



From the desk of...

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A message from your Supervisor of Elections

It's another busy day in the Elections Office as we continue preparations for the next two elections in Flagler County. The Primary Election on August 30 is fast approaching. We are planning for two elections at the same time, due to the short time frame between the Primary Election on August 30 and the General Election, to be held on November 8, 2016.

We expect the media focus will be on elections in Florida, as we are the third largest state and the largest "swing state" in the nation. As your Supervisor of Elections, I am proud to say that our hard work and planning is well underway for the spotlight which comes with every election cycle. Your local Elections Office is currently ahead of schedule and we will be prepared for every voter.

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BE ELECTION READY

Voter ID Law Expanded in Florida

Voters may now use their Veteran's Affairs Health Insurance Card, a Florida Concealed Weapons License or a Government-issued Employee ID when they go to vote. Photo and signature ID is always required at the polls in Florida. This law expands the list to include common sense options, which will help voters present an acceptable form of identification at the polling place. This is simply great news for voters in Florida. Here is a list of acceptable ID's at the polling place:

1. Florida driver license.
2. Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
3. United States passport.
4. Debit or credit card.
5. Military identification.
6. Student identification.
7. Retirement center identification.
8. Neighborhood association identification.
9. Public assistance identification. (Continued on next page)



Veteran Health Identification Card



Concealed Weapon or Firearm License



Government Issued Employee ID



2016 ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

Primary Election

Deadline to register to vote or change your party:

August 1

Early Voting:
August 15 - August 27

Election Day:
August 30

General Election

Deadline to register to vote or change your party:

October 11

Early Voting:
October 24 - November 5

Election Day:
November 8

Polls are always open from
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
on Election Day.

Where's my precinct?

You must vote in your assigned precinct on Election Day. Use the Precinct Finder tool online:



Vote By Mail

Mail ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 7:00 P.M. on Election Day. Request a mail ballot:



Effective April 1, 2016:

- 10. Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 11. A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06.
- 12. Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

Reference: Section 101.043, Florida Statutes



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Over the past several years, I have taken note of the most frequently asked questions which we receive in the Elections Office. This section of the newsletter will highlight one question and provide an answer to a question we hear often.

Q: Can someone pick up or return a Vote-By-Mail (absentee) ballot for me?

A: You may name, in writing, a designee to pick up a ballot for you, no earlier than five days before an election, and provide certain required information. The designee for pick-up must provide identification. You can also have someone else return your ballot.

Read more about voting by mail: <http://www.flaglerelections.com/For-Voters/Absentee-Early-Voting>

OFFICE HAPPENINGS

Federal Grant for New Voting Equipment

I have been leading the charge with two other Supervisors of Elections to negotiate with the Department of State to secure Federal grant funding at a state level to purchase new voting equipment in Flagler County. These grant funds will help our county and twelve (12) other small counties in Florida update their aged voting systems. A total of **\$147,136** has been approved for Flagler County. We are working together towards great fiscal stewardship of tax dollars!

Primary Election Turnout

Turnout in Flagler County follows statewide trends and is higher during Presidential Election cycles. This chart shows Primary Election turnout for the past six Presidential Election years. Historical turnout and results analysis must be considered as we prepare for the upcoming Primary Election to be held on August 30, 2016.

PRIMARY ELECTION – OVERALL TURNOUT

Year / Election	Registered Voters	Cards Cast	Turnout
1992 Primary	17,647	7,026	39.8%
1996 Primary	26,317	6,893	26.2%
2000 Primary	32,255	9,818	30.4%
2004 Primary	44,297	14,916	33.7%
2008 Primary	56,711	13,756	24.3%
2012 Primary	67,606	16,949	25.1%

Data set contains Primary Elections in Flagler County during Presidential Election cycles only.

VOTER OUTREACH

Over 120 New Resident Voter Packets have been distributed since January 2016!

Gearing Up For Voter Outreach

Voter education is an essential function of the Supervisor of Elections Office. We are continuing to take your Elections Office into the community to reach voters with important election dates and information. This will be one of the most important election years of our lifetime, the future of Flagler County and the United States will be on your ballot this year. Your vote is your voice, be heard! Visit the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent at the following events to Be Election Ready in 2016!

Voter Registration Drives

Saturday, May 7	Arbor Day Celebration	9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
<p>Town Center in Palm Coast Join the celebration, featuring a tree give-away, butterfly release and tent, food drive, pet food drive, run/walk, exhibits and fun activities for all ages. Admission and parking are free. Register to vote or update your voter registration information at the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent, located on-site during this event. For more information, contact the Elections Office: (386) 313-4170.</p>		
Saturday, May 14	Bunnell Festival	12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
<p>Bunnell City Hall Come celebrate the City of Bunnell's and Flagler County's rich agricultural history through a community-oriented and family friendly event.</p>		
Sunday, May 15	European Village Farmer's Market	12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
<p>Courtyard of the European Village The European Village Farmer's Market features locally grown organic produce and artisan vendors. Restaurants are also open for a sit down drink or meal for your enjoyment as well. Register to vote or update your voter registration information at the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent, located on-site during this event. For more information, contact the Elections Office: (386) 313-4170.</p>		
Sunday, June 5	European Village Farmer's Market	12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
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