

V Gaithersburg

CITY ELECTION 2015

VOTER'S GUIDE

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Gaithersburg Governance

An Overview

The City of Gaithersburg is administered by a Mayor/City Council – City Manager style of government, with elections held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd numbered years.

The Mayor, who holds a non-voting position, is elected to a four-year term and presides over the City Council. The City Council consists of five members elected at-large, each serving staggered four-year terms. Council Members elect a vice president each year and each Council Member has a vote. The day-to-day operations are run by the City Manager, who is appointed by the City Council.

On November 3, 2015, Gaithersburg voters will cast their ballots for Mayor, to fill the balance of term of former Mayor Sidney A. Katz, and three at-large members of the City Council. The next election for Mayor and two City Council members will be Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

The Mayor and City Council meet in formal session the first and third Monday of each month, during which they discuss issues and approve legislation. On the off Mondays there are public work sessions where the Mayor and Council discuss relevant City business. Agendas, minutes and videos of past meetings are available online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov. Council meetings and work sessions are televised live on Comcast and RCN Channels 13 and Verizon FiOS Channel 25 within the City limits, and are also available for viewing live on the website. Archived meetings may also be viewed via the website.

Are You Registered to Vote?

Hurry – Last Day to Register is October 19

City residents who are registered to vote in Montgomery County are automatically registered to vote in City of Gaithersburg elections. Monday, October 19, 2015 is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the City election on November 3. To confirm your registration, contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections. If you are not yet registered to vote, please do so now so that you can vote in this and future local, state and federal elections.

Write-in Candidates

In 2015 the City of Gaithersburg, for the first time, will be allowing write-in candidates for Mayor and City Council.

To be eligible, a candidate must file a certificate with the Board of Supervisors of Elections no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 or within three days of the candidate collecting or expending a cumulative amount of \$250 in support of his or her candidacy.

Once the BOSE has approved the certificate, write-in votes for that candidate will be accepted. All write-in candidates must comply with campaign rules and regulations.

For more information on write-in candidacy please contact Elections Clerk Lauren Klingler at 301-258-6310 or email cityelections@gaithersburgmd.gov.

Important Dates

- October 19 Deadline to register to vote with Montgomery County Board of Elections
- October 25 Early voting at City Hall, 9 am – 2 pm
- October 27 Early voting at City Hall, 3 pm – 8 pm
- October 28 Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail (see page 4 for details)
- October 31 Early voting at City Hall, Noon – 5 pm
- November 3 **ELECTION DAY**, Polls open 7 am – 8 pm

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CITY ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Polls Open 7 am to 8 pm

Vote for One Mayor
and Three Council Members

Early Voting & Absentee Ballots
Available

Mayor and City Council Candidates

Candidates for Mayor



Jud Ashman



Darline D.H.
Bell-Zuccarelli



Henry F.
Marraffa Jr.

Candidates for City Council



Neil H. Harris



Laurie-Anne
Sayles



Ryan Spiegel



Robert T. Wu

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Candidate Profiles

Vote for One Mayor and Three Council Members

Candidates were invited to submit a 250-word statement for publication in this Voter's Guide. Their statements appear unedited in the order the candidates are listed on the ballot. Additional information about the candidates is available online.

Videotaped statements are aired periodically on Gaithersburg TV, Comcast and RCN Channels 13 and Verizon FiOS Channel 25 in the City limits, or may be viewed at any time online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov and at City of Gaithersburg on YouTube.



Jud Ashman Candidate for Mayor

It is a wonderful honor to serve as your Mayor and I remain grateful for the trust and support of my City Council colleagues in appointing me to the position last November. I'm asking for your vote so I can continue.

In my eight years of service, I have worked diligently and collaboratively with the Council to produce a substantial record of achievement on important matters such as public safety, responsible growth, environmental policy, sound fiscal management, and economic development. As the Founder and Chair of the Gaithersburg Book Festival, I spearheaded the movement to brand our City as a Cultural Destination. We have achieved great momentum on that front and I can't wait to build on it!

Our residents' Quality of Life is paramount for me and I'm as energized as ever working to promote responsible growth, bring about more transit and transportation options, and attract quality employers to the City.

