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# FLAGLER COUNTY ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER

*From the desk of*

**Kaiti Lenhart**  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



## *Flagler Elections News*

February 2024

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*Happy*  
**Valentines**  
**Day**

*from everyone at the*  
**Flagler Elections Office!**

**Register To Vote Today! >>>**



**Kaiti Lenhart**, Supervisor of Elections  
**REGISTER & VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION!**

**Happy February Everyone!**

The short month of February is here, and it will be a day longer this year! Happy Birthday to all the Leap Year babies who celebrate their birthday on the actual day this year. Did you know that EVERY Presidential election year is a leap year? Maybe you learned something new today!

We will certainly use that extra day, your Elections Office is busy preparing for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election and the City of Flagler Beach Election. We are in our fourth week of Poll Worker Training classes and our voting systems testing is in full swing. Overseas absentee ballots will be mailed tomorrow, and mail ballots to our domestic civilians (everyone else) will be mailed on February 8, 2024. The rest of the election schedule is included in this newsletter.

The City of Flagler Beach election is being held concurrently with Florida's Presidential Primary election. This happens every four years, during a Presidential election year. All registered voters who reside in the City of Flagler Beach may vote for City Commissioner, regardless of political party affiliation. Good news Flagler Beach voters! You can vote early for your City Commissioners during this election! We have an early voting site in Flagler Beach, so you don't have to cross the bridge to vote early. Keep reading for more information about the City of Flagler Beach election.

We have received many questions from voters concerning the Presidential candidates who have dropped out of the race, or suspended their campaigns. If a candidate did not submit a formal withdrawal to the state of Florida before December 12, 2023, their name must remain on the ballot. A vote cast for any candidate appearing on the ballot will count as a vote cast for the candidate.

Voter outreach in the community continues to be a priority for me, personally. I have a goal to reach every new voter with the elections information they need to be prepared in this historic Presidential election year. We have so many new residents who have never voted in Florida. Over 18,000 people have moved to Flagler County and are new voters in the state since the last Presidential election. Many of them did not vote in the 2022 midterms. We are using Federal

grant funding to send a mailer to each one of these households, with a Voter's Guide which has been created especially for our new residents. You can learn more about that mailer in this newsletter!

Another voter outreach program is underway, this one is for our FUTURE voters! The 2024 Voter's Guide Cover Design Contest is in the works, and high school students at Flagler Palm Coast and Matanzas are working on creating a stunning new patriotic design! The cover will be chosen by the Flagler County School Board members in March. Keep reading to learn more about this program.

This is a VERY long newsletter, so grab a cup of coffee and enjoy! You're always welcome to [contact the Elections Office](#) if you have any questions about the upcoming elections.

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### **Election Countdown:**

**47 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, at the top left. The main title is "Flagler ELECTIONS 2024" in a large, stylized font. Below the title, a red and blue horizontal bar separates it from the text "YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED:". A light blue box contains a list of five questions, each preceded by a star icon. To the left of the bottom section is an American flag. A green button with the text "Learn more about 2024 >>>" is positioned to the right of the flag. At the bottom left is another official seal, and to its right is the name "Kaiti Lenhart, Supervisor of Elections" and the slogan "REGISTER & VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION!" in bold white text 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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## Presidential Preference Primary 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. Our primary is held on the same day as Arizona, Illinois, Kansas, and Ohio. Here's a list of the Presidential primary or caucus dates in each state: [270 To Win](#)

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:

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

<b>Florida Democratic Party</b>
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](#)

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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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### **Vote By Mail Information:**

Any registered voter may choose to Vote-By-Mail. The deadline to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot is March 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Vote-by-Mail ballots must be received in the Elections Office no

later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, March 19, 2024. Voters may place a request for a mail ballot by phone, (386) 313-4170 or online: [Request a mail ballot.](#)

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## Early Voting

Any registered and eligible voter may vote early in this election. Early voting will be held March 9 - March 16, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at four locations in Flagler County.

 March 2024

## Early Voting Locations

There are four early voting sites in Flagler County.

