

News Release



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Tioga County Primary Election Proceeds Owego Elementary School Polling Place to Move to Middle School

ALBANY, NY (9/12/11): Primary Elections in Tioga County will be conducted as scheduled on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The Tioga County Board of Elections has developed a plan to mitigate the effects of the catastrophic flood on election operations and to accommodate displaced voters to the extent possible as a result of flood conditions and Tioga County's State of Emergency. As a result of flood conditions, some polling sites will be operating with Emergency Generators for lighting.

All regular poll sites are anticipated to be open with the exception of the Owego Elementary School. Voters that would normally report to this poll site are to report to the Owego Middle School, 3 Sheldon Guile Boulevard, Owego, NY 13827 which represents Owego voting districts 6, 7, 9 & 10. For all other poll sites, voters should report to the site identified in the card mailed to them by the Board of Elections in August.

"Despite challenging circumstances, both the Tioga and Broome County Boards of Elections have reacted swiftly to adapt to a natural disaster to ensure that the Primary Election runs as smoothly as possible, under the present conditions. The State Board has offered help and guidance and the local boards have done their best to make the necessary changes under severe time pressures to move poll sites and achieve fair and accurate voting on primary day," said Robert A. Brehm and Todd D. Valentine, Co-Executive Directors of the State Board of Elections.

There is a county-wide Republican primary for the office of Coroner. Voters registered as Republican will decide among Charles W. Thayer, William R. Siebert, David R. Redsicker and Robert P. Williams for two positions.

In the Town of Nichols there is a Democratic primary for Superintendent of Highways. Members of the Democratic Party in that town will decide between Ricky G. LaFritz and Kevin R. Vought to be the nominee.

Republican voters in the Town of Barton will additionally decide among John T. Tryon, Chad P. Stolicker, and James R. Pratt for two Council positions.

Voters registered as Republican in the Town of Berkshire will choose between George A. Hoffmier, Jr and Karl J. Spoonhower for one position of Highway Superintendent.

And in the town of Candor, there is a Republican primary for Town Supervisor between Darlene W. Cobler and Joseph E. Doty, Sr.

Ballots will be marked at the poll sites and deposited into a secure receptacle to be fed into the voting machines upon the close of the polls. Unofficial results will be available when all ballots can be processed through the voting machines with emergency power.