My family and I have lived in Gaithersburg for 18 delightful years. By day, I own and operate a web design firm called Web Mobile Image. Before becoming Mayor, I served on the City Council for seven years. Prior to that, I spent many years as a City volunteer, a PTA leader, a youth sports coach, and an HOA Board Member. I've been active on City matters since 2000.

For more on my record and vision for the future - or if you'd like to contact me - please visit www.votejud.com.

Age: 44

Residency in Gaithersburg: 18 years

Education: Bachelors in Communications & Political Science (double major), University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL; Coral Gables High School, Coral Gables, FL.

Occupation: President and Owner, Web Mobile Image, LLC
Experience in Municipal, County, State or Federal Government: 7 years on City Council, 1 year as mayor, 6 years as a citizen activist

Organizations, Committees, Clubs: Founder & Chair, Gaithersburg Book Festival; GGCC; MML

Awards/Special Recognition: County Executive's Award for Excellence in Arts & Humanities - 2012

Special Interests: Books & Authors; Quince Orchard football games; making the world a better place.

Campaign Website: www.votejud.com



Darline D.H. Bell-Zuccarelli Candidate for Mayor

My name is Darline D.H. Bell-Zuccarelli and I am running for Mayor of Gaithersburg for one reason.

The citizens of Gaithersburg are being ignored and it is time our wishes for our city are included in the decisions by our city representatives. As mayor, my priorities are;

- to include the citizens in decisions that impact our quality of life,

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Darline D.H. Bell-Zuccarelli, continued

- to improve communication between the citizens and the city administration,
- to increase citizen awareness and participation in the city council meetings, and
- to make the revitalization of Olde Towne a priority.

Age: 54

Residency in Gaithersburg: 36 years

Education: Towson University; Poolesville Jr. Sr. High School, Poolesville, Md.

Occupation: Controller, The ARC of Montgomery County



Henry F. Marraffa Jr. Candidate for Mayor

Since my election in 1995, I have dedicated myself to building Gaithersburg into a great place to live, work, play and learn. Gaithersburg is rated the 17th best places to live and raise kids.

I have been involved in the city, providing summer camps, great parks, good streets, the very best snow removal, an effective community Police department, and terrific City events such as the July 4th fireworks, Celebrate Gaithersburg, St. Patrick's Day parade, Oktoberfest, Book Fair, Memorial Day services and Labor Day Parade.

I have continued to support a budget with no city debt. I have been involved in building world class communities. I have been the leader in supporting sustainable growth in Gaithersburg to attract new businesses.

I have been elected 6 times because voters in this city appreciate my years of experience and vision as a dedicated leader who has put his heart and soul into growing Gaithersburg. We need a candidate for Mayor who not only envisions great things for Gaithersburg but has the track record of getting things accomplished. These are the qualities that make a good Mayor, which is why I am running for Mayor.

I will fight for sustainable growth areas, especially Lake Forest and Olde Town. I will work to bring transportation solutions to the city; the Corridor Cities Transit way, the Hi-speed bus down Frederick Ave, the 1270 interchange at Watkins Mill. I will help to improve the Frederick Ave business corridor and the Fair Grounds by attracting new retail/commercial opportunities.

Age: 77

Residency in Gaithersburg: 32 years

Education: Southeastern University, Washington, D.C., BBA Business Management; University of Maryland, College Park, Engineering; Wheaton High School, Wheaton, Md.

Occupation: Retired

Military Service: West Virginia Air National Guard, Airman 3rd Class, 6 years

Experience in Municipal, County, State or Federal Government: Elected to City Council, Gaithersburg, Maryland, April 1995, Re-elected 5 times, present term expires 2017; Vice President, Gaithersburg City Council 1998, 2005, 2013; Member Maryland Municipal League, Voting Delegate, 1995-Present; Member Maryland Municipal

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Henry F. Marraffa Jr., continued

League Board of Directors 2007; Member City of National League of Cities 1996-Present; Appointed to NLC Community Economic Development Policy Committee, 1997; Appointed to NLC Community Economic Development Steering Committee, 1998; Appointed chairman of NLC Community Economic Development Committee 2005; Elected to National League of Cities Board of Directors 2006; Appointed to NLC Task Force on Immigration; Appointed by Governor Ehrlich to State Task Force on Eminent Domain; Appointed to 'Board of Appeals', Gaithersburg, Maryland 1993 - 1995; President of the 'West Riding Citizen's Association' 1991-1993; Founded and coached the 'Olney Track Club', a successful age group track program for 10 years; Director, Jr. Olympics Program - Mid-Atlantic States Track and Field; Appointed by the Governor to the 'Maryland Physical Fitness Commission' for two six year terms; Past member of 'Advisory Council' for marketing strategies to three major corporations: Intergraph, Bentley Systems, ComputerVision.

