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Election Dates, please see the website for all other information

Special Election – State House Representative District 23

- **Advance Voting:**
Nov 17 – 22
Nov 24 – 26
Dec 1 – 5
- **Election Day:**
Dec 9
- **Run-Off Election:**
Jan 6, 2026

To check if you are in State House Rep District 23, visit mvp.sos.ga.gov

For information on polling locations and absentee ballots, visit cherokeegavotes.com



As we close out the year that was to be considered an “off election year”, I want to take a moment to reflect with gratitude. This year has by no means been an “off election year”. We have conducted six elections, held thirteen weeks of early voting and had some type of election related activity going on for the past eight months. This year has brought its share of challenges and through it all, the elections team and poll workers have remained dedicated to serving the voters of Cherokee County with smiling faces and positive attitudes.

Thank you for showing up with resilience, optimism, and heart. Thank you for every effort, big or small, that helped shape this year into a successful election year. I’m truly grateful to each team member and the many poll workers for the work that each of you do to ensure free and fair access to voting, provide accurate and secure voting systems, a transparent process, protection against interference, accountability and trust for our Cherokee County voters.

As we celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season, I hope you find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the company of loved ones. Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and a strong, hopeful start to the New Year

ahead. *Enjoy a favorite family recipe below!*

Anne Dover, Director

Election Day Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 cups packed brown sugar
 - 1 ½ cups unsalted butter, melted
 - 1 cup white sugar
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2 egg yolks
 - 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
 - 4 cups semisweet chocolate chips
1. Gather all ingredients. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets or line with parchment paper.
 2. Sift flour, baking soda, and salt together; set aside.
 3. Beat brown sugar, melted butter, and white sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until smooth.
 4. Beat in eggs, egg yolks, and vanilla until light and creamy; add flour mixture and stir until dough is just combined.
 5. Stir in chocolate chips.
 6. Drop spoonfuls of dough 3 inches apart onto the prepared baking sheets.
 7. Bake cookies in the preheated oven until edges are golden, about 15 to 17 minutes.
 8. Cool on the cookie sheets briefly before transferring them to a wire rack to cool completely. *Yields 36 yummy cookies!*

A WORD FROM OUR BOARD OF ELECTIONS

By Larry Hand, Secretary

2025 has been a busy but interesting year for the Cherokee County Board of Election Board Members, the Director, the staff, the election poll workers, and the numerous technical and support teams that make our elections happen.

Since being appointed as an Elections Board Member two and a half years ago, I have come to better understand the very complicated steps that it takes to conduct our elections, manage the county voter rolls, and interact with voters.

The Federal and State laws plus State Election Board Rules that guide the election's office staff are massive. The detailed processes for each election cycle ensure compliance, before, during, and after elections. I very much appreciate all the hard work of our excellent election staff in this regard.

I wish everyone a very nice Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!



Our office launched its Voter Education initiative in late 2024, and over the past several months, that effort has grown into a broader Community Outreach program. Guided by Director Dover's vision, we have focused on building strong, welcoming relationships between our community, our staff, and our poll workers. The connections have been meaningful, engaging, and collaborative and all whilst elections have been conducted.

Between March and June, our team delivered ten Voter Education events, including six sessions and tours held inside the Elections Office and four held at off-site locations. More than 225 participants took part in these sessions, representing a wide range of partners including members of the Cherokee County Elections Board, election staff from twelve counties across Georgia, State Election Board officials and investigators, Secretary of State staff, Sequoyah Regional Library System leadership, poll workers, and engaged Cherokee County residents.

Our quarterly *Election Connection* newsletter continues to support these efforts by keeping voters informed with timely updates and clear guidance.

This spring, we conducted High School Voter Registration Drives. In April, information was sent to all six high school principals and lead contacts. Etowah High School and Woodstock High School led successful registration campaigns, resulting in 104 newly registered student voters.

Our outreach expanded further into Senior Centers and Assisted Living Facilities, where we began working closely with Activities Directors to assist with voter registration and absentee ballot application support. We have met with five centers so far and look forward to hosting two Lunch & Learn sessions for Activities Directors and their teams on January 15th and February 19th, 2026 at our Elections Office. Call Donna to register for either event.

In addition to these initiatives, we developed a new logo that represents our office. (page 1, bottom left)

Strengthening Connections

By Donna Kosicki,
Community
Outreach Specialist

Upcoming events include Poll Worker Appreciation on December 1st, and on February 1st – we will welcome new poll workers at a Meet & Greet.

2026 scheduled Voter Education sessions and tours are April 16th, August 13th, and September 10th. All three of these events are from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, at our Elections Office. Click on the QR code below to register.

