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# FLAGLER COUNTY ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER

*From the desk of*

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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



## *Flagler Elections News*

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**Welcome to 2024!**

It goes without saying that this will be a busy election year. As we elect our next President of the United States, Florida will be in the spotlight again as the third largest state, now with 30 electoral votes, following the 2020 census. One of the early primaries, our Presidential Preference Primary Election is scheduled for March 19, 2024, along with Primaries in Arizona, Illinois, and Ohio. This type of election happens only once every four years, it is a unique Primary Election for only Presidential candidates. During this election, Florida voters will cast a ballot for US President, narrowing the field and setting the stage for the election night everyone will be watching: November 5, 2024.

Presidential election years are always busy and this one will be no exception. This is my fourth Presidential Election cycle working in the Elections Office, and I am looking forward to making sure your vote counts and every voice is heard in Flagler County during all three of the elections this year. We began preparing for this election year immediately after the 2022 election cycle, and our preparation continues. Poll worker training began today! Outreach efforts will begin to increase over the next several weeks to ensure our new residents know how and where to vote in Florida. We have over 91,000 registered voters, and nearly 18,500 of them are new registrants in Florida since 2020.

It's important to note that this year is not only a Presidential election cycle, but there are more than 45 offices up for election in Flagler County. These offices represent all levels of government. Two proposed Constitutional Amendments have been confirmed, and one more is in the process of making ballot position this year.

Florida is a Closed Primary State, which means if you wish to vote in a partisan Primary Election, you must be a registered voter in the party for which the primary is being held. Voters affiliated with a minor political party or those with no party affiliation (a.k.a. "Independent" voters) only vote for nonpartisan offices and issues during a Primary Election. Are you election ready? If you need to change your party affiliation, the change must be made at least 29 days prior to Election Day.

After the Presidential Preference Primary, our regularly scheduled Primary Election will be held on August 20, 2024. Primary Elections are very important. It's possible that some races, such as School Board, city offices, political party offices, and Universal Primary Contests will be decided during this Primary Election. It's never too early to begin researching candidates and becoming a prepared and educated voter!

The General Election ballot will include the race for the next President of the United States. This election is open to all voters who may choose among the candidates, regardless of party affiliation. Also on the ballot will be any winning candidates from the Primary who face opposition, along with any contested races for Special Districts and Community Development Districts. Proposed Constitutional Amendments will also appear on the General Election ballot. We live in a country with the freedom to choose our elected representatives in government by majority vote. Your vote is your voice!

So far in 2024...

- There are 7 Republican Presidential candidates and 1 Democratic Presidential candidate running in Florida's Presidential Preference Primary.
- There are 34 local candidates who have pre-filed to run for County, Special District and City Offices.

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### **Election Countdown:**

**71 days until Election Day - March 19, 2024**

Florida's Presidential Preference Primary Election

The graphic features the official seal of the State of Florida, Supervisor of Elections, County of Flagler, on the left. The main title reads "Flagler ELECTIONS 2024" in a stylized font. Below this, a red and blue horizontal bar is followed by the text "YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED:" in bold red letters. A light blue box contains a list of five questions, each preceded by a star icon. To the left of the questions is a small American flag. Below the questions is a green button with the text "Learn more about 2024 >>>". At the bottom, the official seal is repeated on the left, and the text "Kaiti Lenhart, Supervisor of Elections REGISTER & VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION!" is displayed on a dark background.

**YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED:**

- ★ Which offices are up for election?
- ★ When is the next election?
- ★ What is a Presidential Primary?
- ★ Will there be Early Voting?
- ★ How do I request a mail ballot?

**Learn** more about 2024 >>>

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**New to Florida? Now is the time to get prepared!**

Are you registered to vote? Is your address current? Has your signature changed? Are you registered with your party affiliation of choice?

More information: <https://www.flaglerelections.gov/Election-Info/Are-You-Election-Ready>

**Kaiti Lenhart**

Supervisor of Elections

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## What is a Presidential Preference Election?

The Presidential Preference Primary Election is a unique Primary Election, held only during Presidential election cycles, every four years. This is the first step in which Florida voters will begin the process of electing the United States President.



Some states hold the same type of Presidential Preference Primary Election; others hold caucuses and a few states have a combination of both. The Presidential Primary or caucus is held in every state in the United States between January and June of a Presidential election year.