Organizations, Committees, Clubs: Rotary Club 12 years; Isaak Walton League 6 years; National League of Cities 20 years; Maryland Municipal League 18 years

Awards/Special Recognition: Chair, NLC Economic Development Committee; NLC Board of Directors; Maryland Physical Fitness Committee 8 years

Special Interests: Art; Woodworking; Golf; Hunting



Neil H. Harris Candidate for City Council

I joined our City Council last year and it's been very productive. Now it's time for a full 4-year term to work on the future of Gaithersburg. I am asking for your support in this election.

After 26 years in Gaithersburg, I have seen how our neighborhoods, our businesses, our non-profits, and our government go the extra mile to keep things moving. Working together, we found ways to make it work better.

The Council's job is to keep Gaithersburg functioning smoothly and to build an even better Gaithersburg for our future and for our children. Now, Gaithersburg's budget is stronger than ever, our waterways will be cleaner thanks to our storm water plan, and we're moving forward with new parks and a new police headquarters. We're working on plans to un-block school construction and to improve transit and reduce road congestion. Working together, we find ways to make it work better.

If elected, I will organize a system to bring us together to create a vision, a strategy, and a plan for our city's future. We will work on our needs for housing, shopping, schools, transportation, and our environment. More than a master plan for zoning, we need to decide how all the pieces fit together to build our vision for our city's tomorrow. Working together, we will find ways to make it work better.

I appreciate your support, your input, and your efforts for our great city! Let's keep working together and become even greater.

Age: 60

Residency in Gaithersburg: 25 years

Education: MBA, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; B. Sc. in Business & Management, University of Maryland University College; Northeast High School, Philadelphia, Pa.

Occupation: Omega Leadership Consulting

Experience in Municipal, County, State or Federal Government: Gaithersburg City Council since November, 2014

Organizations, Committees, Clubs: Kentlands Citizens Assembly (HOA) Chairman, 2013-14, President 2006-08.

Campaign Website: <http://voteforneil.com/>



Laurie-Anne Sayles Candidate for City Council

As the daughter of lifelong public servants, my commitment to community is ingrained. My father, a career soldier and veteran of the United States Army, taught me what commitment and dedication really are. My mother, a social worker who worked with victims of domestic violence and substance abuse, taught me the importance of treating others with empathy and grace. It's these values that will guide my service as your Councilmember.

I believe that if you're willing to work hard, you should be able to find a good job. I believe that if you're willing to meet your responsibilities, home ownership should be a real possibility. I believe that if you have the ambition and ingenuity, you should be able to start a business -- no matter who you are, or where you come from, or what you look like, or what your last name is.

As your councilmember I am committed to seeing our children grow up in a community where their prospects are not limited by their race, gender or zip code. I am dedicated to seeing that City of Gaithersburg residents live in safe communities with a vibrant economy full of opportunity for upward mobility, and a government that is responsive and inclusive.

When you go to the polls on November 3rd, VOTE for Laurie-Anne Sayles, the candidate that is committed to community and dedicated to progress!

Age: 34

Residency in Gaithersburg: 4 years

Education: MPA, University of Baltimore; B.S. in Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park; AA in General Studies, Prince George's Community College; Laurel High School, Laurel, Md.

Occupation: Research Associate, NIH c/o Kelly Government Solutions

Experience in Municipal, County, State or Federal Government: Education Enrichment Committee; Community Action Board; Volunteer – Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity; HOC Intern

Organizations, Committees, Clubs: NAACP Member 2011 – Present; PTA 2004 – Present; Nonprofit Village Board Member – 2015; Montgomery Women – Member 2011 – Present

Awards/Special Recognition: Montgomery County Community Action Volunteer of the Year Award – 15; Governor's Citation – Walter Sondheim Jr. Maryland Nonprofit Leadership Program

Special Interests: Advocacy; cooking; traveling; volunteering; reading; event planning; spending time with family; hiking; sightseeing; museums; art shows; live music; visiting parks

Campaign Website: www.laurieannesayles.org



Ryan Spiegel Candidate for City Council

Council Vice President Ryan Spiegel has focused on economic development, sustainability, and community services during his two terms.

