

I so enjoy the hustle and bustle of this time of year, preparing for and enjoying the holidays. My personal schedule is chock full of activities and my professional one is as well, as the Clerk's Office is getting ready for candidate filing for the June Primary Election, which begins on Monday, January 4, 2010.

The Primary Election on June 8, 2010 is a major one, with Federal, State, and local offices on the ballot. For a complete list of Federal and State offices up for election, check out the California Secretary of State's website at www.ss.ca.gov.

Local county offices to be voted on in June include County Supervisor District 3, County Supervisor District 5, Assessor-Recorder, Auditor-Controller, County Clerk, District Attorney, Sheriff, Superintendent of Schools and Treasurer-Tax Collector. Candidates for these county offices have the option of circulating petitions in lieu of filing fees, which can be issued by the Clerk's Office beginning January 4th. This process is not required and is an option available to candidates for county offices to help defray the cost of the filing fee. A list of filing fees is available on the County Clerk's webpage at www.co.siskiyou.ca.us, by calling the County Clerk's Office at 842-8084, or at the County Clerk's Office, 510 N. Main Street, Yreka.

I've expanded the information available to candidates on the Clerk's webpage to include qualifications for office, key dates of election-related activities, and the Candidate's Guidebook, which is a reference guide of the election process.

Also appearing on the ballot in the June election will be city council races for the cities of Yreka, Montague and town of Fort Jones. As there is no filing fee for candidates for city offices, there is no need for city candidates to circulate petitions in lieu of filing fees. The filing period for these offices is February 15, 2010 – March 12, 2010.

As the June ballot includes many races and statewide initiatives to be voted on, I will be writing columns on a regular basis to keep you informed about the status of the election and voting options, as well as to give you information about how to research candidates and initiatives, so that you can make an informed decision when you go to the polls on June 8th. Until then, enjoy this festive time of year! Happy Holidays - Colleen