These are considered to be "indirect elections," which means the results in each state help determine how many delegates each political party's national convention will receive from their

respective state. The delegates of each political party will select their Presidential nominee. The official nomination of each party candidate for United States President will be announced at their respective conventions. The conventions for each political party will be held during the summer of 2024.

## 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Ballot Certification:

Republican Party of Florida
Ryan L. Binkley
Chris Christie
Ron DeSantis
Nikki R. Haley
Asa Hutchinson
Vivek Ramaswamy
Donald J. Trump

Florida Democratic Party
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

**Florida's Presidential Preference Primary is a closed-primary election. This means that you must be a registered voter of the **Republican Party** to receive a ballot to vote in the Presidential Primary.**

**There is no Democrat ballot or No Party Affiliated ballot in this election. Only one**

**candidate was nominated by the Florida Democratic Party.**

- Do you know your current party affiliation?  
View your voter registration here: [My Voter Info](#)
- Update your party affiliation or residence address here: [Online Voter Registration](#)

The candidates nominated by each political party will appear on the General Election ballot in each state in the United States. This General Election for U.S. President will be held on November 5, 2024. in Flagler County, this election will also include many other Federal, state, multi-county, judicial, county and ,local offices up for election. Make sure your voice is heard! One vote can make a difference, be election ready in 2024.

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## **2024 Constitutional Amendments**

The following two proposed Constitutional Amendments will appear on the November 2024 ballot. These proposed amendments were passed by the Florida Legislature.

<b>Elec Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Serial # (Ballot #)</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
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2024 GEN	<a href="#"><u>PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS</u></a>	(1)	<a href="#"><u>The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 31)</u></a>
2024 GEN	<a href="#"><u>RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT</u></a>	(2)	<a href="#"><u>The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 1157)</u></a>

Sponsors for the citizens initiative listed below has gathered the requisite number of petition signatures in the state of Florida to receive ballot position after a Supreme Court review. The court proceedings will begin on February 7, 2024 to determine whether or not this will become a proposed Constitutional Amendment in November.

In Florida, the people have a right to propose amendments to the Florida Constitution through an initiative petition process. In addition to other requirements, this process requires petitions to be signed by registered Florida voters before the proposed amendment can appear on the ballot. In order to get a proposed amendment by initiative on the 2024 General Election ballot, a petition must be signed by 891,523 voters and the signatures must come from a number of electors in each of one-half of the congressional districts of the state, and of the state as a whole, equal to eight percent of the votes cast in each of such districts respectively and in the state as a whole in the last preceding election in which presidential electors were chosen.

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2024 [Amendment to Limit  
GEN Government Interference  
with Abortion](#)

23-07 [Floridians Protecting  
Freedom, Inc.](#)

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## Offices Up For Election in 2024

There are many Federal, state, multi-county, county and local offices up for election in 2024. View the election schedule and more information here: [Upcoming Elections in Flagler County](#)

### FEDERAL OFFICES

- United States President and Vice President
- United States Senator
- United States Representative, District 6

### STATE & MULTI-COUNTY OFFICES

- State Senator, District 7
- State Representative, District 19

### JUDICIAL OFFICES

- State Attorney
- Public Defender

- Retention of Supreme Court Justices and 5th District Court of Appeal Judges, whose terms expire
- Retention of Circuit 7 Court Judges, whose terms expire, group numbers: 1, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 21
- County Court Judge, Group 1

## **COUNTY OFFICES**

- County Commissioners, Districts 1, 3, 5
- Sheriff
- Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
- Tax Collector
- Property Appraiser
- Supervisor of Elections
- School Board Members, Districts 3, 5

## **SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

- East Flagler Mosquito Control, Seats 1, 2, 3
- Deer Run CDD, Seats 3, 4, 5
- Dunes CDD, Seats 2, 3, 4
- Grand Haven CDD, Seats 2, 3, 4
- Tomoka CDD, Seats 1, 2
- Town Center of Palm Coast CDD, Seats 2, 4, 5

## **CITY & TOWN OFFICES**

- City of Flagler Beach: Mayor and 1 City Commissioner
- City of Palm Coast: Mayor and Council Members, Districts 1, 3
- Town of Beverly Beach: 2 Town Commissioners



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Several local candidates have already filed to run for office in Flagler County.**

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**DO YOUR RESEARCH & MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE IN 2024!**

View candidate biographies and more on the Elections Office website:

[FlaglerElections.gov](https://www.flaglerelections.gov) [View local candidates >](#)



***Kaiti Lenhart***, Supervisor of Elections  
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## 2024 Election Dates

Next year will be VERY busy with three elections, we are using this time to maximize the efficiency of our processes and prepare staff for a busy 2024.