Working collaboratively with his colleagues, Ryan helped to attract and retain hundreds of high-quality jobs. Ryan also helped to jumpstart revitalization projects to transform Olde Towne, Watkins Mill, and Crown, and secured funds to help Kentlands businesses.

At the same time, Ryan fights to protect the quality of our neighborhoods and schools. He has been a vocal advocate for holding Montgomery County and Pepco more accountable. He has lobbied the county and proposed innovative policies to address school overcrowding and transportation.

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Ryan Spiegel, continued

tion. Ryan is proud of our LEED-certified youth centers, our grants for after-school programs, our summer camps and sports leagues, and our many free cultural events. He also supports the important work of our Benjamin Gaither Center. By increasing police resources, Ryan helped reduce major crime by more than 23% in the last four years.

Ryan's 'Bank on Gaithersburg' initiative helps families achieve financial stability. He champions affordable housing and safety-net services, while delivering a responsible debt-free budget and the lowest tax rate of any major city in Maryland.

Cutting-edge environmental initiatives like our "green streets" program and alternative-fuel vehicle fleet, and public safety measures like smoke-free playgrounds, have been priorities for Ryan.

Ryan and his wife Rachael are active members of Shaare Torah. They live in Washingtonian Woods with their two children, Jack and Dalia. Councilmember Spiegel asks for your vote to maintain and improve our great quality of life.

Age: 37

Residency in Gaithersburg: 10 Years

Education: Stanford Law School – J.D.; University of Maryland, College Park (Honors Program) – B.A. in Journalism, magna cum laude; Pikesville High School, Baltimore, Md.; Graduate of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance

Occupation: Partner, Paley Rothman

Experience in Municipal, County, State or Federal Government: City of Gaithersburg: Council Member 2007 – present, Council Vice President 2015 & 2012; National League of Cities Transportation Infrastructure & Services Policy and Advocacy Committee 2009 – present; Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments: Climate, Energy & Environment Policy Committee 2010 – present, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee Alternate 2008 – present; Maryland Municipal League: Montgomery County Chapter President 2015 – Present, District Vice President to MML Board of Directors 2015 – Present, Montgomery County Chapter Vice President 2012 – 2015, Executive Board 2010 – 2011; National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Alternate 2008 – present; Gaithersburg Education Committee 2006 – 2007; Victim Services Advisory Board of Montgomery County: Chairman 2005 – 2006, Vice Chair 2004 – 2005; Gaithersburg Committee Liaison: Economic and Business Development, Multicultural Affairs; Legal extern, U.S. State Department, Office of the Legal Counselor, U.S. Embassy -The Hague, 2002; Legal extern/summer clerk, Chambers of U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, District of Columbia, 2001; Intern, Office of U.S. Representative Ben Cardin, 2000; Intern, Maryland Department of Planning, 1998.

Organizations, Committees, Clubs: Board of Directors of University of Maryland Hillel 2007 – 2009; Board of Directors of Youth Achieve, Inc. 2007– present; Board of Directors of Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society 2000 – 2002; Board of Directors of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity 1999 – 2000; Bar Association of Montgomery County, 2013 – present.

Awards/Special Recognition: Super Lawyers, 2015 Rising Star, Maryland and D.C.; Top Ten 'Young Guns' of Montgomery County, Maryland Politics Watch, 2009; University of Maryland: H.C. Byrd Citizenship Award (most outstanding graduating male), 2000; 2005 Outstanding Achievement Award, Washington Lawyers Committee, for work on Immigrant and Refugee Rights (part of small group of lawyers that won the award); Stanford Law School's Lawason Driscoll Moot Court Award, 2003; Alpha Sigma Phi National Scholar of the Year, 1998; Omicron Delta Kappa Foundation Scholarship, 2000.

