

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

VOTERS GUIDE



That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever a Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to promote their Safety and Happiness.

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Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. —

Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all of which have a direct Tendency to the

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WHY WE VOTE

We the People ... defend a tradition of the citizens of the United States since our country's birth more than 230 years ago, the right to vote.

We the People ... exercise one of the most important rights and responsibilities U.S. citizens have; our opportunity to choose our leaders and express our opinions on issues.

We the People ... send a message to the world that says we are a country "of the people, by the people and for the people." We individually make our own choices by secret ballot, regardless of our gender, race, social and/or economic status or nationality.

We the People ... honor the precious gift from previous generations of Americans, who worked, fought and died so we might obtain and keep our right to vote. We should never take this privilege for granted.

We the People ... say that in a democracy, our representatives are chosen by a majority of the people. Unfortunately, this is not true. Representatives are chosen by a majority of the people who vote, which is a distinguishable difference.

We the People ... know democracy and freedom are strengthened and protected when citizens become active in the electoral process.

We the People ... should remember to exercise our rights as citizens of this great country and vote in each election.

As your Supervisor of Elections, I am pleased to present the Flagler County Voter's Guide which contains information about your current elected officials, upcoming elections and state laws which govern the registration and voting process. I hope this guide will encourage your participation in the greatest gift our forefathers gave us.

**Make sure your voice is heard.
One vote can make a difference.**

Kimberle B. Weeks
Flagler County Supervisor of Elections



2012 ELECTION SCHEDULE

PRIMARY ELECTION

COUNTY-WIDE PRIMARY ELECTION

AUGUST 14, 2012



Dates To Remember:

Registration Books Closing Deadline (Register To Vote or Change Your Party)	July 16, 2012
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Absentee Request Deadline	August 8, 2012
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Early Voting Dates: August 4 - August 11, 2012 <i>Location and Hours TBA</i>
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GENERAL ELECTION

COUNTY-WIDE GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2012



Dates To Remember:

Registration Books Closing Deadline (Register To Vote or Change Your Party)	October 9, 2012
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Absentee Request Deadline	October 31, 2012
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Early Voting Dates: October 27 - November 3, 2012 <i>Location and Hours TBA</i>



YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF . . .



- ★ You are a U.S. Citizen
- ★ You are 18 years of age (may pre-register at 16, but must be 18 to vote).
- ★ You are a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county in which you wish to register.

Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent with respect to voting, may not register or vote until his or her civil rights or competency has been legally restored.

HOW TO REGISTER

You may register to vote in person at the Elections Office, Driver's License Offices, Public Libraries, HRS Centers and State Offices that serve persons with disabilities. You may also register by mail by printing an application from the Elections Office web site at www.flaglerelections.com or by picking up an application at one of the Flagler County Public Libraries, Post Offices, City Halls, the Elections Office and other public locations.

WHEN TO REGISTER

You may register to vote at any time. However, registration books close 29 days before each election. You must be registered for at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. If you mail your registration application, the date your application is postmarked will be your registration date. If your application is complete and you are a qualified voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you. Your Flagler County voter registration will allow you to vote in national, state, county and municipal elections, if you live in a municipality.

PARTY AFFILIATION

You may register in any political party of your choice or register with no party affiliation. However, only registered party members may vote in their party's primary election.

EXCEPTION: If all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will face no opposition in the general election, then all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office.

Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices are included in a primary election. All registered voters are entitled to vote on these nonpartisan offices and on any referenda or amendment items included in a primary election.

During county-wide general elections, all voters in a district will receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

The unity of freedom has never relied on uniformity of opinion.

John F. Kennedy

CHANGES IN REGISTRATION

It is the responsibility of the voter to notify the Elections Office of a name, address or party change. If you have an address change to Flagler County, you may either call the Elections Office at 313-4170 to make the change, use the back of your voter information card or complete a voter registration application to mail in the change of address. To make a name change or party affiliation change, you must complete a voter registration application or send a signed written notice of the change by mail. Any type of change to your voter registration can be completed at the Elections Office.

