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A message from your Supervisor of Elections

The first quarter has nearly come and gone, it's hard to believe that April is right around the corner. It's been a productive start to 2017 and we are busy working on many improvements to your Elections Office.

This issue will focus on the recent Municipal Elections and my plans for projects and developments over the next few months. A new voting system is coming to your Elections Office in April 2017!

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2017 CITY ELECTIONS

Election Day: March 7, 2017

City of Bunnell & City of Flagler Beach Elections

The City of Bunnell and City of Flagler Beach held their municipal elections on March 7. Overall turnout was 14.6% and 16.0%, respectively. Early voting was not held for these municipal elections, at the request of each city. Voters cast their ballot by mail and at their assigned polling location on Election Day.

In Bunnell, John Sowell (37.3%) and John Rogers (33.4%) received the most votes. In Flagler Beach, Marshall Shupe (39.2%) and Kim Carney (34.4%) received the most votes.

View the Official Election Results here:



Direct link: <http://www.flaglerelections.com/2017-Municipal-Elections>



CITY OF BUNNELL VOTERS ONLY

City Commissioner
(Vote For Up To Two)

- Bonita Robinson
- John R. Rogers
- John K. Sowell

CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH VOTERS ONLY

City Commissioner
(Vote For Up To Two)

- Kim M. Carney
- Paul R. Eik
- Marshall D. Shupe



2018 ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

Municipal Elections

Two municipalities have scheduled elections in 2018:

- Flagler Beach
- Beverly Beach

Election Day:
March 6, 2018

Early voting will not be available for municipal elections.

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

Countywide Elections

Primary Election Day:
August 28, 2018

General Election Day:
November 6, 2018

Want to Vote By Mail?

Any registered and eligible voter may vote by mail.

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2017

"What are you doing in between elections?" This is a question we hear often. With a new voting system on the horizon and several major projects already underway, it's a busy year already! Below you will see a list of projects and their current status. This list does not include our required biennial list maintenance program, annual financial disclosure statement filings, school elections or regular voter registration drives through the Voter Outreach Program at major events and festivals.

TASK	DESCRIPTION		STATUS
Intranet	Internal network to improve communication and collaboration	✓	COMPLETED FEBRUARY 2017
Monthly IT Maintenance	Institute monthly maintenance program: network map, regular software updates	✓	ONGOING SINCE JANUARY 2017
New Voting System Install	Tabulators and results server installation, training, mock election	👤	ON TRACK FOR DELIVERY APRIL 2017
Paperless Records Retention	OCR indexing for permanent records	👤	ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION: AUGUST 2017
Responsive Website Design	Redesign website with a focus on accessibility across devices: tablet, phone and desktop display	👤	ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION: JULY 2017
Scan historical records	Provide election results and other historical documents online for public access	👤	ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION: OCTOBER 2017
2017 Precinct Changes	Re-draw precinct boundaries to accommodate areas of growth in the county since 2012	👤	ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION: MAY 2017
Asset Management System	Use barcodes and inventory software for voting equipment maintenance records, check in / out	⌚	BEGIN AFTER VOTING SYSTEM INSTALLATION
Poll Worker Training Videos	Online training with instructional videos to enhance poll worker education	⌚	BEGIN AFTER VOTING SYSTEM INSTALLATION

NEW VOTING SYSTEM INSTALLATION



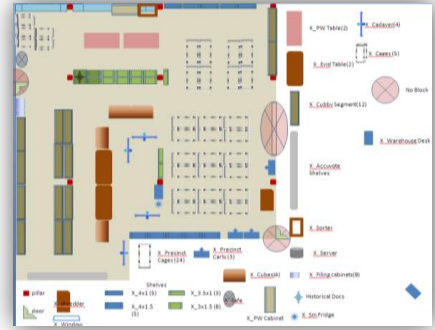
The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of a new voting system last year. Florida law requires our ADA accessible equipment be upgraded by the year 2020. The current system has turned 19 years old this year and is officially old enough to vote. We are on schedule to receive the equipment and conduct acceptance testing over the next few weeks.

This purchase was made possible by Federal grant funding which is appropriated at a state level for the purchase of voting systems in the State of Florida. Supervisor Lenhart led efforts in 2015 with two area Supervisors to negotiate with the Department of State and secured Federal grant

funds to help 12 other counties upgrade their aged voting systems. Over \$147,000 in grant funds will be used to offset the cost of this purchase.

Voting System Installation:

1. Warehouse overhaul
2. Prepare old election equipment for trade-in allowance
3. Delivery of new equipment
4. Acceptance testing
5. Staff training



Warehouse Blueprint

A new voting system is a brand new Elections Office. The installation of this system will be a massive operation, requiring hours of design planning and physical labor to be successful. We have over 200 pieces of voting systems equipment, not including shelving, fixtures, workspaces and storage components which must be permanently relocated in order to accommodate our new system. The warehouse overhaul project is complete, with the help of the Flagler County General Services staff. Our county workers spent a week moving the entire warehouse from one end to the other and installing dedicated electrical outlets for safety. These before and after pictures say it all...

2017 ELECTIONS WAREHOUSE OVERHAUL

↓ BEFORE ↓



↓ AFTER ↓



The warehouse has needed this overhaul for a number of years. We started with a priority list of work areas which needed to be relocated in order to increase productivity and efficient workflow. That conceptual list became a digital blueprint design (see above) of the warehouse which we turned over to General Services, and it was used as a guide for the overhaul. Despite the recent advances in technology and equipment, we still have plenty of room in the warehouse to stage, test and prepare each piece of elections equipment with this new layout.



Thanks to the dedicated Elections Team and the skilled professionals working in the General Services department for all of your efforts to make this dream a reality!

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 highlights one frequently asked question and provides an answer.

Q: When is the next election?

A: There are scheduled municipal elections every year, county-wide elections every even-numbered year, and since 2009, there has been a special election called in every odd-numbered year. The next scheduled election is March 6, 2018 for the City of Flagler Beach and Town of Beverly Beach. Our next county-wide elections will be held in August and November 2018.

Local elections information is available 24/7:

www.FlaglerElections.com

VOTER OUTREACH

Flagler County Voter Outreach Program

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. Your vote is your voice, be heard!

Upcoming Voter Registration Drives

Visit the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent at the following events to Be Election Ready!

May 2017	Bunnell Festival	10:00 A.M. - ?
Thunder Gulch Campground We expect the Bunnell Festival to happen sometime in May at the Thunder Gulch in Bunnell, celebrate the Third Annual BUNNELL FESTIVAL. Enjoy live music and lots of potatoes served in many ways at the Annual Bunnell Festival! This celebration of Flagler County agriculture will include events for all ages! Register to vote or update your voter registration at the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent.		
July 3, 2017	Fireworks In The Park	10:00 A.M. - Dusk
Central Park, Town Center Gather your family and friends for a fabulous Independence Day evening in Central Park. It's a great place for picnics, family games and togetherness. Stay for a spectacular fireworks display at 9pm. Register to vote or update your voter registration at the Supervisor of Elections Voter Outreach Tent.		

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