Special Interests: Spending time with my family; travel; gardening; helping to lead services at my synagogue; swimming

Campaign Website: www.ryanspiegel.com



Robert T. Wu Candidate for City Council

As a 16-year U.S. Army veteran, community leader, and career public servant, I have demonstrated

passion for public service. My wife, son, and I moved to Gaithersburg after my service with the Army, and live in the Parklands, where I serve as the HOA President. After living in many places, including Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan, it is great to call Gaithersburg home!

I believe in community-focused decision making and accountable, responsive government that works for all residents of Gaithersburg. My priorities for the city include fiscal discipline, public safety, sustainable economic development, and measured, sensible smart growth. I serve on the city's Transportation Committee, and actively participate in the Police Advisory Committee.

One of my greatest concerns is the overcrowding of our schools. I have worked with community stakeholders at Rachel Carson, Summit Hall, and Brown Station elementary schools on these issues. However, our communities need strong elected leadership with whom to partner. The city has let this be a county issue. I will make it my issue.

I am also concerned with the impact of drastic development on our communities, local small businesses, and quality of life. Growth for the sake of growth is not the answer. That is why I advocate smart growth, emphasizing diverse housing, complete streets, and alternative transportation, including a robust bicycle/pedestrian network. I will work to ensure that the city's growth is appropriate and that community stakeholders are integral to the development process, not an afterthought.

I ask for your vote on November 3rd!

Age: 38

Residency in Gaithersburg: 3 years

Education: Thesis Pending, George Washington University Law School, Masters of Law Candidate; University of San Francisco School of Law, Juris Doctor with Honors; Intellectual Property Law and Public Interest Law Certificates; Tufts University, Bachelor of Science in Biology and Environmental Studies; Glen Cove High School, NY.

Occupation: Senior Attorney, U.S. Government Accountability Office; Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Reserve Legal Command

Military Service: U.S. Army, 16 years, Major

Experience in Municipal, County, State or Federal Government: U.S. Army active duty 2003 to 2009; U.S. Army Reserves 1999 to 2003, 2009 to present; U.S. Army Civilian 2009 to 2013; GAO 2013 to present

Organizations, Committees, Clubs: Watkins Mill Town Center HOA Board of Directors 2014 to present; Transportation Committee 2015 to present; VFW 2003 to present; American Legion 2014 to present; American Bar Association 2009 to present; Brown Station Elementary School PTA 2014 to present

Awards/Special Recognition: Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster; Iraq Campaign Medal; Two Commander's Awards for Civilian Service

Special Interests: My son Julian and my wife Jamie; making my community a better place; wine and craft beer; procurement and appropriations law; good government

Campaign Website: www.voterobwu.com

Absentee Ballots Now Available

Any registered voter within the City limits is entitled to cast an absentee ballot. Applications are now available at City Hall during normal business hours, 9 am to 5 pm. Monday through Friday. You may also request an absentee ballot by calling Elections Clerk Lauren Klingler at 301-258-6310 or you may download an application online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Completed applications can then be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Your application must contain your signature, printed name, current legal residential address within the City, any mailing address different from your residential address and, if applicable, your authorized agent.

After approval of the application, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. Residents who are approved for an absentee ballot after October 28 must pick up their absentee ballot at City Hall during normal business hours. Absentee ballots may be returned to City Hall in person up to and including the time of closing of the polls on Election Day. All mailed absentee ballots must be received by 8 pm on November 3, 2015.

For complete election information please contact Elections Clerk Lauren Klingler at 301-258-6310 or email cityelections@gaithersburgmd.gov.

Election Results

As soon as they have been tabulated, the unofficial results of the November 3, 2015 election will be read live by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in the City Hall Gallery. We anticipate that this will take place at approximately 9 pm on November 3. The unofficial results will also be posted on the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov, on the City's Facebook and Twitter pages, and on the City's Cable TV station, Comcast and RCN Channels 13 and Verizon FiOS Channel 25, viewable within the City limits and available via streaming video online.

The results are not official until certified by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 4. Elected candidates will be sworn in at 7:30 pm on Monday, November 9, 2015 at City Hall.

Gaithersburg Board of Supervisors of Elections

Established in 1977, the Board of Supervisors of Elections oversees the registration of voters and petitions for elected office. The Board also officiates over all regular and special City elections. The volunteer members are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council and serve staggered four-year terms.

