

Berkeley Heights Revised Polling Locations Enhance School Safety

As a direct response to the safety concerns expressed by residents, parents, school and township officials, Berkeley Heights is pleased to announce the following changes to its polling locations. Beginning with the upcoming primary on June 6, 2017 and for all future elections, district polling locations have been revised according to the chart below. “The changes will enhance safety and security in our schools by reducing the number of polling locations where students, teachers and staff are located”. This was a team effort, commented Board of Education President Doug Reinstein adding, “By partnering with our elected officials, Township Clerk Ana Minkoff, and the Union County Board of Elections, we took these important security measures.”

The polling location changes are summarized as follows:

Current Polling Location	Change	Comments
Governor Livingston	No change	Vote at same location
Rescue Squad	No change	Vote at same location
Fire Station	No change	Vote at same location
Woodruff School	No change	Vote at same location
Runnells Hospital	No change	Vote at same location
Town Hall	Minimal change	Vote at Community Center/ next to Town Hall. No change in parking.
Columbia Middle School	<u>New voting location</u>	Vote at Community Center/next to Town Hall

Mountain Park School	<u>New voting location</u>	Vote at Community Center/next to Town Hall
Mary Kay McMillian School	<u>New voting location</u>	Vote at Fire House

A fervent child advocate, Town Council Vice President Jeanne Kingsley expressed, “The safety of children is our utmost priority. Working collectively, the Township, Board of Education and the County found a way to eliminate several schools as polling locations or adjust voting booth locations within school buildings to prevent access to children and staff, without creating a major inconvenience to our voters.”

Residents with a new polling location can expect to receive a postcard from the County with the new polling location address 2-3 weeks prior to the primary, which is June 6, 2017. In addition, the locations will be posted on the township website www.bhtwp.org.

If you are not sure which district is your polling location, residents may refer to the list of township streets and their respective districts by going to <http://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Find-your-Ward-and-District-4-1-2017.pdf>

Senior Citizen bus services on Election Day will continue. All polling locations will have clear signage regarding parking and building entrances. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Town Clerk’s office at (908) 464-2700.