 Flagler County Government  
Services Building

### **FLAGLER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OFFICE**

1769 E. Moody Boulevard  
Building 2, Suite 101  
Bunnell, FL 32110

 [View this location on a map](#)

 Flagler County Public Library

### **FLAGLER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

2500 Palm Coast Parkway NW  
Palm Coast, FL 32137

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 Palm Coast Community Center

### **PALM COAST COMMUNITY CENTER**

305 Palm Coast Parkway NE  
Palm Coast, FL 32137

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**FLAGLER BEACH UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH** FB United Methodist Church

1520 S. Daytona Avenue

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 Map [View this location on a map](#)More information: [Early Voting in Flagler County](#)

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## PRECINCT CHANGE FOR ELECTION DAY VOTERS ONLY

PRECINCT 103: KORONA FIRE STATION

ADDRESS: 5820 US HWY 1, BUNNELL, 32110

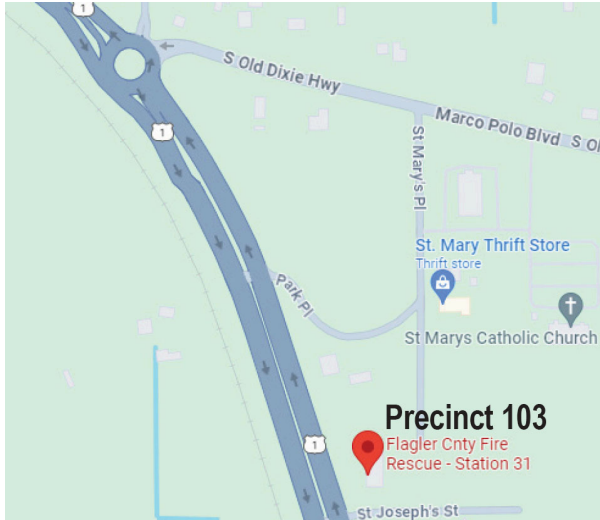
### VOTERS AFFECTED:

Areas of unincorporated Bunnell, Plantation Bay, Eagle Rock Estates, Korona, Favoretta, Rima Ridge

This change will affect voters who live in Plantation Bay, Eagle Rock Estates, areas of unincorporated Bunnell, Korona, Favoretta, and Rima Ridge in the southeastern portion of Flagler County who previously voted at Community Baptist Church on Old Dixie Highway in Bunnell. The previous location did not renew their polling location contract.

**All voters affected by this change were mailed a new Voter Information Card on January 24, 2024. Voters will also receive a Notice of Polling Place Change notice during the week of February 26, 2024.**

Map of new polling location:



THIS CHANGE WILL NOT AFFECT VOTERS WHO CHOOSE TO CAST THEIR BALLOT EARLY OR BY MAIL.

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## City of Flagler Beach Election

Election Day: March 19, 2024

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Deadline for new registrations: February 20, 2024





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### Sample Ballot:

 **2024 Flagler Beach Sample Ballot**

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## New Florida Resident Voter Guide

If you moved to Florida and registered to vote since the last Presidential Election in 2020, you can expect a New Florida Voter's Guide in your mailbox soon! This mailer is designed for NEW residents, who have never voted in Florida. Mail date: February 20, 2024

We have so many new residents in Flagler County who have never voted in Florida. The big challenge this election year will be making sure our residents know how and where to make their voice heard.

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 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS  
 FLAGLER COUNTY  
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**OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL**  
 Supervisor of Elections

**NEW FLORIDA RESIDENT VOTER'S GUIDE**  
 You are receiving this mailing because you registered to vote in Florida since the last Presidential election in 2020.

**Be Election Ready!**

*Flagler County*

**NEW VOTER'S GUIDE**

This guide was created for new Florida residents.

- Register To Vote
- How To Vote In Florida
- Closed Primary Elections
- Voter Registration Changes
- Election Security

The most current elections information is always available online:  
[www.FlaglerElections.gov](http://www.FlaglerElections.gov)

**Kaiti Lenhart**  
 FLAGLER COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

### Topics include:

#### Supervisor of Elections Office:

- Duties and the office of the Supervisor of Elections
- How elections are conducted in Florida
- Elections Office contact information

#### Voter Registration:

- How and where to update your registration

#### Closed Primary Elections in Florida:

- Party affiliation and Primary Elections
- Nonpartisan elections in a Primary Election

#### How to Vote in Florida:

- Early Voting
- Voting By Mail
- Election Day Voting

#### Election Security:

- How we protect your vote

#### 2024 Election Schedule:

- Election dates and important deadlines for March, August and November

#### Flagler Elections News

- How to sign up for this monthly newsletter and stay informed!

### Voter Registration

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**  
In order to vote in an election, you must be a registered voter 29 days before the election takes place. You have several options to register to vote. Use the Florida Online Voter Registration System or fill out an application from the Supervisor of Elections Office to register or make a change to your voter registration.