Joan More, Chair
Barbara Fahey
Eric Kellner
Juan Carlos Villao
Thomas Marchessault
Ty Hardaway (alternate)

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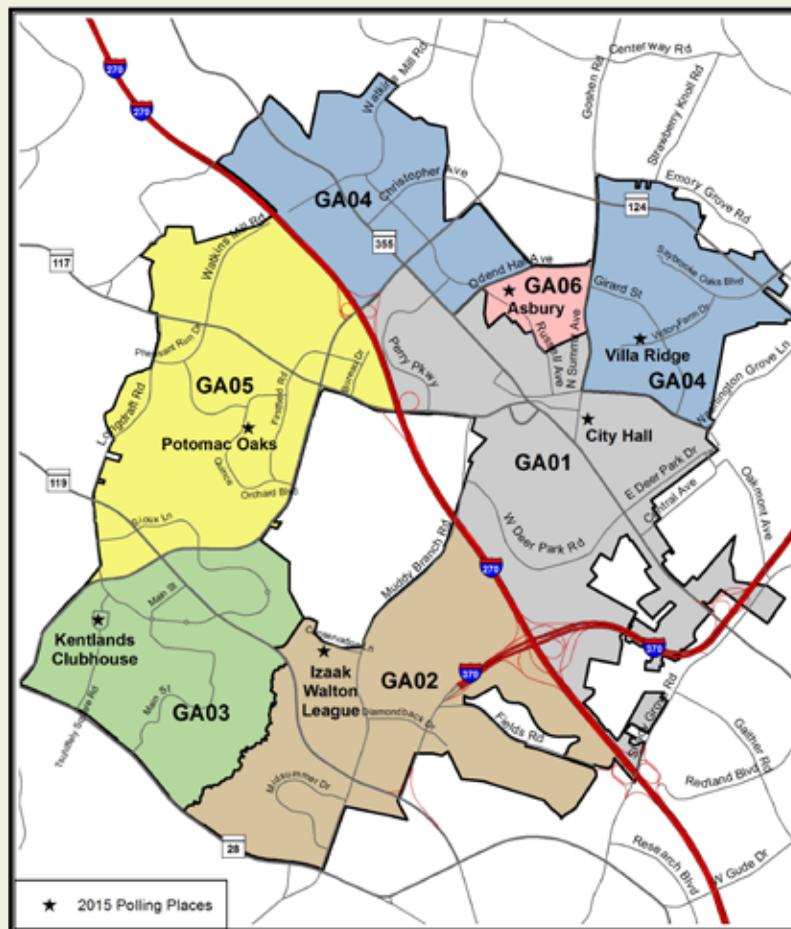
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Polling Places

Polling places are not the same as for federal, state and county elections

There are six polling places located throughout the City of Gaithersburg. Approximately one week before the election registered voters will receive a sample ballot and a notice of election, indicating their polling location. On Election Day, you **MUST** vote at your specific precinct. Voters requiring accommodations may use the Danaher 1242 Electronic Voting machine, located at City Hall.

Please see related articles in this Voter's Guide for information on absentee voting and early voting at City Hall.



****GA01 – City Hall**
31 South Summit Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

GA02 – Izaak Walton League
707 Conservation Ln.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

GA03 – Kentlands Clubhouse
(New Location in 2015)
485 Tschiffely Square Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

GA04 – Villa Ridge Community Room
414 Girard St.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

GA05 – Potomac Oaks Clubhouse
780 Quince Orchard Blvd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

GA06 – Asbury Methodist Village
(For Asbury Residents Only)
Rosborough Center
409 Russell Ave.
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**** Location of Danaher 1242 Electronic Voting Machine for voters requiring accommodations.**

Early Voting at City Hall

If you won't be around on Election Day, or if it is simply more convenient, you have options other than going to the polls on November 3. This year Gaithersburg is hosting three early voting days. Regardless of your precinct, you are invited to cast your ballot at City Hall before Election Day. City Hall is located at 31 South Summit Avenue near the Train Station in Olde Towne Gaithersburg.

Early voting is available:

Sunday, October 25 9 am. – 2 pm
Tuesday, October 27 3 – 8 pm
Saturday, October 31 Noon – 5 pm

If you will be out of town and or are otherwise unable to vote on any of these days, please see the related article in this Voter's Guide for details about requesting an absentee ballot.

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