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MD midterm elections are Nov. 3

Some of what’s on the ballot is still to be determined

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The 2026 Maryland midterm elections will be held on Nov. 3 alongside the nationwide general election.

The election will determine if Gov. Wes Moore serves a second term. It’s a rematch between Moore and Republican challenger Dan Cox.

There’s still a question as to whether the ballot will include a constitutional amendment that alters how the state

handles congressional redistricting and legal challenges to district maps. That ballot initiative was dealing with legal challenges as of Aug. 28.

Maryland’s congressional delegation traditionally leans Democratic, with eyes typically focused on the race in the

Sixth District. The Sixth District stretches from the more rural and Republican-leaning Western Maryland into northern Montgomery County, whose voter rolls are heavily Democratic.

On the Eastern Shore, all eyes will be on the First District race, which pits

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R.J. Brown, foreground, and his dad, Randy Brown, help a neighbor clean flood debris from their driveway on Aug. 28 along South Raleigh Street in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Several areas in Martinsburg flooded due to a storm Aug. 27. There were flooded basements along at least one part of South Raleigh Street. JULIE GREENE/THE HERALD-MAIL

Martinsburg collecting flood-damaged items

City helping residents and businesses recover

Keith Demko

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The City of Martinsburg continues its attempts to assist residents and businesses recovering from the Aug. 27 flooding event through debris collection, expedited permitting and waived permit and inspection fees for flood-related repairs.

Here’s what to know as the city recovers from the serious flooding.

Flooding forces temporary relocation of Fire Service Board, Emergency Ambulance Authority

Effective Aug. 31, the administrative offices of the Berkeley County Fire Service Board and the Berkeley County Emergency Ambulance Authority will be located in Suite 207 of the Berkeley County Administration building at 400

W. Stephen St. in Martinsburg.

Storm-related damage Aug. 27 prompted the relocation of the Fire Service Board and Ambulance Authority offices, which were forced to close on Aug. 28.

The temporary, second-floor office location is next to the elevator and steps in the sky-light covered atrium area of the building.

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The Martinsburg area dealt with flash flooding from a slow-moving thunderstorm Aug. 27. The area of East Stephen and South Water streets was just one spot that was flooded. PROVIDED BY CITY OF MARTINSBURG

Washington County sets expo on emergency readiness

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Washington County residents will have a chance to learn emergency preparedness skills, meet first responders and explore public safety equipment at the 2026 Emergency Preparedness Expo on Oct. 10 at the Washington County Public Safety Training Center.

The event is being organized by the Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Public Relations and Marketing, and the Public Safety Training Center. The free event is open to the public and is designed to provide preparedness resources, educational exhibits and hands-on activities for families and residents.

The expo is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Washington County Public Safety Training Center, 18350 Public Safety Place, Hagerstown.

Organizers said in an announcement that attendees will be able to meet emergency response professionals, view emergency vehicles and equipment, and learn ways to prepare households for emergencies. The event also will include demonstrations from local public safety agencies and community organizations. Family-focused activities are planned throughout the day.

Special guests Chase and Marshall from Paw Patrol are expected to attend and meet children and families during the event.

Organizers said in the announcement that the expo will feature interactive exhibits and demonstrations aimed at helping residents better understand emergency preparedness and response.

Community organizations and public safety agencies are expected to participate, offering information and resources related to disaster readiness, emergency planning and public safety.

Additional details about participating organizations, activities and attractions will be shared through the event’s Facebook page. For additional information, contact the Washington County Department of Public Relations and Marketing at 240-313-2380 or pr@washco-md.net.

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