It is important that the Elections Office has your current signature on file. This is especially important when validating your signature on an absentee ballot and/or candidate or initiative petitions. If your signature has changed, you may update it at any time by submitting a voter registration application to the Elections Office. These applications are available at libraries, government offices and post offices or by calling or emailing the Elections Office to have an application mailed to you. You may also print an application from the Elections Office web site at this Web address: <http://www.flaglerelections.com>

WHERE TO VOTE

Your precinct number and polling place location are listed on your voter information card. You will not be permitted to vote in a precinct in which you do not live. Your voter information card will also tell you which U.S. Representative, State Senate, State House, County Commission, School Board and Municipal districts which you live in, based on your residential address. You can match these numbers with the district numbers listed in this guide to identify your elected officials.

WHEN TO VOTE & WHAT TO BRING TO THE POLLS

Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voters are required to present picture identification, as well as signature identification, before voting. The following forms of identification have been approved by the Department of State and will be accepted by Election Officials:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Identification Card (issued by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles)
- U.S. Passport
- Debit/Credit Card
- Military or Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID (Social Security or other social services)



If you do not present valid and current picture and signature identification at the polls, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

VOTING EARLY

Any registered voter may vote early beginning on the 10th day before a county-wide election through the Saturday before the election. Please call the Elections Office at 313-4170 for times and locations of early voting sites.

VOTING BY MAIL BALLOT

Any registered voter may vote by mail. A mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. The request can be made in person, by telephone, by mail or by using the online form (www.flaglerelections.com). Only the voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request a ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the voter or of the voter's spouse. Absentee ballots are not forwarded so please provide your mailing address at the time of the request.

The person requesting a ballot must disclose:

- The name of the voter for whom the ballot is requested
- The voter's address
- The voter's date of birth
- The voter's signature (written requests only)



If the voter has designated an immediate family member or legal guardian to request a ballot for him or her, that designee must provide the above information in addition to the following:

- The requester's name and address
- The requester's drivers license number, if available
- The requester's relationship to the voter
- The requester's signature (written requests only)

Power Of Attorney is not recognized for absentee voting in the state of Florida.

Requested ballots are mailed approximately three weeks before an election. Later requests are mailed as they are received.

DELIVERY TO A DESIGNEE

A qualified voter may designate in writing another person to pick up a ballot for the voter. Carry-out ballots are available to a designee five (5) days prior to the day of the election. The designee may only pick up two (2) ballots per election other than his or her own ballot or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. The designee must have written authorization from the voter, present a picture identification and sign an affidavit.

VOTING & RETURNING YOUR MAIL BALLOT

The voter must personally vote the ballot (unless assistance is required due to blindness or disability) AND sign the return envelope. An Elections Office Drop Box is available at the front of the Government Services Building for after hours drop off. Mail ballots must be returned by mail or hand delivered so that they reach the Elections Office by 7:00 P.M. on the day of the election.

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT * (4 Year Term)

Barack Obama (D)
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
The White House
Washington, DC 20500
(202) 456-1414
Email: president@whitehouse.gov



VICE PRESIDENT * (4 Year Term)

Joe Biden (D)
Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501
(202) 456-2326
Email: vicepresident@whitehouse.gov

U.S. SENATE * (6 Year Term)

Sen. Bill Nelson (D) *
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5274

or
225 E. Robinson Street, Suite 410
Orlando, FL 32801
Toll Free (888) 671-4091
Email: bill@billnelson.senate.gov

Marco Rubio (R)
356 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3041
or
1650 Prudential Drive, Suite 220
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 398-8586

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE * (2 Year Term)

District 7

John Mica (R)
100 E. Sybelia Avenue, Suite 340
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 657-8080
Fax: (407) 657-5353

or
1 Florida Park Drive, Suite 100
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 246-6042
Email: john.mica@mail.house.gov

GOVERNOR & CABINET (4 Year Terms)

The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Capitol Information (866) 693-6748
Web Site: www.myflorida.com

GOVERNOR

Rick Scott (R) (850) 488-4441

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Jennifer Carroll (R) (850) 488-4711

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Pam Bondi (R) (850) 414-3300

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Adam H. Putnam (R) (850) 488-3022