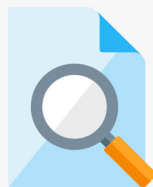
Save the dates below!

<b>2024 Presidential Preference Primary</b>	
Election Day:	Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Voter Registration & Party Change Deadline:	Tuesday, February 20, 2024
<b>2024 Primary Election</b>	
Election Day:	Tuesday, August 20, 2024
Voter Registration & Party Change Deadline:	Monday, July 22, 2024
<b>2024 General Election</b>	
Election Day:	Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Voter Registration Deadline:	Monday, October 7, 2024

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## 2024 Local Candidates

Did you know that all local candidates are given the opportunity to share their biography and other information with the public on the Elections Office website? You can also see their campaign finances, including donors and expenditures. Many of the candidates have created their own campaign website, which we provide if it is available, so you can learn more about their platforms, ideas, and backgrounds.



***Do your research and make an informed choice!***

**[View Local Candidates](#)**

## Upcoming Events



We will be out in the community at these events, helping citizens register to vote!

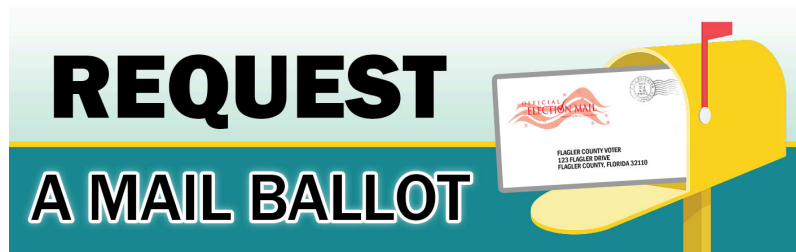
Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21	Sat: 9-4 Sun: 10-4	<a href="#">2024 Home and Lifestyle Show</a>	Flagler Palm Coast High School

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## Mail Ballot Request Expiration

A voter must request a mail ballot for **each election year**. At this time, a request for mail ballots is good through the end of the year 2024.

Renewing your request is easy! Call (386) 313-4170, stop by the office, or renew your request online. Voters are welcomed to use our Mail Ballot Request Service online here: [Request A Mail Ballot](#)



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## Sign up for Ballot Trax!

Do you vote by mail? Sign up for our new ballot tracking service and follow your ballot all the way from printed and mailed ➡ to received and counted! ✓

BallotTrax is a secure communication system that helps voters track their Vote-By-Mail ballots. BallotTrax has the capability to send text, email, and voicemail notifications reporting the status of a voter's ballot during an election. The tracking service will provide the following notifications:

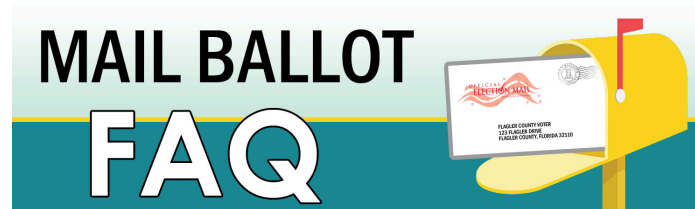
- Printed and being mailed soon
- Ballot has been mailed
- Received and counted
- Received and not counted
- Returned as undeliverable



The system does not change or update voter registration. It uses information available from the USPS to track outgoing and received mail, and voter registration information that is made available via public record.

Sign up today: [Flagler County Ballot Trax System](#)

Also, learn more about how mail ballots are verified and counted: [Mail Ballot FAQ](#)

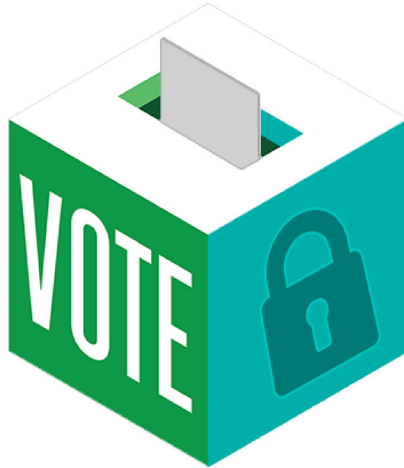


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## Flagler Election Security

Want to help improve voter confidence? Or maybe your own? Here are some ideas.