[Register to Vote Florida](https://www.flagler.fl.gov/register-tovoteFlorida.gov)

There are many locations throughout the county where you may register: Drivers license offices, public libraries, and state offices that serve persons with disabilities. You may also register by mail. Printed registration forms are available at post offices, schools, libraries, city halls, and community centers.

**CLOSED PRIMARY ELECTIONS**  
Florida is a closed Primary state. Only registered party members may vote for partisan offices during a Primary Election. For example, only registered Republicans may vote for Republican candidates, and only registered Democrats may vote for Democratic candidates. This is why it is important to indicate your party affiliation at the time you register. The deadline to change your party is 29 days prior to the election. All registered voters are always entitled to vote on issues and nonpartisan offices. Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices are often decided during a Primary Election.

### How To Vote In Florida

*There are three ways to exercise your right to VOTE in Florida.*

**VOTING EARLY**  
Before each county-wide election, you may vote at any of our designated early voting locations. Locations will be available in different areas of the county for your convenience. The early voting schedule varies by election, so plan ahead to be election ready. The schedule can always be found at [FlaglerElections.gov](https://www.FlaglerElections.gov)


**VOTING ON ELECTION DAY**  
Election Day is the last day to vote. On Election Day, you must vote in your assigned precinct. This information is listed on your Voter Information Card or you can locate your precinct by using our precinct finder online: [FlaglerElections.gov/precinct-finder](https://www.FlaglerElections.gov/precinct-finder)

**VOTING BY MAIL**  
Florida has been a no-excuse absentee voting state for over 20 years. Any registered voter may choose to vote by mail. Ballots are mailed approximately five weeks before an election. Only the voter, a designated member of their immediate family, or legal guardian can request a ballot for a voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the voter. The request deadline is 12 days before Election Day. More info: [FlaglerElections.gov/vbm](https://www.FlaglerElections.gov/vbm)

If you have recently registered to vote and have not shown ID, you will be required to send a copy of your ID along with your voted mail ballot. The voter must personally vote their own ballot (unless assistance is required due to disability) and the voter must sign the return envelope. Each signature is verified before a ballot is counted. A power of attorney is not recognized for voting in the state of Florida. Learn more about mail ballot security: [FlaglerElections.gov/faq](https://www.FlaglerElections.gov/faq)

The U.S. Postal Service does not forward mail ballots. You must provide your mailing address and contact info at the time of the request. Ballots mailed to an address other than the voter registration record address require a voter's signed, written authorization. You can view the status of your mail ballot and make sure it has been received with our online mail ballot tracking service: [FlaglerElections.gov/vbm](https://www.FlaglerElections.gov/vbm)

Your right to vote is precious. A well-informed and active electorate builds a healthy community. Every election is important. **Be Election Ready!**




## ELECTION SCHEDULE

<b>MARCH 19</b>	Presidential Preference Primary Election <b>MARCH 19, 2024</b> New voter registration and party change deadline: <b>FEBRUARY 20, 2024</b>
<b>AUGUST 20</b>	Primary Election <b>AUGUST 20, 2024</b> New voter registration and party change deadline: <b>JULY 22, 2024</b>
<b>NOV 5</b>	General Election <b>NOVEMBER 5, 2024</b> New voter registration deadline: <b>OCTOBER 7, 2024</b>

**Flagler Elections News**  
Supervisor of Elections Kaiti Lenhart publishes a new edition of Flagler Elections News each month. Articles include a range of topics, including upcoming election deadlines, legislative changes, local candidate information, voter outreach events, and more! You can receive the latest elections information in your email inbox each month.

Scan the QR code or visit: [FlaglerElections.gov/newsletter](https://www.FlaglerElections.gov/newsletter)



### Election Security


**Protecting Your Vote!**  
Learn more about the security of your elections in Flagler County: [FlaglerElections.gov/security](https://www.FlaglerElections.gov/security)

*Did you know?*  
The voter registration database and vote tabulation database are maintained independently on separate servers. The tabulation server is held in a closed network with no Internet access.

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. Your local Supervisor of Elections Office has developed a strong partnership with the DHS to improve our security protections.

Visit our website and learn more about:

- Voter List Maintenance
- Mail Ballot FAQ
- Systems Testing
- Manual Audits
- ...and much more!



# FSE Scholarship for College Students

Each year, the Florida Supervisors of Elections will award four \$1,200 scholarships to Florida students who are pursuing a degree in Political Science, Public or Business Administration or Journalism and Mass Communication. This is a great opportunity for college students in Flagler County!

