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# FLAGLER COUNTY ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER

*From the desk of*

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SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



## *Flagler Elections News*

### October 2024

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**Attention: 2024 Presidential General Election Ahead**



## Know before you go!

This will be a busy election and a very long ballot! Please research the candidates and amendments **BEFORE** you go vote.

Don't wait to read six or seven amendments for the first time in the voting booth. Make a plan to vote NOW!

Sample ballots were mailed at the end of September. We encourage everyone to use the sample ballot to research the candidates and issues ahead of time, and take it with you to use as a reference in the voting booth. Click here to view the [Sample Ballot](#) for the upcoming General Election.

Many resources are included in this newsletter to help with your research.


- [Local Candidates](#)
- [Federal and State Candidates](#)
- [Judicial Candidates](#)

- [2024 Proposed Constitutional Amendments](#)

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## Voter Registration Deadline - October 7, 2024

Have you recently moved to Flagler County? Are you registered to vote? The voter registration deadline for the upcoming election is October 7, 2024.

 Time is running out. Please take a moment to get ELECTION READY.  
Registering to vote is easy! You can register online or in person.

✔ Visit <https://registertovoteflorida.gov> to use Florida's online voter registration system.

✔ You may also visit the Elections Office in Bunnell, any DMV office, or the Flagler County Library to register in person. More information: <https://www.flaglerelections.gov/For-Voters/How-Where-to-Register>

✔ View your voter status and see the ballot specific to your precinct and voting districts here: <https://www.flaglerelections.gov/my-voter-info>

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### **Election Countdown:**

**34 days until Election Day - November 5, 2024**

General Election

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**Make sure you are prepared to vote!**

**Kaiti Lenhart**

Supervisor of Elections

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## **New Early Voting Site - Palm Coast Southern Recreation Center**



In preparation for a very high turnout during this Presidential Election, we have opened a new early voting site at the Southern Recreation Center in Palm Coast. There are now five early voting sites in Flagler County, a new record number for us as we continue to grow in population.

Our county has experienced tremendous growth in the past several years. We have over 22,700 new registered voters in the state of Florida, specifically here in Flagler County, since the last Presidential Election in 2020. An additional early voting site is needed, as a high turnout of early voters is expected this year. We saw 28,537 early voters in 2020, a detailed breakdown of voters by location is below. Since that time, an early voting site was added in the City of Flagler Beach in 2022. This new early voting site at the Southern Recreation Center will help relieve wait times for voters at our other four locations while increasing public exposure to this new amenity in Palm Coast.

If you haven't visited the new Palm Coast Southern Recreation Center, this is your opportunity to see it during early voting! The Southern Recreation Center is a perfect location, in a highly

residential area, just south of Royal Palms Parkway on Belle Terre Parkway, behind Palm Coast Fire Station 25.

Any registered voter may choose to vote early during this election. Early voting will be held for 13 consecutive days. You can vote early at any one of our five early voting sites October 21 through November 2 from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM each day, including weekend days.

### **Parking Concerns**

One of the major concerns during the planning phases of this early voting site was limited parking. Unfortunately, we do not have facilities with adequate parking in Flagler County. Parking is a challenge at ALL OF our early voting sites. There will be 15 reserved voter parking spaces at the Southern Recreation Center.

The circle drive area near the entrance of the SRC was recently closed for parking due to safety issues. This parking lot design failure will be resolved in the Phase 2 parking expansion for future election years.

Peak hours are expected from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at this facility. Voters who are concerned about parking issues may plan ahead to visit this early voting site in the afternoon, when more parking should be available.

### **Attention Tennis and Pickleball Players:**

Another major concern with this early voting site was the potential impact on tennis club members. If you are a member of the SRC, please plan ahead to anticipate congestion and parking issues at this location during the early voting period. Please also be respectful of the reserved voter parking spaces, and do not use those spaces if you are not there exclusively to vote.

This is a Presidential election, along with many important federal, state, and local offices on the ballot. There are also six statewide proposed Constitutional Amendments which voters will decide

this year. It's important to understand that parking is a temporary issue, considering Phase 2 of this development is planned for next year which will expand parking for the entire facility. This early voting site will be open for only two weeks during a historic election cycle. With your patience and accommodation for the electoral process, I feel we can all work together and this can be a win for all residents and the voters of Flagler County.

