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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



*Above: Charleston County Board of
Voter Registration and Elections
Executive Director Isaac Cramer*

As we move through 2025, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the voters, poll workers, and staff who continue to make elections in Charleston County successful. This year has already brought unique challenges and opportunities. Our first election of the year was held amid an unexpected winter storm and served as a true testament to the resilience of our community. Despite rare snowy conditions, voters showed up to make their voices heard, and our dedicated poll workers made sure the process ran smoothly. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a role in making that election a success.

Beyond Election Day, our work never stops. I had the privilege of leading the 49th annual South Carolina Association of Registration & Election Officials, Inc. (SCARE) Conference. This statewide gathering brings together election professionals from across South Carolina to exchange ideas, explore best practices, and enhance our ability to serve voters.

As election officials, it's crucial that we continue to learn, adapt, and collaborate to ensure secure, accessible, and transparent elections. The connections and insights gained from this conference help shape the future of election administration in our state, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated professionals.

2025 will continue to be a busy year, with multiple special elections this spring and municipal contests in the fall. Whether you're voting early, on Election Day, or by absentee ballot, I encourage you to check your registration status, learn about your voting options, and stay informed through our website and social media channels.

Our office remains committed to voter engagement year-round. Programs like our Voter Ambassador and Adopt a Polling Location initiatives offer opportunities for community members to get involved, spread awareness, and help verify that every eligible voter has the information they need.

Thank you for your continued participation in our electoral process as we enable citizens to shape the future of Charleston County through their vote.

Isaac Cramer
Executive Director



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SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

BVRE conducts 2025's first election

After a busy end to 2024, hundreds of Charleston County residents kicked off the 2025 election calendar by participating in the South Carolina House District 113 Special Primary Election in January. After two weeks of early voting at BVRE's headquarters, citizens chose between three candidates to determine the Democratic candidate to vie for the South Carolina House District 113 seat. No Republican candidates filed by the deadline.

Official results found Courtney Waters came out on top, taking in just shy of 70% of the total vote. Michelle Brandt and Kim Clark finished second and third, respectively.

Waters will move to the South Carolina House District 113 Special Election, where she will run unopposed. Additional information on the contest can be found on [page 5](#).

To review official election results from this race, as well as from previous elections, visit CHSVotes.gov.



Above: Several "I Voted" stickers are pictured on rolls as they await voters.

"There are no 'off' years in elections. Vote whenever you are eligible!"

Are you vote ready?

You can find your polling location, view your sample ballot, and more, [from the comfort of your computer, smartphone, or tablet](#). Make sure you're prepared before heading to the polls!



A WINTRY ELECTION DAY

Voters cast ballots amid rare Lowcountry snowstorm on Election Day

We extend our deepest gratitude to the emergency crews, poll workers, and voters who played a crucial role in ensuring the success of January's special primary election, despite some challenges brought on by a significant winter storm in the area. As the day began, voters braved the cold temperatures to make their voices heard at the polls. Throughout the day, our dedicated poll workers remained steadfast in their duties, assisting voters, maintaining orderly polling places, and ensuring that the election process continued smoothly.

As the evening progressed and polling places prepared to close, conditions rapidly worsened, with roads becoming increasingly hazardous. Despite these obstacles, our team of clerks, working in tandem with officials, took every precaution to ensure that election materials and results were transported safely and efficiently. Their unwavering commitment to the integrity of the electoral process was evident as they navigated treacherous conditions to deliver results to our headquarters as swiftly and securely as possible.

Additionally, we are grateful to the emergency response teams who worked tirelessly throughout the evening and the subsequent days, ensuring the safety of those traveling on the roads and responding to weather-related incidents. Their efforts provided an essential layer of support, helping to mitigate risks and keep election workers and the public safe.

Above all, we commend the resilience of our community, including voters who made the effort to cast their ballots despite the storm, poll workers who went above and beyond their duties, and the many individuals behind the scenes who contributed to the successful administration of this election under extraordinary circumstances. This election was a testament to the strength and determination of all involved, and we deeply appreciate the efforts of each person who helped uphold our electoral process



Above: Icicles begin to form on an "Access Ramp" sign at BVRE headquarters shortly after the close of polls on January 21, 2025.



Above: Weather conditions quickly deteriorate at BVRE headquarters on Election Night.



SPRING SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Spring begins in Charleston County with dual special elections

A significant number of Charleston County residents will be eligible to participate in one of two special elections this March. The South Carolina House District 113 Special Election and the Mount Pleasant Town Council Special Election will take place simultaneously.

Early voting ran weekdays from Monday, March 10, through Friday, March 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections' (BVRE) North Charleston headquarters served as the sole early voting location for both races.