Eligibility requirements are detailed in the scholarship information below. Completed applications must be submitted by **March 8, 2024**.

**ATTENTION**

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**\$1,200  
SCHOLARSHIP  
AVAILABLE!**



**APPLY TODAY!**

[www.FlaglerElections.gov](http://www.FlaglerElections.gov)



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More information: [2024 FSE Scholarship](#)

## 2024 Voter's Guide Cover Design Contest

The Voter's Guide Cover Design Contest is a great opportunity for students to gain experience working on a real-world design project while teachers engage them in a discussion about the importance of the electoral process and civic duty. The winning cover design is selected by the Flagler County School Board. The contest is open to all Flagler County high school digital design students:



- Flagler Palm Coast High School
- Matanzas High School
- High school aged students enrolled in iFlagler virtual school
- High school aged home schooled students in Flagler County

The Voter Guides are very popular in our office and we offer them to voters who visit the office and always bring plenty to pass out during special events and voter outreach programs. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card from Supervisor Lenhart and be recognized publicly at the School Board meeting when the winner will be announced.

Contact the Elections Office if a student you know would be interested in submitting a design for the contest. Plan ahead to have all hard copy, printed color submissions to the Elections Office by March 1 of each year.

Thank you to everyone involved at Flagler County Schools for working together and giving our talented youth in Flagler County the opportunity to be recognized. We look forward to this project each year as we are amazed by the talent the youth in our community exhibit.

More information: [Voter's Guide Cover Design Contest](#)

### 2023 Winning Cover Design:

 2023 Voter's Guide

## 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.

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

Elec Year	Title	Serial # (Ballot #)	Sponsor
2024 GEN	<a href="#"><u>Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion</u></a>	23-07	<a href="#"><u>Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.</u></a>

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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
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**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 >](#)



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## 2024 Election Dates

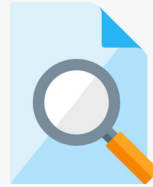
This will be a VERY busy election year with three elections!

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

## 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](#)

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## Upcoming Events



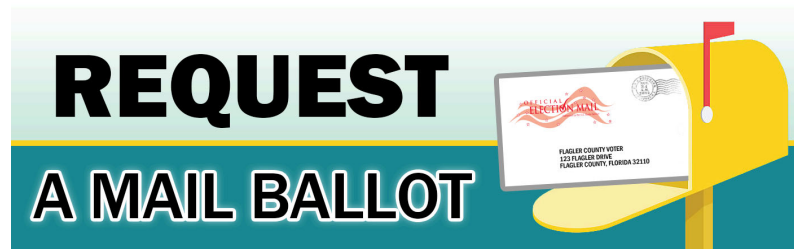
We will be out in the community at these events, helping citizens register to vote!

Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday, April 12	All lunch periods	Voter Registration Drive at Matanzas High School	Matanzas High School
Friday, April 19	All lunch periods	Voter Registration Drive at Flagler Palm Coast High School	Flagler Palm Coast High School

## 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](#)



## 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:

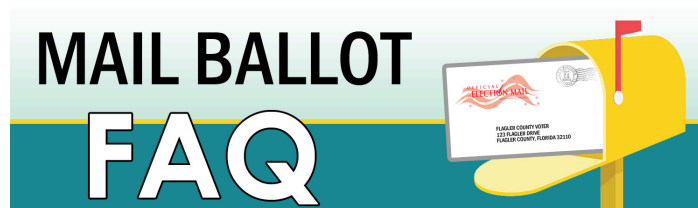
- Printed and being mailed soon
- Ballot has been mailed
- Received and counted
- Received and not counted
- Returned as undeliverable



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](#)

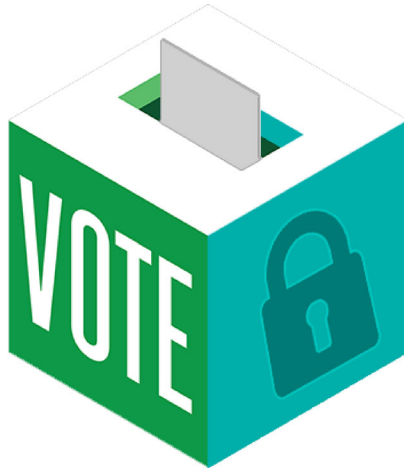


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## Flagler Election Security

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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## 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: 44,310 | Democrats: 23,644 | NPA: 21,435 | Minor Parties: 2,441

**Total: 91,830**

As of February 2, 2024



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