## 2020 General Election Early Voting Turnout - Flagler County

Date	Supervisor of Elections Office	Flagler County Public Library	Palm Coast Community Center	Daily Total
10/19/2020	493	701	809	2,003
10/20/2020	782	781	873	2,436
10/21/2020	724	743	766	2,233
10/22/2020	701	807	703	2,211
10/23/2020	695	746	774	2,215
10/24/2020	530	822	634	1,986
10/25/2020	522	793	638	1,953
10/26/2020	700	806	718	2,224
10/27/2020	750	756	785	2,291
10/28/2020	706	819	753	2,278
10/29/2020	741	809	687	2,237
10/30/2020	797	800	749	2,346
10/31/2020	806	637	681	2,124
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8947</b>	<b>10020</b>	<b>9570</b>	<b>28,537</b>

**Grand total: 28,537**

## Early Voting Locations

There are FIVE 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

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 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  
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**SOUTHERN RECREATION CENTER**

**\*NEW LOCATION!\***

1290 Belle Terre Parkway  
Palm Coast, FL 32164

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 FB United Methodist Church

**FLAGLER BEACH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1520 S. Daytona Avenue  
Flagler Beach, FL 32136

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More information: [Early Voting in Flagler County](#)

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## 2024 General Election



All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in a General Election. We expect a tremendous turnout for this Presidential election cycle. That's why we're asking all voters to **Know Before You Go!**

- Check your voter registration status
- Research your candidates
- Use a sample ballot for reference
- Make a plan to vote: Early, By Mail, or on Election Day

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### Check Your Voter Registration Status

Have you recently moved? Do you know where to vote on Election Day? Need to request a mail ballot for this election? All of these updates and services are available online. Check your voter registration status to make sure everything is current, and make a plan to vote!

**My Voter Info:** <https://www.flaglerelections.gov/my-voter-info>

Have you recently moved to Flagler County? Are you registered to vote? Use Florida's Online Voter Registration to register today! The new voter registration deadline is **October 7, 2024**.

**Online Voter Registration:** <https://registertovoteflorida.gov>

## What is on the ballot in this election?

Sample ballots were mailed to each voter household at the end of September: [View Sample Ballot](#)

### Research the candidates:

Federal and State Offices: <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates>

Local Offices: <https://www.flaglerelections.gov/Election-Info/Local-Candidates-Committees>

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## What is Merit Retention?

Merit selection and retention is a system of selecting Justices established by the voters when they amended the Florida Constitution in the 1970s. Under this process, the Governor appoints new Justices from a list of three to six names submitted by a Judicial Nominating Commission. The Governor must select from the list. Once appointed, Justices eventually must face the voters in a "yes" or "no" vote as to whether they should remain in office.

Florida law requires Florida Supreme Court justices and appeals court judges to be placed on the ballot in nonpartisan elections every six years so voters can determine whether they should remain on their courts for another six-year term. You will see these justices and judges in merit questions on the ballot, followed with the options "Yes" or "No" for your selection.

## How do I learn more about the judges?

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The merit retention process is one of the most commonly asked questions we receive in the Elections Office. Voters want to know how they can learn more about the justices and judges listed on the ballot. The Florida Bar has a great resource for voter education:

### **The Vote's in Your Court**

The Vote's in Your Court is your go-to resource for information on judicial elections and merit retention in Florida. It includes the "[Guide for Florida Voters](#)," an easy-to-read, nonpartisan guide to the role of judges and the merit retention process. Here you'll also find [judicial](#)

[candidate voluntary self-disclosure statements](#), and information about District Court of Appeals judges and Florida Supreme Court justices up for [merit retention](#).

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### [2024 Florida Amendment Information](#)

There are 6 (six) proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Florida that will appear statewide on the November 2024 ballot. To pass and become effective, a proposed Constitutional Amendment must receive 60% of the vote statewide.

Learn more about the amendments here: [2024 Proposed Constitutional Amendment Information](#)

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## **Vote By Mail Information**

Any registered and eligible voter may choose to Vote-By-Mail. The deadline to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot is **October 24, 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, November 5, 2024. A postmark does not extend this deadline, unless you are voting from overseas. Voters may place a request for a mail ballot by phone, (386) 313-4170 or online: [Request a mail ballot](#).

## **Vote By Mail - Mailing Dates**

Mail ballots will be sent to all voters who have requested a Vote-By-Mail ballot.

- Overseas (UOCAVA) mail date: September 20, 2024
- Domestic (stateside) mail date: September 27, 2024

## **Voting In Person With A Mail Ballot**

If you have requested and received a mail ballot but decide to vote in person, bring your ballot with you to the polls. The mail ballot will be canceled, and you will be issued a new ballot at the polling location. You cannot use a mail ballot as a sample ballot in the voting booth. Instead, take a picture of your voted mail ballot or bring a sample ballot with you to use as a reference. Our election workers will not allow you to have two ballots at one time.

