

May 9, 2015 City and School Elections in Nacogdoches County

General Information:

On May 9, 2015, the City of Garrison, the City of Nacogdoches, Chireno I.S.D., Douglass I.S.D., Garrison I.S.D., and Nacogdoches I.S.D. will all be conducting elections. Registered voters in Nacogdoches County who live within these jurisdictions are eligible to vote in the applicable elections.

Other Important Information:

The most important upcoming date is **Thursday, April 9, 2015**. This is the last day to register to vote for the **May 9, 2015 City and School Elections in Nacogdoches County**. All applications must be postmarked or received by the Nacogdoches County Elections Office by this date. The Elections Office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on **April 9, 2015**.

If you have moved recently you need to re-register to vote. Voter registration is connected to your address. If you stay at the same address year after year, then you don't ever have to re-register because your voter registration is automatically renewed every two years. However, whenever you move you have to re-register or you will eventually be removed from the voter roll. Even if you move within the same county, city, or even on the same street you need to re-register. You also need to re-register if you have made any changes to your mailing address. For example, if you had a P.O. Box last year, and now you don't, then you need to re-register/update your address information. Everyone in Nacogdoches County who has registered to vote should have received an orange and white Voter Registration Certificate. Please contact the Elections Office by **April 9, 2015** if you are not sure if you are registered to vote and we will gladly help you.

Mail Ballots:

The entities conducting elections are now accepting applications for mail ballots. To qualify to vote by mail you must be 65 years of age or older, or have a disability, or be confined in jail, or be able to provide an address outside of Nacogdoches County if you will not be in Nacogdoches County during voting times. The last day for the entities conducting elections to accept/receive applications for mail ballots is **April 30, 2015**. Applications for mail ballots may be hand delivered to the different entities until Early Voting begins on **April 27, 2015**. Once Early Voting begins, the applications must be mailed to the entities conducting elections.

Elections:

City of Garrison May 9, 2015 General Election

Early Voting Location and Times:

Garrison City Office – 330 South B. Ave. – Garrison, TX 75946

April 27, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
April 28, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 29, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 30, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 1, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 4, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 5, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day Voting Location and Time:

Garrison City Office – 330 South B. Ave. – Garrison, TX 75946

May 9, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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Candidates:

COUNCIL

Vote for none, one or two

Samantha Douglas VanPelt

Hope Hallmark

Nichole Todd

City of Nacogdoches May 9, 2015 General Election

Early Voting Location and Times:

C. L. Simon Recreation Center – 1112 North St. – Nacogdoches, TX 75961

April 27, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 28, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 29, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 30, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 1, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 4, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
May 5, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day Voting Location and Time:

Thomas J. Rusk Academy of Fine Arts – Chamberlain Building - 411 N. Mound Street – Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

May 9, 2015	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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Candidates:

COUNCILMEMBER - NORTHEAST WARD

Vote for none or one

Terry Courtney

Shelley Brophy

COUNCILMEMBER - NORTHWEST WARD

Vote for none or one

Mike Keller

Jo Ellen H. Carlson

UNCONTESTED CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED

MAYOR - AT LARGE

Roger Van Horn

Chireno I.S.D. May 9, 2015 General Election

Early Voting Location and Times:

Chireno City Hall – 664 Main St. – Chireno, TX 75937

April 27, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
April 28, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
April 29, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
April 30, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
May 1, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
May 4, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
May 5, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Election Day Voting Location and Time:

Chireno City Hall – 664 Main St. – Chireno, TX 75937

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Candidates:

TRUSTEE

Vote for none, one or two

Patrick Eddings

Jerry Brown

Joey Michelle

Douglass I.S.D. May 9, 2015 Special Election

Early Voting Location and Times:

Douglass I.S.D. Boardroom In Elementary Building – 20712 South F.M. 225 – Douglass, TX 75943

April 27, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
April 28, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
April 28, 2015	5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Extended Hours)
April 29, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
April 30, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
May 1, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
May 4, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
May 5, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Election Day Voting Location and Time:

Douglass I.S.D. Boardroom In Elementary Building – 20712 South F.M. 225 – Douglass, TX 75943

May 9, 2015 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PROPOSITION:

THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,000,000 OF BONDS AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

For

Against

Garrison I.S.D. May 9, 2015 General Election

Early Voting Location and Times:

Garrison I.S.D. High School Foyer – 459 N. U.S. HWY 59 – Garrison, TX 75946

April 27, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
April 28, 2015	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Garrison City Office – 330 South B. Ave. – Garrison, TX 75946

May 9, 2015 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Candidates:

Trustee

Vote for none, one or two

Bart Reneau

Matt Barrett

Wes Chandler

Trustee - Unexpired Term

Vote for none or one

Bradley Davis

Lane Barton

Nacogdoches I.S.D. May 9, 2015 General Election

Early Voting Locations and Times:

C. L. Simon Recreation Center – 1112 North St. – Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

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Candidates:

TRUSTEE - SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT V

Vote for none or one

Greg DuChane

Russell R. Smith

Photo ID:

All voters need to bring an acceptable form of photo ID in addition to, or instead of, their Voter Registration Certificates. Acceptable forms of photo ID are:

Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Concealed Handgun License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph

United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph

United States Passport

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, the ID must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

A permanent exemption is available for voters with documented disabilities. Voters with disabilities may apply with the County Voter Registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo ID. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a Voter Registration Certificate reflecting the exemption.

If a voter does not have a permanent disability exemption indicated on his or her Voter Registration Certificate and the voter does not have any of the photo IDs indicated above at the time of voting, then the voter may cast a provisional ballot at the polls. However, in order to have the provisional ballot counted, the voter will be required to visit the Elections Office within six calendar days of the date of the election to either present one of the above forms of photo ID or submit one of the temporary affidavits addressed below (religious objection or natural disaster) in the presence of the County Voter Registrar while attesting to the fact that he or she does not have any of the required photo IDs.

Affidavits are available for voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and for voters who do not have any photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor within 45 days of the day the ballot was cast.

The address on the photo ID does not have to match the voter's address on the Official List of Registered Voters at the time of voting.

There has been some confusion over whether or not a voter's name on his or her approved photo ID has to exactly match his or her name on his or her Voter Registration Certificate or the Official List of Registered Voters used by poll workers to qualify voters at the polls. The answer is No. The names do not have to match exactly. However, the names do need to be substantially similar. Election officials will review the voter's photo ID and if his or her name is substantially similar to the name on the Official List of Registered Voters, the voter will still be able to vote, but the voter will also have to sign an affidavit provided by the poll workers stating that he or she is the same person on the Official List of Registered Voters. The voter will then be given an opportunity to update his or her name on the Voter Roll if so desired so that in the future it will exactly match the name on his or her photo ID.

A voter's name is considered substantially similar if one or more of the following circumstances applies:

The name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields on the Official List of Registered Voters.

The name on the voter's ID or on the Official List of Registered Voters is a customary variation of the voter's formal name. For example, Bill for William, or Beto for Alberto.

The voter's name contains an initial, middle name, or former name that is either not on the Official List of Registered Voters or on the voter's ID.

A first name, middle name, former name, or initial of the voter's name occupies a different field on the presented photo ID than it does on the Official List of Registered Voters.

Information About Campaigning and Literature:

No campaign signs, buttons, apparel, hats, or shirts are allowed in the polling place. No exceptions. No campaigning is allowed within 100 feet of a polling place. Voters may feel free to bring in literature to use in the voting booths to help them make their choices. However, voters are not allowed to leave their literature in the voting booths after they have voted. Sample ballots will be posted for voters to examine if they would like before receiving their ballots. Election workers will be happy to assist all voters in helping them to understand how to mark their ballots and will be happy to read the ballots to voters as well if they are asked to. However, election workers will not be able to provide any insight to voters regarding contests on the ballots, so we recommend that voters research the contests before they come in to vote.

Public Test:

A public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the May 9, 2015 Elections for the City of Garrison, the City of Nacogdoches, Chireno I.S.D., Douglass I.S.D., Garrison I.S.D., and Nacogdoches I.S.D. will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 in the Elections Office located within the Courthouse Annex Building – 203 W. Main St. – Nacogdoches, TX 75961.

Election Night:

A public waiting area will be open at 7:00 p.m. on Election Night in the Courthouse Annex for the media and voters who want to receive printouts of election results as soon as they are available. Early Voting results will be released around 7:00 p.m. Final results for the elections are estimated to be available between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Election Night.