

# GRASSROOTS TRAINING

## GETTING STARTED AND GETTING ORGANIZED





# INTRODUCTION

You've decided to get involved in your local government to make a difference, or maybe you simply want to see how government works. There's no better place to start than at the precinct or grassroots level.

This is the level that is the closest to the voter and can have the most dramatic and quickest effect. **This doesn't require 24/7 commitment.** Here are some techniques and methods that will make your work the most effective.

This is a small portion of the resources available to you. **Throughout this book, will be links and QR codes for many more online resources.**

# WALKING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Amazingly, the simplest steps are the first steps. Do NOT discount this step. It's simple but extremely effective and powerful.

**Walking your neighborhood** means making a walklist.

The best way is to download a list of voters from the **OSEB (Oklahoma State Election Board)**. You can do that by going [here](#), and applying for access.

In about 2 or 3 days you will receive an **email with your user name and password**. This will last for ONE YEAR. Then you simply apply again for another year.

In that email is a link to the [OK Election Data Warehouse](#) Login - remember you must have received a username and password to get a voter list.

# DOWNLOADING LIST

Once you have signed in this is the screen you will see.

OK Election Data Warehouse  
Official Data from the Oklahoma State Election Board

User: daire Valid Until: 08/09/2023

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### Standard Downloads

The following downloads are currently available for your use:

State-Wide	Counties	Congressional	State Senate	State House	Absentee Requests
Description	Type	Date	Bytes	Records	
<a href="#">Download</a>	Congressional District	Voter History	08/05/2022	84.1 MB	24,046,775
<a href="#">Download</a>	Congressional District	Voter Registration	08/05/2022	115.1 MB	2,277,580
<a href="#">Download</a>	County	Voter History	08/05/2022	80.5 MB	24,046,775
<a href="#">Download</a>	County	Voter Registration	08/05/2022	108 MB	2,277,580
<a href="#">Download</a>	State House District	Voter History	08/05/2022	81.7 MB	24,046,775
<a href="#">Download</a>	State House District	Voter Registration	08/05/2022	102.8 MB	2,277,580
<a href="#">Download</a>	State Senate District	Voter History	08/05/2022	81.4 MB	24,046,775
<a href="#">Download</a>	State Senate District	Voter Registration	08/05/2022	105.6 MB	2,277,580

Here you can choose what to download.

- Upper Right: User name and date of expiration
- Middle Arrow: Different districts to download (and sizes)
- Lower Arrow: Different lists:

The **Voter History** only gives name and how often voter voters.

The **Voter Registration** gives name, address, and this is the information you want.

I recommend you download the smallest district possible. This means your list won't be cumbersome and slow to sort.

# SORTING LIST

All lists are in a .csv file. All these files can be opened in any spreadsheet software like Excel, Google Sheets, Open Office Base. Once opened you will notice a lot of column titles on top. These will help you sort your file so that you can make a walklist from your file.

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Precinct	LastName	FirstName	MiddleName Suffix	VoterID	PoliticalAff	Status	StreetNum	StreetDir	StreetName	Street	
550510	JOHNSON	KAREN	KAY	550239503	IND	A	1738	N		DR	
550513	REBER	JERRY	RICHARD	550254063	IND	A	3501	NW	TELA	43	ST
550513	REBER	DARLENE	H	550305937	IND	A	3501	NW		43	ST
550501	JACKSON	KEVIN	DONNELLY	550313462	IND	A	3900	NW		19	ST
550513	PAYNE POPI	MICHELE	ELIZABETH	550614997	IND	A	3564	NW		43	ST
550501	MCFEETERS	PATRICK	JOH	550654391	IND	A	3053	NW		18	ST
550513	IRWIN	GARRY	DWAIN	550687583	IND	A	3224	NW		43	ST
550501					IND	A	4400	NW		18	ST
550513					IND	A	3109	NW		46	ST
550513					IND	A	3128	NW		42	ST
550511					IND	A	3201	NW		61	TER
550525					IND	A	4912	N	MILLER		AVE
550525					IND	A	2032	NW		44	ST
550525					IND	A	2829	NW		43	ST
550511					IND	A	3324	NW		61	ST
550525					IND	A	2505	NW		42	ST
550506					IND	A	4316	NW		48	ST
550584					IND	A	4437	NW		18	ST
550506					IND	A	5013	N	BRUNSON		ST
550506					IND	A	4404	NW		46	ST
550525					IND	A	2038	NW		47	ST
550511					IND	A	3045	NW		61	TER
550506					IND	A	4100	NW		43	ST
550506					IND	A	4401	NW		39	ST
550506					IND	A	4200	N	MERIDIAN		AVE
550525					IND	A	2524	NW		42	ST
550525					IND	A	2640	NW		46	ST