- Encourage anyone with questions to contact the Elections Office directly
- Share only verified, accurate information on social media
- Get involved - become a [poll worker!](#)
- Contact your local political party to learn how you can serve as a poll watcher



## What are we doing to secure your vote?

Start here:

- Election Security:  
<https://www.flaglerelections.com/security>
- Mail Ballot FAQ:  
<https://www.flaglerelections.com/How-To-Vote/Mail-Ballot-FAQ>

## CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNATION

Our nation's elections were designated as [critical infrastructure](#) by the Department of Homeland Security in January 2017. This important designation allows local election officials many free resources, including access to the latest cybersecurity intelligence information from the DHS. The

Flagler County Elections Office has developed a strong partnership with the DHS to improve our cyber and physical security protections.

### **NETWORK SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS SINCE 2015:**

- All new, state-of-the-art voting system components:
  - (tabulators, data and comm servers, software, high-speed ballot scanners, electronic poll books)
- All new, state-of-the-art office server components:
  - (data servers, software, hardware)
- Backup recovery systems both offsite and onsite
- Private network for results reporting
- Network user-based directory access permissions
- Vulnerability scanning, weekly third-party scanning of our external IP's
- Two-factor authentication (2FA) methods for all systems and accounts which support it
- Firewall settings updates including whitelisting, port scanning
- Updated network switches
- DMARC email authentication protocols (Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance)
- Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) and Intrusion Detection System (IDS)
- Auditable physical access control system
- Complete IT asset inventory, including ports, drives, hardware, software
- Log scanning, encryption, and storage
- Dot gov (.gov) web domain
- IT Incident Response Plan
- Acceptable use and information security policies for staff
- Staff training, so much training: phishing awareness, cyber best practices, IT certifications, FBI/DHS tabletop exercises, regional meetings, and more.

Recently, we have established a backup connection to the state Voter Registration System (FVRS). We have also installed RFID (badge cards) for auditable access controls to sensitive

areas in the office and plan to complete our implementation of the CIS ([Center for Internet Security](#)) controls.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions regarding election security.

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Email: [Contact Form](#)



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## Veteran's Wall of Honor



Our veteran photos are now organized by branch of service. The seals for each branch are above each section, so our veterans can be more easily found and identified. A presidential quote regarding military service or sacrifice is featured beneath each section. The family wall is a new addition, which groups family members together. Here are some photos of the updates, please stop by the office to see them in person!

We encourage all military service members in Flagler County to add their photo to our Wall of Honor!

## **US Army Wall of Honor**



## US Air Force Wall of Honor



**US Navy and US Marine Corps Wall of Honor**



## US Coast Guard Wall of Honor



## Family Wall of Honor



Have you (or a family member) served in the US military? We need your service photo for the Wall of Honor! See more details below about our Vote in Honor of a Veteran program.

### **How To Submit A Veteran Photo:**

Is there a special veteran in your life that you would like to become a part of our Vote in Honor of a Veteran program? Please complete and submit the [Veteran Biography Form](#). We accept submissions from all Flagler County citizens and their families who have served or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces. Photos of family members can be placed next to each other, if you prefer.

The completed form and photo of veteran can be returned to the Flagler Elections office via mail, email or by bringing it to the office in person. If you have an original photo and need it to be duplicated, please visit the Elections Office so we may scan and print a duplicate copy for the wall.

### **Share Your Story!**

If you are a Veteran and would like to share why you think it is important to vote, please let us know! We would like to include you in our outreach activities. We visit area high schools to conduct voter registration drives and attend numerous festivals throughout the year. Your personal story may encourage our next generation or maybe someone who is eligible but has not yet participated in elections to get out and VOTE!

More information: [Wall of Honor - Vote in Honor of a Veteran](#)



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## Quick Links:

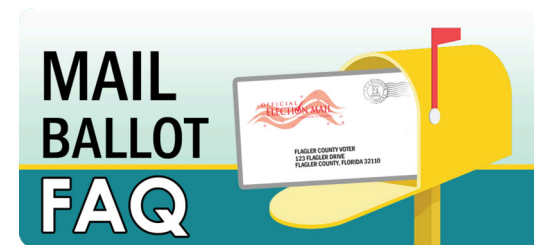
[View Local Candidates](#)

[Update Your Voter Registration](#)

[Become A Poll Worker](#)

[Learn More About Election Security](#)

[Request A Mail Ballot](#)



## Flagler County Active Registered Voters

Republicans: 43,929 | Democrats: 23,642 | NPA: 21,445 | Minor Parties: 2,327

**Total: 91,343**

As of January 8, 2024



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