We remain committed to serving Cherokee County with transparency, accessibility, and a spirit of partnership. Don't miss all of the updates on the calendar for 2026 ... it is outstanding!

For voter registration information, visit [My Voter Page](#). To learn more about our events and this program, elections, election results, legal notices, polling locations, and more, visit cherokeegavotes.com or call **770-479-0407**.



Poll Workers: The Heart of Our Elections



Poll Workers are a vital part of every election. Without their service and commitment, elections simply would not happen. Our workers serve during Advance Voting, on Election Day, or both—stepping in wherever the need is greatest. Many have been with Cherokee County for decades, with some surpassing 30 years of dedicated service.

We are proud of the strong working relationships we've built with our poll workers over the years. When you serve as a poll worker for Cherokee County, you become an extension of our office—representing our county with professionalism, integrity, and care.

Poll Workers are required by law to complete training before each election, with the only exception being between an election and its runoff. Training includes both in-person and online components.

- **In-person training** provides hands-on experience with election equipment and typically lasts 2–3 hours.

- **Online training** takes about an hour and covers essential laws, procedures, and codes.

Over the past year alone, our office has trained more than **800 poll workers** to prepare for each election.

Because our poll workers give so much of their time and energy to the county, we make it a priority to show our appreciation—though no event could fully express the gratitude we feel. This year, we will host a **Poll Worker Appreciation Event on December 1st**, featuring recognition of their outstanding work throughout the election year, along with tasty treats and refreshments.

While many of our poll workers return year after year, we are always excited to welcome new faces! Larger election cycles—such as midterms and presidential elections—require additional staff at each polling location to help manage voter flow and operate equipment.

To meet this need, we will be

hosting two **Poll Worker Meet & Greet** events for community members interested in serving in upcoming elections.

- **February 3rd**, 6:00–8:00 pm
- **February 12th**, 6:00–8:00 pm

These events offer light refreshments and an opportunity for potential poll workers to ask questions, speak with elections staff, and learn what the role involves. We look forward to meeting everyone who is curious about how they can contribute to the election process.

Poll Workers are the heart of our elections. We look forward to seeing our friends at these events to celebrate and show our appreciation, and meeting potential Poll Workers as we prepare for the 2026 Elections!

Grace Waddell, Electronic Systems and Training Manager

Trent Nations, Electronic Systems and Training Specialist

TEST YOUR ELECTION KNOWLEDGE!

How many answers do you know? *Answer key is on page 4.*

1. How old does a person have to be to qualify to work as a Poll Worker?
2. True or False – Voters register to vote by political party in Georgia.
3. What is the 'residency' qualification of a voter?
4. List three ways a person can register to vote.
5. List three options a voter has to cast their vote for each election.
6. How much fun is it to work as a Poll Worker?

How did you do!?!

ANSWER KEY from page 3

1. Minimum – 16 years of age
2. False. GA holds Primary Elections whereby the voter must choose the ballot he/she wishes to vote (Rep, Dem, NP)
3. An elector must be a resident of the county in which they are seeking to vote ... you live in Cherokee County, you vote in Cherokee County!
4. Three ways to register to vote: Secretary of State Voter Registration Form (old school), Department of Driver Services, or Online [GA Online Voter Registration](#) (aka OLVR)
5. Options for a voter to cast their vote in each election:
 - a. Absentee / Mail-in Ballot,
 - b. Early / Advance Voting, or
 - c. Election Day
6. So much fun ... and very rewarding!

2026 Election Calendar

QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION CYCLE		MARCH 2, 2026 – MARCH 6, 2026	
ELECTION	ELECTION DATE	ADVANCE VOTING DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINE <small>*FEDERAL CONTEST REGISTRATION DEADLINE</small>
Special Election	03/17/2026	02/23/26 – 03/13/26	02/16/2026
Special Election Runoff	04/14/2026	As soon as possible, but no later than 04/06/26 – 04/10/26	02/16/2026
General Primary Election/Nonpartisan Election	05/19/2026	04/27/26 – 05/15/26	04/20/2026
General Primary Election/Nonpartisan Runoff	06/16/2026	As soon as possible, but no later than 06/08/26 – 06/12/26	04/20/2026 *05/18/2026
General Election/Special Election	11/03/2026	10/13/26 – 10/30/26	10/05/2026
General Election/Special Election Runoff	12/01/2026	As soon as possible, but no later than 11/23/26 – 11/25/26	10/05/2026 *11/02/2026

KEY RESOURCES

- Cherokee County Elections & Voter Registration – cherokeegavotes.com
- Secretary of State (SOS) website – sos.ga.gov
- MyVoterPage – mvp.sos.ga.gov
- OLVR – sos.ga.gov/s/olvr-home
- State Election Board – sos.ga.gov/state-election-board

Make a plan to vote!



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