The best order to sort is:

1. **Precinct** column
2. **Street Name** column
3. **Street Number** column

This will sort your file so that all the precinct voters are in one group, then sort the names of streets and then the numbers in numerical order to make it easier to walk.

# THE WALKING LIST

Here's the walking list all sorted beautifully for walking.

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Precinct	LastName	FirstName	MiddleName	Suffix	VoterID	PoliticalAff	Status	StreetNum	StreetDir	StreetName	StreetT
550301	MATHIAS	WANDA	CATHERINE		550284542	IND	A	6601	NW		11 ST
550301	HARRIS	HOLLIE	ANN		802106438	IND	A	6300	NW		16 ST
550301	WAGNER	THEODORE	W		550412740	IND	A	6502	NW		19 ST
550301	SHINN	VICKIE	RENEE		801598786	IND	A	1116	N	CAROL	LN
550301	SANCHEZ	RIGOBERTO			550824725	IND	A	1605		KAVEL	ST
550301	HORNER	JOANNA	MARIE		800700856	IND	A	1617		KAVEL	ST
550301	CHANDLER	ANGELIQUE	QUENETTE		800655991	IND	A	1624		KAVEL	ST
550301	DOWNING	SHELBY	DALTON		801238192	IND	A	1613	N	MACARTHUR BLVD	
550301	SHOLER	MICHAEL	DEWAYNE		802073559	IND	A	1621		OAK	LN
550301	RUTLEDGE	GARY	MICHAEL		550768977	IND	A	1215	N	PENIEL	ST
550301	DIAZ	ANGIE			802614062	IND	A	1230	N	PENIEL	ST
550301	BLASING	ROBERT	K		550673602	IND	A	1116	N	ST CHARLEAVE	
550301	JOHNSON	KAREN	KAY		550239503	IND	A	1218	N	TELA	DR
550499	MILES	ANDREW	DANIEL		801534255	IND	A	5201	NW		16 ST
550499	MILES	BRANDON	TYLOR		801988754	IND	A	5201	NW		16 ST
550499	LOPEZ	NEYDA			800943783	IND	A	5109	NW		16 ST
550499	CIFUENTES	LINDA	LIZETTE		801832095	IND	A	5128	NW		18 TER
550499	GIULIANO	NICOLE	LYNNE		803001791	IND	A	4701	NW		19 ST
550499	GIULIANO	DONALD	JAY		802996446	IND	A	4701	NW		19 ST
550499	TRAN	SIEN	QUANG		550963713	IND	A	5112	NW		19 ST
550499	TRAN	PHAT	QUANGMINH		550997025	IND	A	5112	NW		19 ST
550499	BLACK	NATHANIEL	AHEZER		802258827	IND	A	5131	NW		19 ST
550499	MCKEY	BARBARA	ALLIN		550823523	IND	A	5400	NW		23 ST
550499	HUDGINS	DANIEL	EUGENE		550583313	IND	A	1115	N	ANN ARBOFAVE	
550499	HUDGINS	DAVID	ERWIN		550872036	IND	A	1115	N	ANN ARBOFAVE	
550499	MORALES G	ALBERTO	ANTONIO		802646541	IND	A	1912	N	ANN ARBOFPL	
550499	THOM	KENNA	RAYE		550831286	IND	A	1800	N	AUSTIN	ST
550499	SHELTON	KEVIN	KENT	SR	550553181	IND	A	2100	E	HARLOW	PL

Notice:

All **precincts are together**. I recommend you put one precinct per page so that you don't have a page with 2 or 3 precincts on the page.