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## Early Voting

Any registered and eligible voter may vote early in this election. Early voting will be held October 21 - November 2, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at FIVE locations in Flagler County.

### New Early Voting Location - Southern Recreation Center

Early voting turnout is expected to be historic during this Presidential General election. We are opening a **NEW** early voting location to accommodate the high turnout during early voting.



You can now vote early at the Palm Coast Southern Recreation Center. Voting will be held in the meeting room at this location during our early voting schedule.

## Early Voting Schedule and Locations

Early voting dates: October 21 - November 2, 2024

Hours: 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. each day, including weekends



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## Election Day Voting

Election Day is the last day to vote. Registered voters who choose to vote on Election Day must cast their ballot at their assigned polling place. Polls are always open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

on Election Day. Refer to your Voter Information Card to find the name and address of your polling place or visit [FlaglerElections.gov/precinct-finder](https://www.flaglerelections.gov/precinct-finder)

## **PRECINCT CHANGES FOR ELECTION DAY VOTERS ONLY**

### **Precinct 101 - G.W. Carver Center**

This change will affect voters who live in Grand Reserve, the City of Bunnell, Espanola, and areas of unincorporated Bunnell who previously voted at Bunnell City Hall. The previous location has not been renovated and is not available for the elections this year.

 GW Carver Center in Bunnell

#### **G.W. Carver Center Gym**

201 E. Drain Street  
Bunnell, FL 32110

### **Precinct 103 - Korona Fire Station**

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.

 Korona Fire Station in Bunnell

#### **Korona Fire Station**

5820 US Highway 1 S  
Bunnell, FL 32110

THESE CHANGES WILL NOT AFFECT VOTERS WHO CHOOSE TO CAST THEIR BALLOT EARLY OR BY MAIL.

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## Proposed Constitutional Amendments

This is the final list of proposed Constitutional Amendments that will appear on the November 2024 ballot.

No.	Title	Sponsor
1	<a href="#"><u>PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 31)</u></a>
2	<a href="#"><u>RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 1157)</u></a>
3	<a href="#"><u>Adult Personal Use of Marijuana</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Smart &amp; Safe Florida</u></a>

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| <b>4</b> | <a href="#"><u>Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion</u></a>        | <a href="#"><u>Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.</u></a>        |
| <b>5</b> | <a href="#"><u>ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VALUE OF CERTAIN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>The Florida Legislature/House (H JR 7017)</u></a>  |
| <b>6</b> | <a href="#"><u>REPEAL OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING REQUIREMENT</u></a>                 | <a href="#"><u>The Florida Legislature/Senate (S JR 1114)</u></a> |

The amendments listed with HJR in the Sponsor column (No. 1, No. 2, No. 5, and No. 6) were created and added to the ballot through a House Joint Resolution by the Florida Legislature. This is the only method the Legislature may propose changes to the state Constitution.

In Florida, the people also 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. Proposed Constitutional Amendments No. 2 and No. 4 are citizens initiatives which made ballot position for the 2024 General Election.

**Resources to learn more:**

- Full amendment language  
[Florida Division of Elections Amendments and Initiatives Database](#)
- John Madison Institute  
[2024 Amendment Guide](#)
- Ballotpedia  
[2024 Ballot Measures](#)

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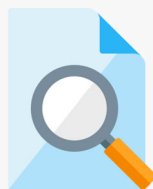
## 2024 Election Dates

Save the dates below!

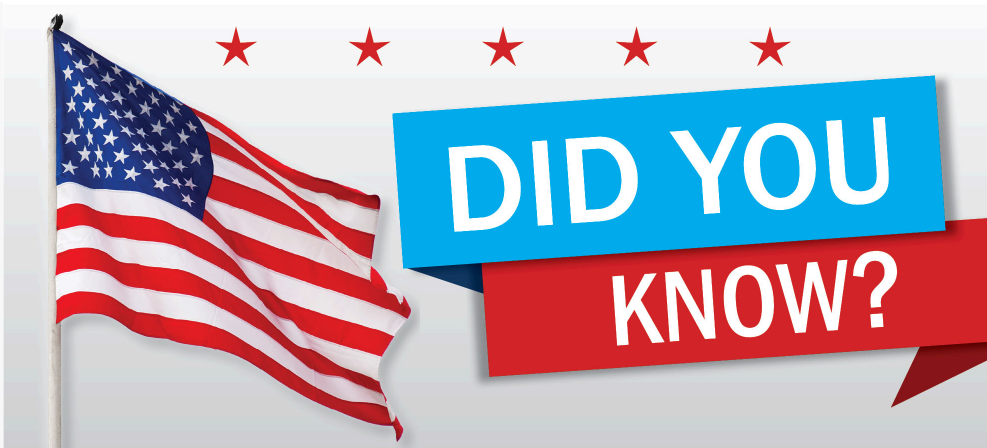
<b>2024 General Election</b>	
Election Day:	Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Voter Registration Deadline:	Monday, October 7, 2024