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Jeff Atwater (R) (850) 413-3100
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0300

FLORIDA SENATE (4 Year Term)

District 1 *

Audrey Gibson (D)
101 E. Union Street, Suite 104
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 924-1646 Toll Free (866) 867-0289
Email: gibson.audrey.web@flsenate.gov

District 8

John Thrasher (R)
9485 Regency Square Blvd., #108
Jacksonville, FL 32225-8145
(904) 727-3600 Toll Free (888) 861-9761
Email: thrasher.john.web@flsenate.gov

FLORIDA HOUSE (2 Year Term)

District 20 *

Bill Proctor (R) (904) 823-2550
900 State Road 16, Suite 2
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Email: bill.proctor@myfloridahouse.gov

District 26 *

Fred Costello (R) (386) 736-5100
Room 206 DeLand City Hall
120 South Florida Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720-5422
Email: fred.costello@myfloridahouse.gov

*Denotes offices to be filled in 2012

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(4 Year Term)

DISTRICT 1 *

Alan C. Peterson (R)
125 Westrobin Lane
Palm Coast, FL 32164
(386) 446-6524
Email: apeterson@flaglercounty.org

DISTRICT 2

Milissa Holland (D)
923 Canopy Walk Lane
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 206-6065
Email: mholland@flaglercounty.org

DISTRICT 3 *

Barbara S. Revels (D)
PO Box 434
Flagler Beach, FL 32136
(386) 439-3130
Email: brevels@flaglercounty.org

DISTRICT 4

Nate McLaughlin (R)
PO Box 351495
Palm Coast, FL 32135
(386) 446-9719
Email: nmclaughlin@flaglercounty.org

DISTRICT 5 *

George Hanns (D)
P.O. Box 353490
Palm Coast, FL 32135
(386) 446-3439
Email: ghanns@flaglercounty.org

SCHOOL BOARD

(NON PARTISAN)

(4 Year Term)

DISTRICT 1

Andy Dance
13 Evansville Lane
Palm Coast, FL 32164
(386) 586-1132
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DISTRICT 2

John Fischer
45 Freeland Lane
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 445-5657
Email: fischerj@flaglerschools.com

DISTRICT 3 *

Colleen Conklin
229 Ocean Palm Drive
Flagler Beach, FL 32136
(386) 439-2804
Email: conklinc@flaglerschools.com

DISTRICT 4

Trevor Tucker
115 County Rd 125
Bunnell, FL 32110
(386) 437-6629
Email: tuckert@flaglerschools.com

DISTRICT 5 *

Sue Dickinson
7 Blakefield Court
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 445-2381
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NOTE: County Commissioners and School Board Members are elected county-wide.

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YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Kim C. Hammond Justice Center
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. #1
Bunnell, FL 32110

STATE ATTORNEY*

(4 Year Term)

R.J. Larizza (R) • (386) 313-4300

PUBLIC DEFENDER*

(4 Year Term)

James Purdy (R) • (386) 313-4545

COUNTY COURT JUDGE*

(NONPARTISAN)

(6 Year Term)

Sharon B. Attack • (386) 313-4520

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

NONPARTISAN

(6 Year Term)



Group

1. J. David Walsh
2. Patti A. Christensen *
3. S. James Foxman
4. Frank Marriott
5. Dennis Craig
6. R. Michael Hutcheson
7. James R. Clayton
8. Joseph G. Will
9. Terence R. Perkins *
10. Scott DuPont
11. Margaret W. Hudson
12. C. McFerrin Smith, III *
13. John W. Watson, III *
14. John M. Alexander
15. J. Michael Traynor *
16. Patrick G. Kennedy *
17. Julianne Piggotte
18. Shawn L. Briesse
19. Wendy W. Berger *
20. Robert K. Rouse, Jr.
21. William A. Parsons *
22. Hubert L. Grimes
23. Richard S. Graham
24. Terry J. LaRue
25. Raul A. Zambrano
26. Randell H. Rowe, III
27. Clyde E. Wolfe *

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

SHERIFF*

(4 Year Term)

Don Fleming (R)
1001 Justice Lane
Bunnell, FL 32110
(386) 437-4116
Email: info@myfcsou.s