All the **streets are together**. See Kavel Street addresses are all together. And then the Kavel streets are numerically arranged, so you can easily travel from one address to another in order.

Also note that when you have **two addresses the same** it's usually a family or couple living there, so you don't have to worry about calling on both of those entries.

Precinct	LastName	FirstName	MiddleName	PoliticalAff	Status	StreetNum	StreetDir	StreetName	StreetTyp	YrdSgn-Donate-Volunteer-Info
550301	MATHIAS	WANDA	CATHERINE	IND	A	6601	NW	11 ST		
550301	HARRIS	HOLLIE	ANN	IND	A	6300	NW	16 ST		
550301	WAGNER	THEODORE	W	IND	A	6502	NW	19 ST		
550301	SHINN	VICKIE	RENEE'	IND	A	1116	N	CAROL LN		
550301	SANCHEZ	RIGOBERTO		IND	A	1605		KAVEL ST		
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550301	SHOLER	MICHAEL	DEWAYNE	IND	A	1621		OAK LN		
550301	RUTLEDGE	GARY	MICHAEL	IND	A	1215	N	PENIEL ST		
550301	BLASING	ROBERT	K	IND	A	1230	N	PENIEL ST		
550301	JOHNSON	KAREN	KAY	IND	A	1116	N	ST CHARLES AVE		
550301				IND	A	1218	N	TELA DR		

I've turned this page sideways to see it better. **All of precinct 301 is on one page.** There's an "information" box on the right side of each name. Print this page out with all the voters in 301 on one page. Why so few voters? Because these are only the Independents in Precinct 301. Democrats and Republicans will be a couple of pages long. But even at a couple of pages, this breaks down your walking list into very manageable parts. It's not so overwhelming now. You also have room to write notes like yard sign, volunteer, donate or this voter requires more information.



Hopefully now you are beginning to see the sheer power of working a precinct. There are more useful tools like detailed precinct maps. **Oklahoma County precinct maps** are [here](#).

Other county maps are located [here](#). The most useful maps are the **County Wide Precinct Maps** which show the whole county with maps of the precincts, and the **Precinct Map Books** which have nice detailed maps of all the precincts within a county.

These maps are all PDF files. Sort, then print out what you need. Here's Precinct 301.

With this map you can easily lay out how to walk your district. You can also mark out what you have done and what's left to be done.



# THE WALKING SCRIPT

It's best to write down your script before you take off, and practice 2 or 3 times to make sure you include the following key points:

1. You are a **Volunteer**
2. Name of the **Candidate or Cause**
3. Would like to **pass on information.**

Information like **political events** (Victor Davis Hanson is coming in February 2022), **legislation** that is pending at the state capital (using the useful OAEC 58th App for [Apple](#) or [Google](#) for current legislators in office), **policies** before city council (like Oklahoma City Human Rights Commission), or **general information.**

Or you may be doing a **literature drop** and handing off information on a **candidate** - asking if that home-owner would like more **information**, a **yard sign** or **donation.**

My script goes something like this:

Hi, I'm Claire, I live just around the block (usually pointing in the direction of my home) and I'm walking the neighborhood to give information on Gloria Banister running for HD 87. Can we count on your vote? Would you like a yard sign? Would you like to donate? If no, That's OK your vote is what counts!

# DOOR-KNOCKING TECHNIQUES

These are the best techniques to use:

- **Ring** the door bell
- **Step away** from the door 3 - 6 feet
- **Take off hat** or sunglasses
- Give them **your spiel** (don't worry if you mess up - that makes you authentic) Be natural
- If they respond **yes**, mark down their info
- if they respond **no**, say thank you politely and mark them on your list as "no" and go on to the next house.

