard work and dedication on behalf of the citizens of El Paso County.