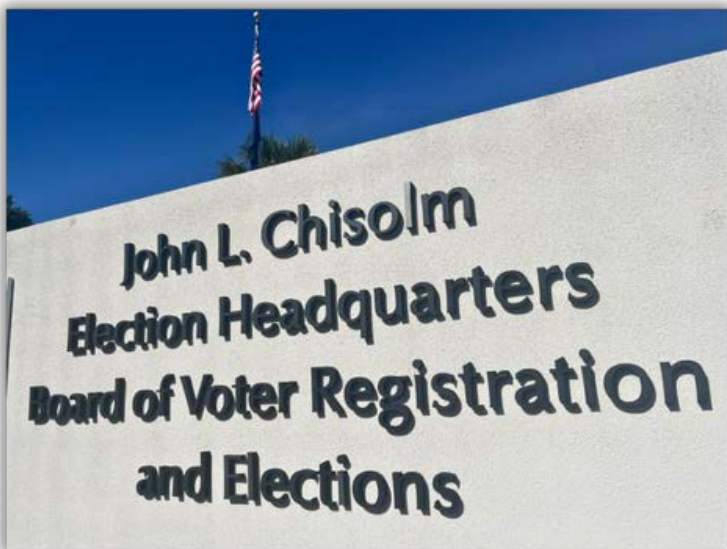
Election Day is Tuesday, March 25. On that day, eligible voters must cast their ballots at their assigned polling places between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

In May, thousands of North Charleston voters will be tasked with filling multiple city council vacancies through special elections. These contests will elect new councilmembers for North Charleston City Council Districts 3 and 5.

Early voting will be available on weekdays from Monday, May 12 through Friday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day at BVRE's headquarters.

Election Day is set for May 27, with polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Voters casting their ballots in person must bring a valid photo I.D. A list of accepted I.D. types is available at [SCVotes.gov](https://www.scvotes.gov). All absentee ballots must be properly completed and returned to BVRE's headquarters by 7 p.m. on Election Day.



**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

Left: The front entrance sign greets voters at BVRE's headquarters in North Charleston.



49TH ANNUAL SCARE CONFERENCE

BVRE's executive director leads yearly gathering of statewide group



Above: The front cover to the 49th annual SCARE Conference informational booklet features nods to popular TV sitcoms through the past several decades.

The 49th annual SCARE Conference took place in Myrtle Beach at the end of January, hosted by the South Carolina Association of Registration & Election Officials, Inc. This annual event brings together election officials from across the state to celebrate achievements, exchange best practices, and expand their expertise in service to South Carolina's voters.

This year's conference, organized by current SCARE President and BVRE Executive Director Isaac Cramer, featured a special theme inspired by beloved TV sitcoms, adding a fun and engaging backdrop to the week's professional development.

Attendees participated in classroom learning sessions, interactive tabletop exercises, and discussions with guest speakers and lawmakers. The week's engaging events aimed to strengthen election administration and foster collaboration among officials to better serve citizens.

The conference continues to serve as a valuable opportunity for South Carolina's election professionals to connect, learn, and enhance the electoral process for voters statewide. Additional information on SCARE can be found on scarenews.org.

YEARLONG OFFERINGS

Learn about the services BVRE provides during and in between elections

BVRE offers several programs to engage the community and expand voter education efforts outside of election periods. The Voter Ambassador Program trains volunteers to serve as election advocates, equipping them with the knowledge to educate their communities about voter registration, election deadlines, and voting options. Ambassadors assist at local events, schools, and civic gatherings, helping to confirm accurate election information reaches as many residents as possible. This initiative empowers community members to play an active role in increasing voter participation and awareness.

Another way organizations can get involved is through BVRE's award-winning Adopt a Polling-Location Program, which allows businesses, schools, and civic groups to staff a polling place on Election Day. Participants receive training to serve as informed and neutral poll workers, ensuring a well-run election while also raising funds for their community. In lieu of individual pay for the participants, a single check is written to the group. Those funds can then be reinvested into the community. This program fosters civic responsibility and strengthens community involvement in the electoral process.

For groups or individuals interested in hosting voter registration drives, educational presentations, or outreach events, BVRE encourages direct collaboration. Organizations can contact the office to request election officials for events, ensuring accurate and up-to-date election information is shared. Whether through voter ambassadors, poll adoption, or community outreach, BVRE remains committed to empowering voters and ensuring accessible elections year-round. To learn more about these opportunities, visit CHSVotes.gov.



Left: Members of Florence Crittenton Programs of SC in Charleston receive a check from BVRE Executive Director Isaac Cramer (third from left) following their participation in the 2024 Adopt a Polling Location Program.



2025 ELECTION OUTLOOK

Review the Election Days for this year's remaining contests

S.C. House District 113 Special Election	<i>March 25, 2025 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i>
Mt. Pleasant Town Council Special Election	<i>March 25, 2025 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i>
North Charleston City Council Special Election	<i>May 27, 2025 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i>
2025 Municipal Elections	<i>November 4, 2025 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i>

Early Voting

The early voting period for all elections listed above will begin two weeks before Election Day and will be available on weekdays only. Early voting will be closed on weekends, state holidays, and the Monday immediately before Election Day. Early voting hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be a Poll Manager!

- ★ **Serve your community**
- ★ **Participate in the democratic process**
- ★ **Get paid for your work**