When you and take off your hat, immediately they see who you are. You can also wear a button or pin to identify you as volunteering for a candidate. When you step away from the door, that invites them to come outside, where you now have their full attention.

You may like to go in pairs, which helps keep track of all the information. It's also fun to take your grandchild or school-age kids along with you. This is an excellent opportunity to teach civics by example.

# CITY CODES AND HOAs

Oklahoma City allows solicitors with political information to call on home-owners, even if they have a no-solicitation sign on their door. Code [§39-19](#) exempts political volunteers from the “No solicitation” sign.

Check with other cities for their codes, but most of the other metro cities follow Oklahoma City’s lead and allow political literature drops.

**HOAs** (Home Owners Associations) may have separate rules and the best way to get material to these residences is to recruit someone who lives in these HOAs to walk their neighborhood. If this isn’t possible, the most effective way is to mail to these home-owners.

**NOTE:** It is a **federal crime** to place anything that is not U. S. Mail in a mailbox for a \$10,000 fine per mailbox. So if you have something you want to leave, take some tape and tape to glass or other surface that won’t be damaged by the tape. I don’t like to tape on wood or stained surfaces.

# WORKING YOUR PRECINCT

After the first run through your precinct you will begin to know a lot more about your area. You will find that you become a neighborhood center of information and what's going on in the neighborhood. The next question you will get is:

## Who do I vote for?

I get this all the time, and I prefer to send folks to various information that they can look up and check out their candidates.

- [Oklahoma Supreme Court Network](#) - contains all the legal court records for all courts in the state of Oklahoma
- [The Guardian](#) - the reporting site where all candidates must report their income and expenses
- [The Oklahoma Secretary of State](#) which gives information on entities that you find in the financial reports.
- [Oklahoma Voter Portal](#) where voters can download and study their ballot before they cast their ballot.
- Doing basic web searches can also reveal leads on where else to look for information.

But when all else fails, I usually show them who I'm voting for and why.

# STAYING IN CONTACT

Now that you are establishing your neighborhood, staying in contact is vital to nurture your precinct power.

Ways to stay in touch:

- **Email** - send out emails once a month is a vital way to stay in touch. It lets your voters know you are still around and active.
- **Facebook** group, private group, pages all work well to bring folks into your group, and then you can lead them into more secure and safer places to post.
- **Truth Social** is a great place to post without fear of being censored
- **Telegram** is another great free place to post updates. Telegram also has private groups and chats. This is for PC & Smartphone.
- Weather permitting, your group can **gather at a local park**. Some city parks require [reservations](#).
- **Block parties** -you can block off part of a street are lots of fun. Be sure to check with the local police and authorities for regulations. Pot luck dishes and the host can supply water and ice, with a local leader or political leader can bring a lot of people out.

# BE CONTAGIOUS!

Outside gatherings and block parties and other public “displays” of solidarity, unity and numbers can do wonders for **energizing your precinct voters..**

The liberals have done an excellent job of isolating and disorganizing the conservatives. Getting out, getting active and nurturing conservatives can go a long way toward larger numbers voting, and help make each voter a more informed and energized voter.

Statistics prove this is true, and it still works today. In the most recent Primary and Runoff races, those precincts that were actively informed and contacted, were the precincts that delivered the most voters.

In a world that seems rife with apathy and a “whatever” attitude, walking and working your precinct is still the gold standard for activating and energizing precincts and making conservative voting powerful and effective.

# HAVING FUN IS CONTAGIOUS

We are very engaged in making this program pertinent, powerful and effective **for you** the grassroots. Please give us feedback. If there is anything that is too much, too little, confusing, or otherwise needs adjustment, please let us know. There's a QR code on the back with my text number to get in touch with me for answering questions and feedback!

HAVE FUN!!!  
LET'S WAKE UP THE RED VOTE!









# RESOURCES



OkRedPrecincts.com  
Message Board



# TEXT CLAIRE