## 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.



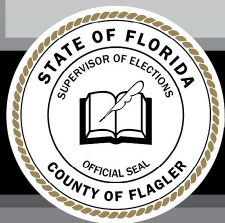
***Do your research and make an informed choice!***



You can research local candidates on the Elections Office website!

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

[View Local Candidates >>>](#)



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**REGISTER & VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION!**

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## Upcoming Events



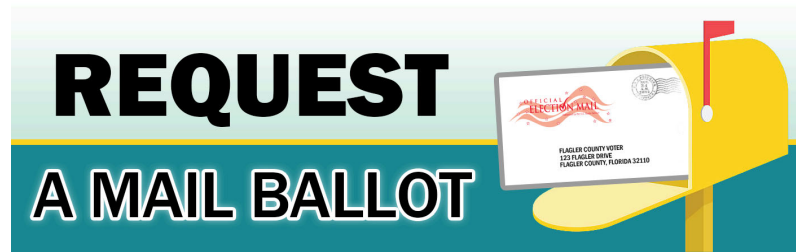
Date	Time	Event	Location
September 20	--	UOCAVA Overseas Ballot Mailing Date	<a href="#">Overseas Voting Information</a>
September 27	--	Domestic Stateside Ballot Mailing Date	<a href="#">Voting By Mail</a>
October 4	6 PM - 9 PM	First Friday - Flagler Beach Voter Outreach Veteran's Park	<a href="#">First Friday Info</a>
October 5 - 6	10 AM - 4 PM	Creekside Festival Voter Outreach Princess Place Preserve	<a href="#">Creekside Festival Info</a>
October 21 - November 2	10 AM - 6 PM	Early Voting	<a href="#">Early Voting Info</a>
November 5	7 AM - 7 PM	Election Day	<a href="#">Election Day Precinct Voting Locations</a>

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## Request A Mail Ballot

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. The mail ballot request deadline is October 24, 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

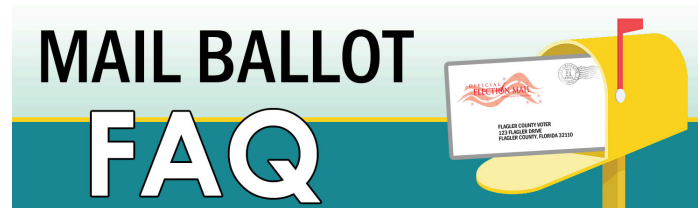
- Ballot has been mailed
- Received and counted
- Received and not counted
- Returned as undeliverable



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](#)

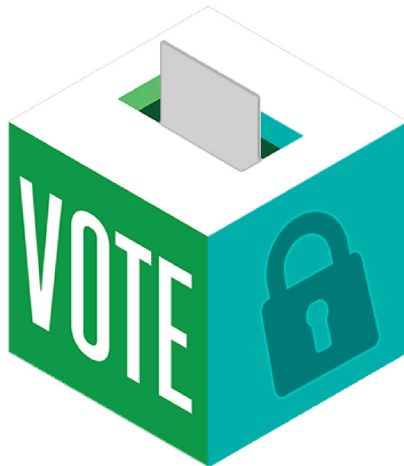


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## Flagler Election Security

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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Supervisor of Elections

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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:

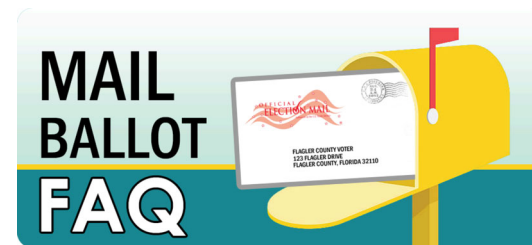
[View Local Candidates](#)

[Update Your Voter Registration](#)

[Become A Poll Worker](#)

[Learn More About Election Security](#)

[Request A Mail Ballot](#)




## Flagler County Active Registered Voters

Republicans: 47,210 | Democrats: 23,915 | NPA: 21,565 | Minor Parties: 3,272

**Total: 95,962**

As of September 3, 2024



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