PROPERTY APPRAISER*

(4 Year Term)

James (Jay) Gardner (R)
P.O. Box 936
Bunnell, FL 32110
(386) 313-4150
Email: pa@flaglerpa.com

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT*

(4 Year Term)

Gail Wadsworth (R)
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. #1
Bunnell, FL 32110
(386) 313-4400
Email: gwadsworth@flaglerclerk.com

TAX COLLECTOR*

(4 Year Term)

Suzanne Johnston (R)
P.O. Box 846
Bunnell, FL 32110
(386) 313-4160
Email: taxcollector@flaglertax.com



SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS*

(4 Year Term)

Kimberle B. Weeks (D)
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YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS (NONPARTISAN)

EAST FLAGLER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT (4 Year Terms)

(386) 445-4135

SEAT 1 *	SEAT 2 *	SEAT 3 *
Julius Kwiatkowski	Barbara Sgroi	Shawn Byrnes

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (2 & 4 Year Terms)

(386) 437-5861

SEAT 1 *	SEAT 2*	SEAT 3 *	SEAT 4*	SEAT 5 *
Vacant	Vacant	John Matthew Seay	Samuel J. Bertha II	Shannon S. Strickland

GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 Year Terms)

(877) 276-0889

SEAT 1	SEAT 2 *	SEAT 3	SEAT 4 *	SEAT 5
Marie Gaeta	Samuel Halley	Peter Chiodo	Stephen Davidson	Tom Lawrence

DUNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 Year Terms)

(386) 446-5593

SEAT 1	SEAT 2 *	SEAT 3 *	SEAT 4 *	SEAT 5
Herb Brattlof	John G. Leckie Jr.	Dennis V. Vohs	Gary M. Crahan	Mike McCabe

TOMOKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 year terms)

(904) 288-9130

SEAT 1 *	SEAT 2 *	SEAT 3	SEAT 4	SEAT 5
Andy Hagan	Kelly McCarrick	Mary Ann Haas	Dick Smith	Maria Tuohy

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Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

John Quincy Adams

FLAGLER COUNTY'S VOTING SYSTEM

Flagler County voters use the Accu-Vote Optical Scan precinct tabulator as their primary voting system.

Each voter at the polls will receive a paper ballot inside a secrecy folder. The voter records his vote by completely filling in the oval next to the candidate or issue of his choice by using the pen provided in the voting booth (black or blue pen if voting by absentee ballot).



After voting, the voter takes his ballot to the Accu-Vote tabulator and inserts it into a slot on top of the machine. The scanning device reads the votes cast and deposits the voted ballot into a locked ballot box.

With the Accu-Vote voting system, if you overvote a race (voting for more candidates or issues than allowed in a race) or if you leave your ballot completely blank, it will be returned to you when you insert the ballot into the ballot box. This gives you the opportunity to correct your ballot, so that you can be sure that every vote counts. If you need assistance to vote, you may request the assistance of two election officials, or some other person of your choice.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, you may return that ballot to the Elections Official and obtain another ballot. Florida law states that you may obtain up to two replacement ballots. If you have requested an absentee ballot and choose to vote in person, your ballot at the polls is considered your second ballot.

Before entering the voting booth, you may request a demonstration to show you how to vote using the Accu-Vote Optical Scan voting system.



INCORRECT



INCORRECT



CORRECT

Fill in the oval completely.

ELECTRONIC BALLOTS

In July 2005, in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act, Flagler County added one touch screen unit with audio capability per precinct to allow voters with disabilities to vote in secret and without assistance.

These machines do not use paper ballots, but instead allow the voter to make their choices on a screen similar to a computer screen. Headphones are available and the voter can hear the ballot being read to him/her and the voter can use a keypad to make his/her choices. The touch screen machines will not allow a voter to overvote a race and will alert the voter if a race is left blank.



VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 101.031(2), Florida Statutes



EACH REGISTERED VOTER IN THIS STATE HAS THE RIGHT TO:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from Elections Officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by Elections Officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

EACH REGISTERED VOTER IN THIS STATE SHOULD:



1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violation of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER:

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.